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DON'T LAUGH AT GOD OR HIS WORD!

(A DISCUSSION ON "GODSPELL")

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Seen on TV recently: a special, showing live excerpts of the now popular stage production, "Godspell." At first glance "Godspell" looks sacrilegious. At last glance it looks the same way.

Maybe it's all supposed to be funny—and perhaps it is to some people.

"Godspell" shows a bunch of clowns cavorting and contorting together, vying for the spotlight, interrupting each other, knocking each other down, laughing, sometimes faking crying, and just making a mess of everything.

Bursting forth in occasional songs, with sometimes appealing tunes, but often meaningless phrases, these clowns perhaps impress favorably a portion of our society while repulsing a larger segment of it. They quote the Scriptures (obviously well-rehearsed) in modern jargon, all the while jesting over it and testing our patience with their doing it. Maybe they are representing "tripping out to Christ"; if so, they appear to be tripping out on something other than the gospel!

The argument as always, when such productions are criticized by us conservatives, is that anything (nearly) is excusable as long as it gets the name of Christ before the public. Contentions are that the young people must be interested—and whatever it takes to interest them is all right. Granted, they should be interested; but they should be interested in and by something genuine. We cannot agree with the concept that anything is excusable. If an apple is sold for an orange, a different taste is the only noticeable benefit. If we are so broad as to say that "For the sake of having the gospel reach youth, it is all right to stretch our consciences and loosen our convictions," then we deny the truth of the Scriptures and mock the very name of God! A bunch of hullabalooing clowns (often associated with deception, mockery, untruth, and frivolity) in our opinion is no proper way to present the Lord's Word! There is nothing at all funny about it. The gospel is serious, and the presentation and acceptance of it should also be serious. There are many ways to attract an audience's attention, and perhaps Bible-quoting clowns can do it; but, the Lord wants us to reach the heart more than the **funny bone!**

How can God be pleased when His Word is mingled with improper physical contact, as was the case of one clown's being indiscreetly caressed by other male and female clowns? How can God be pleased when slaphappy, funny boys irreverently quote serious passages and jump up and down in ridiculous fashion to "enhance" these passages? This writer has decided that God is not pleased! We know of one incident where Christ drove some misbehaving people out of the temple. We feel that this is a case too which might merit His righteous anger!

A good motto has been, "Reach the lost at any cost." We would amend it by saying, "But not at the risk of making God and His Word appear ridiculous."

We are not sure what "Godspell" really means (hopefully we do have the spelling correct). This writer has not read the play, but he has seen bits about it in magazines. Too, the portion presented on TV recently was not enough to make the whole story clear. There did seem to be accounts involving both the Old and New Testaments; while the Scriptures might have seemed adequate, the costumes and makeup and stage movement made it all a farce.

In our opinion (as unimportant as it might be), "Godspell" spelled anyway at all means **TROUBLE!**



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during this weekend, and I pray that each one found Him in his own way.

Mrs. Sandra Surles
Youth Sponsor

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REFLECTIONS

by
MRS. NORVELL DAWSON

(Mrs. Dawson is a leading member of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina. The Rev. Bobby G. Bazen is pastor of this church.)

As the days grow short and the chilling winds of winter begin to blow, it is time to come indoors to reflect and to meditate. Thoughtful members of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church are doing just that. In the past three months we have been experiencing unusual challenges and blessings.

The last weekend in October a group of our young people and the youth leaders journeyed to Camp Caraway near Asheboro, North Carolina, for a time of fellowship and soul searching. Listen as a sponsor and a teen-age girl tell what the weekend meant to them.

Saturday, October 30, 1971, about 9 a. m., the young people (seventh grade through teens) of Shady Grove church and their invited guests began their trip to Camp Caraway in Asheboro, North Carolina.

Forty-four attended our weekend trip. There were 35 young people and 9 adults.

About 12 noon we stopped at Morrow Mountain and enjoyed a picnic lunch; however, everyone seemed to enjoy the scenery more than lunch. The colorful trees on the mountainside, together with many other things, inspired us of God's presence.

At 3 p. m. we arrived at camp and everyone was very excited. After we hurriedly fixed our sleeping quarters, we headed for some recreation. Some played basketball and others played softball.

After a delicious supper, canoeing was the main attraction and then ping-pong.

At 8 p. m., there was a movie presented entitled, "Three—Faith, Hope, Love," which portrayed the life of a dedicated Christian boy as he went to college. He faced many hardships; but through Christ, he had the strength to pull through each time. I feel that each one received a blessing from this movie.

A wiener roast followed and everyone enjoyed the wieners and fellowship.

There wasn't very much sleep that night. However, almost everyone found

the energy to be out of his cabin by 7 a. m. looking for recreation.

After breakfast we gathered together by the lake, where there were benches and a cross erected. The setting was perfect and made God's presence seem very near during our morning worship service.

For most of us, the most rewarding part of our weekend came after lunch. From 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. we had a group discussion. Our discussion started with the question, "What is the meaning of the peace sign?" Many did not realize that the broken cross was a symbol of antichrist—against Christ. From this different ones began telling what Christ meant to them. These people really stood up for Christ. I'll admit, I was surprised and overwhelmed with joy.

This was an opportunity for us to see some of the needs of our young people, and also gave us a special feeling for each one. There was one, especially, who was seeking answers to some real needs. We have been able to understand her better since and as a result, we feel that we have helped (through Christ) guide her closer to God.

Our meeting was not planned to be two hours long, but everyone was so involved that time did not seem to matter.

How can so much be packed into a weekend? The beauty that God placed around us, the fellowship, our inspired meetings—everywhere we were, God was with us. There was no way of escaping anything so wonderful.

There were so many ways to find God

The weekend I spent at Camp Caraway was one of the events in my life on the road to finding Christ. I had been searching for the last year or two and many things that I encountered had distinctly pointed to Christ, the Saviour. Camp Caraway was one such encounter. There I was surrounded by many Christians, active and nonactive; as well as people like myself: lost, lonely, and searching—always searching. In a setting of nature, God's world, young people gathered to participate in sporting activities such as football, softball, basketball, canoeing, and ping-pong. We also gathered in fellowship at mealtime and for discussions and the sharing of God's Word, the Bible.

The afternoon we left camp, everyone gathered for a "rap" session with each person sharing his views and ideas of God and His Word. There were also several testimonies given. I being one of the lost lambs, felt on the defensive. I kept defending my ideas with what I knew was weak evidence, and at the same time I questioned the truth of God and the Bible. I even question faith and hope and a belief in God. Those who knew God were just as defensive and they had stronger evidence than I. At the time I was unaware of this, but as I thought about it I realized that they had something and I wanted it too. But I did nothing about it until several weeks later at a Nicky Cruz Crusade.

I am still struggling, but now I have faith. That was the magic word that opened the way for me. The door is open now and I have seen the light. Jesus is here!

Elizabeth Johnson
A Teen-Ager

The same group went to Fayetteville, North Carolina, in mid-November to hear Nicky Cruz tell his dramatic story of how God's love changed his life from a street gang leader to an ardent believer. It was there that Elizabeth, who had been searching for spiritual enlightenment, went forward committing her life to Christ. Since that time it has been thrilling to see her absorbing spiritual knowledge. How changed her life is!

The first Sunday in November a layman was in charge of the morning worship service. He is a quiet, retiring person.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

FAR WORSE THAN HUNGER

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 2:3

One of the incidents of the great Chinese famine of 1906-1907, was a visit I made to the refugee camp outside the walls of Chinkiang. Mrs. Paxton was taking simple medicine to the sufferers; and as we made the rounds of the miserable straw mat shelters, within which the starving people hungered on the cold ground, she turned to me with a startled expression and said, "Do you know what most of them are saying? They complain of lack of appetite." These famine victims were not hungry—because they were starving. They had passed the stage of desire for food. That picture portrays many a soul's state. It has lost interest in or longing for spiritual satisfactions because it is starving.—*Christian Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

In reading the above it should make us doubly thankful—knowing that we will never have to be hungry—spiritually. There's an abundance—let's feed ourselves daily.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

VERY BUSY, BUT—

Scripture Reading—Exodus 19:5

When I was a boy on the farm, my father once told me to do a certain thing one day that I really did not like to do. He went to town, and I noticed that our barn door needed paint. I knew where there was a can of red paint and a new brush. I tried my hand at painting that door. I did a good job, but when my father came home, well—I do not need to tell you about it! It was not a precious memory! I performed a service, but I did not do the thing that my father left for me to do. So with the Christian: he will be rewarded, not for doing the things that he wants to do, but for doing the thing that Christ left him here to do—to fulfill the Great Commission.—*The King's Business*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we see ourselves in this person? Sometimes it's so much easier to do what we want to do. Maybe "keeping in touch" with God will help us to know what He

wants us to do. It just might be that both of us would want the same thing.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

ARE WE OBEDIENT?

Scripture Reading—Acts 5:29

There is in the Catskill Mountains a memorial to a noble dog, cut in the rock. The creature was so attached and obedient to his master that when the latter happened to point a friend to something just beyond a precipice, the dog took it for an order and leaped over to his death. Be as promptly obedient to Him who will never mislead you.—*Sunday School Chronicle*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The thought that we need to keep in mind is to know that we are not being misled. Can we as Christians rely on God to lead us? How strong is our faith?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

LOVING SERVICE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 31:23

Cripple Tom said, "To know Him is to love Him and to love Him is to serve Him. It wouldn't be loving without." Another has said, "Love must long, must serve, must sacrifice. Love ignores criticism. Love sees God in everything and simply obeys. Oh! love is indeed an energizer, and finds opportunities for service unnoticed by others."—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Can we love and not live? Can we live and not love?

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

MONEY WELL SPENT

Scripture Reading—Joshua 37:4

Joseph T. Larsen in one of his tracts tells of a minister who went to Philadelphia from Massachusetts. He later called up his wife at a cost of \$1.35 just to tell her how much he loved her. The wife was bewildered, wondering if he was sick. But, no, he simply wanted to tell her that he loved her still and to the extent that he could not wait until he came home. Do you ever tell God how much you love Him? Does He ever see you go to any expense to prove it?—*Finest of the Wheat*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Was that too much to pay? And that was just to tell her that he loved her! Look at the price God paid to show us how much He loved us. Do you wonder how He must feel sometimes?

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

A CHILD'S LOVE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:4

One night, as a little girl knelt for her good-night prayer time, her mother, as mothers sometimes do, suggested things for her little daughter to pray about, and to give thanks for. "Won't you ask the Lord Jesus to help you to love Him more?" said the mother. The child lifted her head, and

there was a puzzled look in her clear eyes. "What is it, dear?" asked her mother. "Did you say for me to ask Him to help me to love Him more?" came the question. "Yes, my darling." "But how can I love Him more, Mummie? I am just crazy about Him now."—*Junior King's Business*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

It cannot be too strongly emphasized—"A little child shall lead them." Would that we could be as this child! Let's be!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

"PRAYING ALWAYS"

PRAY, when the morning breaketh;

PRAY, when the sun is high;

PRAY, when the shadows falling

Bring the nighttime by.

PRAY, when the darkness deepens;

PRAY, in the silent night;

PRAY, when the shadows fleeing

Break into morning light.

PRAY, for the sorrow-laden;

PRAY, for the tempted soul;

PRAY, for the saint, the faithful,

Pressing toward the goal.

PRAY, for the missionaries

Toiling beyond the deep;

PRAY, for the heathen millions,

Over them pray and weep.

PRAY, that the truth triumphant

Over the wrongs may win;

PRAY, for the reign of power

Crushing the monster sin.

PRAY, for the Bridegroom's coming;

Surely 'twill not be long.

Prayer, then shall turn to shouting

And to the victor's song.

—*Belle Staples*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How do we pray? Do we ask that His will be done? Do we thank Him for our blessings? Now do we?

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"Why do we give so much to missions while we are paying such high interest on the building debt?" That is a good fair question. Here is the best answer I can give: "We give what we do to missions so that when the building is paid for, there will be a church in it! The church either reaches out or passes out."—*Myron Taylor*.

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THE BIBLE

He knew the Book from A to Z

His mind had mastered every part;

A fine achievement—but alas!

It never got into his heart.

—*Pulpit Preaching*

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

PLANS MADE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL DRIVE

At a meeting of the Executive Board of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention held at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation on Monday, August 23, 1971, plans for implementing the new "70 PLUS IN THE 70S" drive for better Sunday schools for Original Free Will Baptists were discussed, and some important decisions were made.

It was agreed that the following were to be the three principal goals for the drive, which will continue until the time of the 1980 convention, or through the 1970s:

1. 70 PLUS new pupils for every co-operating Sunday school—70 to be the minimum, the "plus" to include additional new pupils for the larger schools.

2. 70 PLUS additional schools and churches cooperating with the united program of the State Sunday School Convention through prayer, active participation, and regular financial support.

3. Cooperating with mission boards and other denominational agencies in efforts to establish "70 PLUS" new churches with Sunday schools in North Carolina during the remaining 70s. Churches and Sunday schools which can do so are to be urged to organize and sponsor mission Sunday schools in needy places, and to work with mission boards to develop these missions into churches.

Since, in its initial stage, the most important order of procedure will be contacting the schools and churches and giving publicity to the new program, it was agreed that the Rev. Taylor Hill, elected by the recent annual State Sunday School Convention as publicity director; and the Rev. L. E. Ballard, field promotional secretary, would be the guiding team for the progress of the program during the present convention year. Mr. Hill will prepare immediately a form of survey sheet to go out with the next mailing of the "Sunday School Reporter" to schools over the state, asking for information needed to guide in the drive.

This will be followed by the regular progress reports given through the "Reporter" and "The Free Will Baptist" at least bimonthly. Special booster articles will be prepared and submitted to church publications from time to time, and the field secretary and other members of the board will visit district conventions and other church gatherings to present the program as opportunities present themselves.

Among other items considered by the

board in the meeting was the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Wayne Dilday as vice-president of the convention, and the selection of Mr. Loomis Crocker of Pine Level, North Carolina, to fill out the remainder of the term, ending with the 1972 annual meeting at Gum Swamp near Greenville next April. Mr. Crocker has been active in Sunday school work in his district and cooperative with the state program for years, and the board believes that he will fill the office of vice-president very well.

Attention: Study Course Chairmen Of Eastern District

Dear Ladies,

Nineteen hundred seventy-one has passed, and perhaps too quickly for some of us. I trust that you have had the required number of three study courses this past year. This number as you know helps your auxiliary toward becoming an "A-1" standard.

As your new study course chairman, I would like to urge you to have a study of the woman's auxiliary manual as early in January as you can. This will enable each officer to become more familiar with her duties so everyone can get busy and off to a good start at the beginning of the year. Keep up with the number of courses that are taught and the number of members you have present for each class, and be sure to report these when you send in your report to the convention.

If I can assist you in any way, please let me hear from you.

In His service,

Mrs. Richard J. Bryan

516 B. Street

Bridgeton, North Carolina 28519

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No Concern

Three workmen fashioned a cross
On which the fourth must die
Yet none of any other asked,
"And why? And why? And why?"

Said they, "This is our business;
Our living we must earn.
What happens to the other man
Is none of our concern."

—Clyde McGee.

"70 PLUS IN THE 70S" DRIVE Director's Information Sheet

Fill out and mail to the Rev. Taylor Hill, 1207 Arsenal Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28305.

Name of Sunday School

County

Superintendent

Mail Address

Secretary

Mail Address

Please answer the following questions for our guidance in promoting the "70 PLUS in the 70s" Drive. Questions related to goals of the drive as indicated.

1. How many do you have on the roll at present? _____ Will you endeavor to add 70 or more new pupils by the end of December, 1979? ____ Yes ____ No. Explain here, if you wish. If you wish our field secretary to send you suggestions, check here _____
2. Is your school now supporting the UNITED SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM of the State Sunday School Convention with monthly or quarterly donations? ____ Yes; ____ No. Will your Sunday school or church consider supporting the program on one or the other of these two plans during 1979? ____ Yes; ____ No. Explain or offer some other basis of support here if you wish. _____
3. Will you cooperate with the convention and other agencies in trying to establish 70 new schools and churches during the 70s? Answer here, and give some information concerning the nature of cooperation you may be able to give us: _____

This report by: _____

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

First Church, Wilmington Report Progress in New Building



The First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina, moved into its new sanctuary in June, 1971. Since this date the church has experienced great progress with the Rev. W. L. Bronson as its pastor. Mr. Bronson states:

"Our heartfelt thanks go out to all who have contributed in any way towards the completion of our new church here in Wilmington. We would like to pay special tribute to the Church Finance Association and the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation who have helped us in so many ways to accomplish a mission that seemed impossible. They have stuck with us through thick and thin and as a result the harvest has been plentiful. Since moving into our new building our attendance has greatly increased. Also we appreciate the visitors on several occasions from faraway places in the state.

"We have been holding full-time services except on fifth Sunday nights in our new building since June of last year. Future plans call for a kitchen and dining area as well as improving our parking area.

"There continues to be a great work here in Wilmington. We pray that we may continue to answer the Lord's calling in every way possible. Again, thank all of you for your prayers as well as your financial support."

Spiritual Life Conference At Union Grove Church

A Spiritual Life Conference, "Let's Talk About God," will be held January 28, 29, and 30 at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina. Six great, soul-stirring, heartwarming, spiritual, and evangelical services will be presented during this weekend, featuring dynamic speakers, thrilling testimonies, and uplifting singing. The scheduled program is as follows:

January 28, 7:30 P. M.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen, minister of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "I Saw the Lord High and Lifted Up."

January 29, 10:00 A. M.

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, minister of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Stand Up and Be Counted." The Rev. Bill Futch, minister of Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, will also speak.

January 29, 1:30 P. M.

The Rev. Earl Glenn, minister of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Few There Be Who Shall Enter into the Gates." Also on this program will be the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, minister of the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina.

January 29, 7:30 P. M.

The Rev. Dewey C. Boling, minister of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will be speaking. Also, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "And a Little Child Shall Lead Them."

January 30, 9:30 A. M.

The Rev. R. P. Harris, minister of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Heirs of God." A crutch-burning ceremony will be held.

January 30, 1:30 P. M.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen will lead a panel discussion, featuring the Rev. Frank Harrison of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina; the Rev. James V. Joyner of Kenly, North Carolina; Mr. Carlton Frederick of Goldsboro, North Carolina; and the Rev. Joe Gerald of Goldsboro.

January 30, 3:00 P. M.

Students from Mount Olive College will lead in a singspiration and testimonial service.

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"Let's Talk About God"

Singspiration, Union Grove

A singspiration will be held at Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fremont, North Carolina, Sunday afternoon, January 9, beginning at 2:30. The pastor, the Rev. R. P. Harris, will be in charge of the service.

This singspiration is held in preparation for the "Let's Talk About God" Spiritual Life Conference to be conducted at Union Grove church the weekend of January 28, 29, 30, 1972.

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Albemarle Union Meeting and League and Sunday School Conventions

The Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention will convene with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Pantego, North Carolina, Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30. The scheduled programs are as follows:

Union Meeting, January 29

Morning Session Only

- 9:45—Devotions, the Rev. Robert May
- 9:55—Welcome, the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan, Host Pastor
- Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
- 10:00—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
- 10:05—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches
- 10:30—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
- Announcements
- 10:40—Morning Worship:
 - Hymn
 - Special Music, Host Church
 - Message, the Rev. Jimmy Webster
- 11:30—Reading of Minutes of Last Union
- Report of Children's Home, via Literature
- Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
- Report of Missions, via Literature
- Report of Press, via Literature
- 11:45—Report of Treasurer
- Other Business

- Announcements of Next Union
- Minutes Read and Approved
- 2:30—Benediction and Adjournment
- Lunch

League Convention, January 29 Evening Session

- 7:30—Devotions, Miss Cindy Sawyer
- 7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.
- Appointment of Digest Committee
- Offering
- Roll Call of Leagues
- Sword Drill
- Hymn
- Recognition of Ministers
- Announcements
- Special Music, Host Church
- League Program
- Minutes of Last Convention
- Business Period
- Report of Digest Committee
- Awarding of Banners and Picture
- Treasurer's Report
- 9:00—Adjournment
- Pianist, Mrs. Lucy Jones

Sunday School Convention, January 30 Morning Session Only

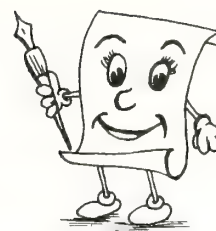
- 9:45—Devotions, the Rev. W. L. Brickhouse
- 9:55—Welcome, Mr. H. J. Furbee, Superintendent of Host Sunday School
- Response, Mr. Isaac Furlough
- 0:00—President's Message, Mr. Oscar Webster
- 0:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Oscar Webster
- 0:30—Enrollment of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches and Delegates Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
- Announcements
- Offering for Denominational Enterprises
- Prayer
- 10:55—Morning Worship:
- Special Music, Host Church
- Message, the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan
- 11:30—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Report of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
- Minutes Read and Approved
- 12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
- Lunch

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Gray Branch Church to Observe Mount Olive College Day

The Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church,

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

For Christmas I received a copy of "The Well Organized Woman," by Christiane Collange, and a bookmark inscribed, "Here is where I fell asleep."

The new year stretches out like a book of bright, clean pages on which we can write whatever we wish. As a well organized auxiliary member what will it be like in July? Will someone have to write, "Here is where I fell asleep"?

There are 12 monthly meetings, requiring only half the membership present. Only half? Surely you can attend all of them.

The average member inviting a friend is where the next average member comes from. The enlightenment chairman doesn't know everybody, so you invite someone.

People quit attending if you ask for more money than they have. How can a small auxiliary donate to missions, the college, promotional work, Children's Home, Cragmont, and superannuation? Designate a part of each monthly offering to the Christian Service Fund, which helps all these organizations.

The program-prayer chairman wants a 10 percent increase in tithers, but she can't make anyone tithe. You must de-

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Western Conference Board Of Ordination to Meet

The Rev. William L. Dale, secretary of the Western Conference Board of Ordination, announces that the board will meet at the Fremont Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina, Friday night, January 7, at 7:30. Anyone desiring to meet with this board is requested to do so at this time.

cide for yourself. Try it for three months and watch things happen. God has a way of multiplying the remnant after the tenth is removed.

"Convention fees" is an interesting page. Reading the treasurers' reports from the district and state conventions makes you feel proud that you have helped with so many projects.

You subscribe to "The Free Will Baptist" or you wouldn't be reading this. But does your neighbor? Do you use "Devotion" for your programs? See the corresponding secretary.

There are weeks of prayer and study courses which can't be successful without you. The five possible youth organizations need sponsors, helpers, and time. Benevolent activities include sending cards and letters to and visiting shut-ins; in addition to aid for superannuated ministers and wives, and helping the Children's Home.

You'll have to finish going through the book. I've got to get busy.

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The Bible is not meant to be taken as a capsule and hurriedly swallowed, but as meat and bread, chewed by the teeth of thought, digested by meditation, and used by faith for daily strength, comfort, and guidance.

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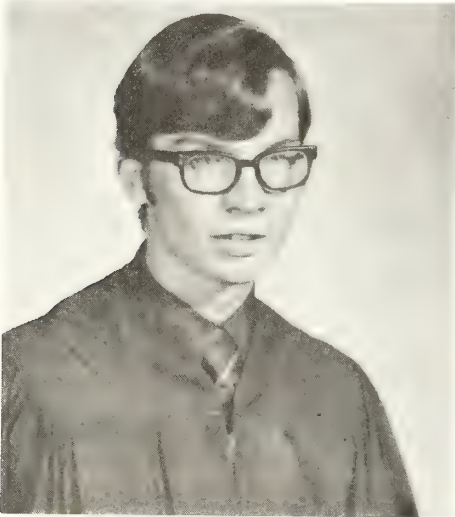
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MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Meet Tommy Evans, A Ministerial Student



Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Evans and was licensed to preach July 25, 1971, by Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina. He has been very active in his church, especially in the league work. He also served as Sword Drill leader for the Eastern Conference.

For the past six years Tommy has participated in the AFC and YFA essay contests and served as an assistant Sunday school teacher. He has preached on several occasions in his home church when needed by the pastor.

Tommy is an active member of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, Kappa Chi, and the Henderson Science Club.

He plans to be a pastor in the Free Will Baptist Church and is now available for supply work.

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Christ is the only one who came to destroy race barriers and class hatred. He is not only adequate for all races, but all races have found in Him their ideal. His cross is a bridge across every chasm. He gave womanhood its place, childhood its rights, and the slave his freedom.—Copied.

Religious Retreat Imbues Students With Holy Spirit

By EUGENE PRICE

They were college students—and typically so.

They had fashionable long hair and Joe College beards. A couple wore their hair closely cropped. One looked like a football player, another like a music major.

They met with the Full Gospel Men's Prayer Breakfast this morning and told of finding a new life of love and happiness and hope through Jesus Christ.

The students were from a Mount Olive College group that attended a retreat several weeks ago at Oriental.

"I went because I saw my girl friend's name on the list to go and I wasn't going to let her go down there without me," confessed Vann Stocks.

"I was slipping and slipping hard. But something great happened to me down there. The Holy Spirit got to us and we want others to know how great it is," he said.

Another student, Stan Frye, said that he had wondered what the world was coming to. "I felt that one day something, somehow, had to change. We have found the way—a way we can bring unity to people of different ages, different colors, and different creeds. This experience has given me a new life, a new hope."

Noting that some of the older generation might resent his hair style and beard, Frye told of the group's appearing in a church recently. "An old man—64 years old—came up to me after the meeting and threw his arms around me and cried, 'Pray for me, pray for me,'" the student related.

COMPARATIVE REPORT ON MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

The seventeen county and area dinners held by Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina this fall for Mount Olive College drew an attendance of 2,701 people and brought \$51,095 in gifts to the College. The number of people attending the dinners showed an increase of nearly 500 over last year and contributions were up more than \$4,000.

This series of annual dinners began in 1963 and has been the source of more than \$450,000 in gifts during these nine years. In addition to financial support the dinners provide the College an opportunity to report directly to approximately 2,500 church leaders. The 1971 dinners were under the general direction of President W. Burkette Raper with prominent laymen and ministers serving as county and area chairmen.

An individual county report on the dinners which began in Carteret County in September and concluded in December in Beaufort County is given below:

| County | Chairmen | Attendance | Gifts |
|--|----------|------------|----------|
| Carteret—DeWitt Cleve and Nathan Garner | | 225 | \$ 2,374 |
| Craven—Ralph A. Morris | | 60 | 2,098 |
| Pamlico—Earl H. Holton | | 117 | 2,285 |
| Pitt—Joseph Lehmann and Rex Wainright | | 182 | 6,562 |
| Greene—George Harrison | | 117 | 3,583 |
| Edgecombe—Halifax—Rufus Harrell | | 85 | 1,200 |
| Wilson—James B. Hunt Sr. | | 162 | 4,542 |
| Jones—Margaret Carol Banks | | 28 | 1,574 |
| Johnston—Wake—J. Stewart Humphrey and James W. Pittman | | 448 | 6,415 |
| Wayne—Ben Rollins and Hardy Talton | | 159 | 3,537 |
| Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland—C. Felton Godwin | | 222 | 5,803 |
| Onslow—New Hanover—Leonard Hobbs | | 244 | 928 |
| Duplin—Arthur Kennedy | | 117 | 3,563 |
| Nash—Lester Duncan | | 102 | 1,203 |
| Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank—David Cahoon | | 195 | 1,405 |
| Lenoir—John Taylor | | 153 | 2,434 |
| Beaufort—Oscar Webster | | 85 | 1,589 |
| Totals | | 2,701 | \$51,095 |

"There is no generation gap in Christ. This is the way it has to be," he said.

Experiences of each young man were similar.

"We all went down there (to the retreat) for different reasons. But we all came back changed. But we all had a great experience. We have a spirit we'll never lose. Since then we have gone from church to church every weekend," said John Williams, a ministerial student from Morehead City.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper said that 54 students and 8 faculty members attended the retreat. Many others have become involved in the spiritual movement that has followed.

He called it "the most significant thing that has happened in the history of Mount Olive College."

He quoted from a book by Dr. Billy Graham, calling attention to the fact that young people throughout the country are having similar experiences.

Members of the Mount Olive group appearing to give testimony and sing were Dennis Jones, Jim Andrews, Douglas Kinner, Marvin Waters, Williams, Frye, and Stocks.—Reprint from Goldsboro News-Argus."

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Pam Wood, Assistant Librarian



Serving as assistant librarian at Mount Olive College is Miss Pamela Rose Wood, formerly of Four Oaks, North Carolina. Miss Wood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wood, and is a member of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina.

Miss Wood joined the staff of the Loye Library in June of 1970 upon graduation from Appalachian State University where she majored in library

science education. She had earlier received an Associate of Arts degree from Mount Olive College in 1968. While at Mount Olive, she was a Bryan Scholar and was active in the Free Will Baptist Fellowship.

In the role of assistant librarian, Miss Wood's main responsibility is for technical services which includes the acquisition and physical preparation of materials for use in the library. In this capacity, she handles some 2,000 new acquisitions per year.

Commenting on her work, Miss Wood says, "I enjoy my work in the library very much. Although my responsibilities in the technical services area are important in providing a good working collection of materials for the use of our students, one of the most rewarding aspects of my job is the opportunity to work individually with the students."

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Sunday School Class Make Contribution To Chapel Fund

The Young Adult Sunday School Class of Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Olive, has made a contribution to the Chapel Fund of Mount Olive College in lieu of drawing names and exchanging gifts at Christmas.

Mrs. Lorraine Sutton, teacher of the class, said that the young people were impressed with recent religious developments on the campus of the College and wanted to have a part in helping to provide a place for Christian worship on the new campus.

The students of the College have erected an illuminated cross on the site where the new chapel will be erected. The cross stands as a perpetual symbol of the Christian commitment of the College and as a reminder that on the central plot of the campus will one day be constructed a chapel.

OBITUARIES

A Tribute to Mrs. Ida West

One year ago this past Christmas Day the Lord called home the spirit of one of the finest Christian women it has ever been our privilege to know. She was Mrs. Ida West, affectionately known to many even beyond the circle of her family as "Mother West." She was past 88 years of age at the time of her homegoing, and had spent the last few years of her life with her daughter, Mrs. Rena Kirk, who gave her constant and loving care. Mrs. West was a total invalid for many months, but was always brave and patient in her sufferings.

For years this fine consecrated Christian woman was a faithful member of the Dawson Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Scotland Neck, North Carolina, where she was known for her life of prayer and her deep interest in Bible study. We remember her and her good husband who preceded her to their home in the sky by several years, for many kindnesses and much encouragement during the years of our pastorate at Dawson Grove. She was a blessing during life to all who knew her, devoted to her family, and loyal to the Christ whom she constantly praised. Her sweet life lives on in the lives of all who knew her.

Lovingly submitted to her church, family, and friends,

L. E. and Gertrude Ballard

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A parson wrote to his bishop, asking him to come and hold a "quiet day." The bishop declined, saying, "Your parish does not need a quiet day; it needs an earthquake."

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Questions & Answers

Question: Who were the Amorites?

Answer: One of the seven nations found in Canaan when Israel was required of God to destroy them and take their land. They were governed by several individual kings. "And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until they were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel" (Joshua 5:1). God put a special fear in them that they were not able to wage war effectively against Israel. (See Joshua 9:10.) They originally lived in a mountain district in the South. "The malekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan" (Numbers 13:29); but later gained control of an extensive portion east of the Jordan River from Moab. "For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon. . . . We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophah, which reacheth unto Medeba" (Numbers 21:26, 30).

They possessed several strong cities. And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the past, even the cities of the country round about" (Numbers 32:33). They were a wicked, pagan, and idolatrous people. "But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full" (Genesis 15:16); "And if it seem evil unto

you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). They were an interference to Israel, "And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, Let me pass through thy land; we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: but we will go along by the king's high way, until we be past thy borders. And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel" (Numbers 21:21-23). They were finally brought into bondage by Solomon: "And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which were not of the children of Israel, Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bondservice unto this day" (1 Kings 9:20, 21).

The history of these people after God had given Israel their land stands as a pathetic testimony of the lack of perfect obedience of a people belonging to God because they had accepted Him and entered covenant relations with Him; but then in a backslidden condition, they remained disobedient or failed in wholly living up to their covenant. With God on their side, as He had been in all their victories, they could not have failed had they remained obedient.

The Christian needs to let this be a warning to him lest he starts well in the new life of obedience, and then like Israel, allows lethargy to rob him of complete victory. We can't do it ourselves, so why not be wholly obedient and do it God's way? That is what the great Apostle Paul did. He said: "I can do all things through Christ which

strengtheneth me. . . . But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:13, 19).

God supplied their needs in their flight from Egypt, in the crossing of the Red Sea, then later the crossing of Jordan and in their victory over Jericho, and would have delighted in leading them in complete victory over every enemy; but Israel faltered by the way, hence the long history of defeats and bondage to the enemy.

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Question: Where was the first altar located?

Answer: I do not know. Noah built an altar—the first mentioned in the Bible. "And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar" (Genesis 8:20). Some think the animals whose skins God used to cover Adam and Eve after they had eaten the forbidden fruit and made an effort to cover themselves with aprons of fig leaves were sacrificed, and that the offerings Cain and Abel brought to the Lord that distinguished Cain as being unrighteous and Abel righteous, were offered on an altar. If so, no mention of one is to be found in conjunction with them.

Arminian tradition says that Noah's offering made to God for His deliverance from the danger of the flood was on an altar he built on Mount Ararat.

As Christians, we are supposed to be so dedicated to the Lord that He may regard our hearts as His altar.

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We take the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible, as the foundation of Christian union and communion.

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STORIES

for our youth



Pete and Pam Visit "MIGHTY MO"

JAMES L. SNYDER

D ID you sail on the battleship **Missouri**, Uncle Bill?" Pam Harris asked as they waited for the bus that would take them to the famous warship. "Pete says that you did."

"Your brother's right, Pam," the ex navy man replied. "The ship was commissioned in June, 1944, and that's when I reported aboard." He smiled and added, "She and I both retired from the United States Navy eleven years later."

"Here comes the bus," Pete said excitedly. "It won't be long now."

As they rode along the streets of Bremerton, Washington, toward the naval shipyard, Pete turned to his uncle and said, "Uncle Bill, you always call your old ship the 'Mighty Mo.' Why do you call her that?"

"Well, Pete, she was a big and powerful vessel," the boy's uncle said proudly. "She was 888 feet long and weighed 45,000 tons. I'd say that's in the heavyweight class, wouldn't you?"

"I sure would," Pete confessed.

"But she was not only big, she was powerful, too, Pete," the man said. "When she left San Francisco for the Pacific war zone, she was armed with nine 16-inch guns, twenty 5-inch guns, twenty 40-millimeter antiaircraft guns, forty-nine 20-millimeter antiaircraft guns, and her armor was seventeen inches thick."

"Wow! She was a 'Mighty Mo' all right!" Pam exclaimed.

"She sure was," Pete agreed.

"My old ship reminds me of King David in the Bible," the old sailor said thoughtfully.

"Why is that, Uncle Bill?" the boy questioned.

"I'll tell you about it later, Pete. Look kids, there she is! Isn't she a beauty?" Uncle Bill called out as they stepped from the bus.

The big gray battleship stood proudly at her pier with her flags and pennants fluttering softly in the warm breeze.

Pete and Pam could hardly believe their eyes. This was the first time they had ever seen a navy warship. Uncle Bill guided the children to the steps that led to the main deck of the big battleship, and they got into line to go aboard. Crowds of people were moving up and down the steps in a steady procession.

"It looks as if we're not the only ones to come to see 'Mighty Mo,'" Pam giggled.

"She's really more than just a ship, Pam," her uncle told her. "**Missouri** is like a national shrine. About one hundred thousand people visit this ship every year. It was on these decks that General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender that ended World War II. So you see," he continued, "she's more than just another ship; she's a symbol of the triumph of good over evil."

"Remember Pastor Kyler's sermon text yesterday. 'Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Corinthians 15:57). Christ has given us the victory over the evil works of Satan. With faith in Jesus we can live our lives victoriously over all evil. Just as people come to see this mighty battleship and look at her in amazement, so people desire to see Christians who have been winners in spiritual battles," said Uncle Bill.

"How many battles did 'Mighty Mo' fight?" Pete asked.

"She owns eight battle stars from

World War II and the Korean conflict," Uncle Bill answered.

"Well, it looks as if she came through the wars without a scratch, Uncle Bill," Pam said cheerfully.

"No, not entirely," he replied seriously. "She was damaged by two enemy suicide planes that crashed into her. One plane hit squarely, just below her main deck; the other one hit a part of the stern, then crashed into the ocean. The caused quite a lot of damage and fire aboard."

The children nodded and continued climbing up the steps with the others.

As the visiting party came onto the main deck of the ship, they started on a guided tour. Their guide led them down through the hatches into the mess hall and the galley to the powder magazine where, during her active days, the **Missouri** carried her supply of ammunition. Then they were taken through the officers' wardroom and the captain's quarters. From there they were led to the bridge from which the captain commanded the ship.

Pete and Pam spent an exciting afternoon exploring different parts of the **Missouri** and listening to Uncle Bill's stories about the ship's history.

After dinner that night, Pete and Pam, along with their parents and Uncle Bill, sat talking in the Harris' living room.

"The children said they really enjoyed their trip to the shipyard today, Bill," Mr. Harris said to his brother, "especially the visit to the battleship **Missouri**."

"I'm glad they did," Uncle Bill said with a big grin. "I liked going aboard her again myself."

"Uncle Bill," Pete said with a puzzled look, "there's just one thing that bothers me. It's what you said about 'Mighty Mo' reminding you of King David. You said you'd tell us sometime. Can you tell us now?"

"Well," the old sailor began, "it was January 17, 1950, and we were putting out to sea on a training mission from Hampton Roads, Virginia. At about 8:30 in the morning, 'Mighty Mo' rammed into the sand. She lifted about seven feet above the water line and there she stuck—hard and fast."

"Now Pete," the man continued, "just imagine the 'Mighty Mo' stuck in the mud. This was the famous American warship of the sea, the holder of eight battle stars and other high honors. The **Missouri** had led the fleet to gain control of the air and sea approaches to the

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ABOUT THE NEW YEAR

Happy New Year, 1972! Last New Year's Day, a teacher asked her Sunday school class, "If you could make a New Year's wish and have it come true, what would you wish? Write your answers on these cards and put them in this box, but do not sign your names."

Later, each boy and girl came up to the desk, selected someone else's card from the box, and read it to the class. Jody read, "I'm too short and too skinny to make our basketball team this year. I wish I would grow taller and stronger."

Melanie was next. "I wish I understood science much better than I do."

Pete spoke up. "I wish I had a best friend."

Connie chose a card. "I wish I would get an allowance, not just for myself, but to buy presents with, to give to the missionaries and things like that. I'd like to have some money of my own."

Kevin's card said, "I wish I could play baseball well enough to make our church-league team."

After all the cards had been read, the boys and girls noticed that those six problems were mentioned again and again. The teacher said, "They are all wishes that would make you happy, wouldn't they? Do you think there is something you can do to make those wishes come true? Now let's hear everyone suggest how he would solve the problem that he read to the class."

"Well, there's not much you can do about growing," Jody said. "That's up to God. Except maybe you could help a little by getting enough sleep, eating good food, getting plenty of exercise in the fresh air, and things like that."

"What can you do to understand science better?" Melanie asked.

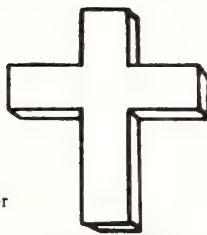
"Ask someone who knows. Get science books from the library, try harder, and do some extra work," someone answered.

"What about a good friend?" Pete murmured. "I guess if you just treat other kids the way you want them to treat you, you'll find friends."

When Connie read the wish on her card, she said, "The only way I know to get money is to earn it. Almost everyday I run errands after school for some of the old people in our neighborhood. They are glad that I do their shopping for them."

"This boy wishes he could play baseball better," Kevin told them. "Wishing

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer



MISSIONS

Delayed Message From the Joneses

(Missionaries to the Philippines)

December 5, 1971

Dear Friends:

I'm sure you are getting into the Christmas spirit with Christmas only twenty days away now. It seems that at this time of the year our thoughts turn more and more toward home.

We have two more weeks of school before the Christmas holidays. We are going off for a few days during the holidays. There are some interesting places to visit here on Luzon. This is the largest island in the Philippines. We thought we had better go now because after language study we will be busy getting ready to move to Palawan.

Many exciting things are happening in Asia these days. We believe that in the next few years much of Asia is going to come to Christ. The time is now! The largest populated countries in the world are located in Asia. Reports from many of these countries thrill our hearts. We hope that Free Will Baptists will be able to get missionaries in countries like Indonesia and Korea where the harvest is truly ripe. The Philippines are on the verge of a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are thrilled to be here in this exciting time.

The burden for the people of Palawan increases daily. We truly believe that the Lord is going to use us in a great harvest of souls.

All of the family is fine. The children are growing and healthy. Wendy is especially looking forward to Christmas coming. The Lord has been good to us this year. We realize more each

isn't enough. It takes talent and a lot of practice to make a team. Instead of hoping for wishes to come true, I think it would be better to work and pray."

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7).

Happy New Year!—Kitty Miller.

day how much He cares for us, and we just praise His holy name! Oh, how we know He is soon to return!

We do wish you the happiest Christmas you have ever had. May the joy, peace, and love of our blessed Saviour flood your souls.

Thank you for your concern for us, your prayers, and your support. God bless you all!

With love in Christ,
Harold, Sandra, Wendy,
and Misty Jones

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Oh, Christ of the Road

Mae R. Royer

Oh, Christ of the lonely road,
For which few of the world resign,
Fill me with Thy strength divine.

Oh, Christ of the rugged road,
Where one wearies in the heat of the day,
Lead on, giving strength for the way.

Oh, Christ of the dangerous road,
Darkness enshrouds, and perils hide,
Be Thou my light and my guide.

Oh, Christ of the upward road,
That leads to the setting sun,
Help me serve 'til life's work is done.
—The Sawdust Trail.

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Echoes

Eva Gray

Each year we hear the echoes
of the angel's message ringing,
From out the skies, far down
the centuries they're winging;
As in the ages past,
from vaulted skies of glory,
We list to hear the echoes
of the angel's story.

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Prejudice and indifference are the greatest enemies of foreign missions, and ignorance is the mother of them both!

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 16



Christ's Love and Man's Brokenness

Lesson Text: Luke 8:40-56

Memory Verse: Luke 8:48

I. INTRODUCTION

A little girl, four years old, grew ill. One day her father was sitting beside her little bed, and she turned to him with the question: "Daddy, does the doctor think I shall die?" Her father with a very sad heart, told her the truth. Then her pale face grew very sad. "Daddy," she said tearfully, "the grave looks very dark." And oh, it is very dark indeed! "Daddy, won't you go down into it with me?" With a bursting heart, her father told her he could not go with her until the Lord called him. "Daddy, won't you let Mother go with me?" If she could nestle close in that loving bosom, and feel those loving arms around her, the grave would lose its gloom. The same answer almost broke the father's heart to give. She turned her face to the wall and wept. She had been told of Jesus' love for her and she poured out her heart to Him with a full faith. Soon she looked up with a joy-filled face and said, "Daddy, the grave is not so dark now, Jesus will go with me."

Sickness and death are the heritage of every human being since the day Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. But there has never been a terrible moment of sickness or death that Jesus wasn't compassionately concerned with His own. Many Christians have never learned that He is the Master over sickness, broken bodies, and death. Many who are suffering today need not be if they will only turn to the great Physician and claim His healing power in their lives. Whatever our circumstances may be, He is able to overcome it.

Our lesson today gives two striking illustrations of this marvelous yet often neglected truth. One concerned the death of the daughter of Jarius, the

other about a woman with a sickness.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. A miracle defined.
2. Different attitudes toward the miracles in the Bible.
3. The miracles as manifesting the power of Christ.

B. Jesus Return to Capernaum (Luke 8:40)

1. Jesus had been away only a short time.
2. Capernaum was His adopted home.
3. In the group that was waiting for Him were all kinds of people.

C. Jairus Comes to Jesus (Luke 8:41, 42)

1. Who was Jairus?
2. Jairus' daughter.

D. Jesus Is Interpreted by a Woman (Luke 8:43-48)

1. We have here the intertwining of two miracles.
2. The sickness of the woman.
3. The timidity of the woman.
4. The healing of the woman.
5. The confession of the woman.

E. The Raising of Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8:49-56)

1. Jairus' daughter dies while he is seeking Jesus for her.
2. Jesus encourages Jairus' faith.
3. Jesus shut out everyone except the three disciples and the child's parents.
4. Many laughed at Jesus when He said, "She sleepeth."
5. After she was raised from the dead Jesus told them to feed her.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In connection with our lesson today we can create a group of symbols that present the story of the Bible concisely. First came God. We will use the symbol for infinity, for God is infinite.

Then came man. Man was created to look up to God with worship and obe-

dience, and so we picture man with raised arms.

All too soon, however, man sinned. Consequently he was thrust from reality living into a mere existence. This symbolizes man's day-by-day existence without God. It has its ups and downs, highs and lows, shallow happiness and deep depression. It is only emptiness.

The life man was intended to have, however, is still available. Our symbol here is a heart, for real life is possible only because God gave His Son to save us.

Physical death is still for everyone, but because Christ died for us, we never have to suffer eternal separation from God. That is why our symbol for death is a cross.

Jesus had power over death. He demonstrated it in raising Jairus' daughter and in His own resurrection. Therefore we have assurance that one day we too will rise to an eternity with Him. A good symbol here is a circle, an endless line. It represents never-ending joy in heaven.—Standard Commentary.

B. With such a great crowd thronging around Him, it was preposterous that Jesus should ask, "Who touched me?" (Luke 8:45). Someone has said that this woman came as "nobody" but in touching Jesus she became "somebody" and in receiving His mercy she represents everyone who put his or her faith in Him.

This story illustrates the worth and value of an individual. Our Lord is never too busy to respond to the faith of a person. What a beautiful truth this is! You and I can approach Him, too, and we can be assured that He will stop and listen, responding to our faith in Him.

Recently a teen-age girl was converted in Russia while listening to a Christian broadcast. She wanted to read, but she was blind. She discovered that Jesus had healed the blind while He was on earth.

One day she wrote on a piece of paper "Dear Lord, I know that you can make me to see. You did it before, and you can do it again." Before she went to bed that night, she slipped it under her pillow.

The next morning she awoke with perfect sight. The Lord who had done it before did it again. As a result of this miracle, both her parents came to the Lord.

Jesus once said, "According to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29). If He told us the same thing, how much

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St. Claire Bible Class

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ould our "according to" do for us?—
y O. Jones.

C. A father received a telegram saying
at his son was killed in battle. He
s overwhelmed with grief as he shook
e telegram in the face of his minister.
ou tell us God is love," he cried.
here was He when my son was kill-
?" The minister paused for a bit to
the man gain control of himself.
en he said gently, "He was right
ere He was when His own Son was
led on the Cross for you and me—and
ur dear son."—Selected.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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ry shores of the enemy homeland dur-
g World War II. But on that cold win-
y day, this proud and valiant fighter
s stuck in the mud. And that's why
e sometimes makes me think of King
vid."

"King David was powerful and suc-
ssful, too, wasn't he, Bill?" Mr. Har-
said.

"Yes, and that's the point, kids. He
as king, and a good and godly leader.
had the love and respect of the peo-
e. But somehow, he got on the wrong
ack and got caught in the mud of sin
d murder.

"Oh, yes," the old veteran continued
owly, "the 'Mighty Mo' got out of the
ud a couple of weeks later, and we
ow that King David repented of his
ns. But just think how much better it
ould have been if neither tragedy had
er happened."

The children's mother who had been
tenuing intently said softly, "That's an
teresting story, Bill. It seems as
ough it is so easy to get on the wrong
ack." She opened a Bible that had
en on the end table beside her chair
d read, "There is a way which seem-
h right unto a man, but the end there-
are the ways of death' (Proverbs 14:
2).

"Surely the officers of that big bat-
eship thought they were going in the
ght channel," she said with concern.
And suddenly their ship was stuck."

"You know, folks," Mr. Harris said,
think it would be a good idea if we
ould pray and ask the Lord to keep us
l true to Him." And the five of them
owed their heads to pray.—My Pleasure.

Once a rich man was asked to give
some money to send a preacher to the
heathen. This man said that he did not
believe in foreign missions. "I never
give one cent to any missionary," he

told the one who had asked for the
money. "Then here is the collection,"
the solicitor replied; "you should take
some out—it's for the heathen, you
know!"

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son but he presented in a forceful manner a wonderful Person (Christ); and his childlike faith in the power of God's Word was used to convict sinners and bring them to God, and thus he made a profound impression on his listeners. Before us was a living demonstration that the power of God is made strong in weakness.

Our pastor, the Rev. Bobby Bazen, then began a series of sermons on the three types of people who are lost. The first message was on those who oppose Christ and openly resist Him. At the close of the service many Christians went forward testifying that they would be faithful in praying and witnessing to this class of people.

Thanksgiving Sunday four young people stood before the congregation and told what Christ meant to them. Three adults also gave five-minute talks on: "Thanksgiving for Physical Blessings," "Thanksgiving for the Sunday School," and "Thanksgiving for Spiritual Blessings." The pastor's wife then presented a flannelgraph illustration on salvation. Our hearts overflowed with thanksgiving as we left the church that Sunday.

The pastor's next message was on church members who are lost because they have not had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and thus are unwilling to change their methods for His. The following Sunday he talked about the class of people who try to remain neutral. He cited as an example the Philipian jailer who was neither concerned with Christ nor was he against Him. After an earthquake opened the prison doors, however, he realized that Paul and Silas had something in their lives that was missing in his and he fell at their feet entreating, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

These three sermons have caused each of us to carefully analyze each group to determine if we belong in either of the three.

Truly, the Holy Spirit is at work—even in these adverse days—and God is calling out those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. Yet there is a feeling of urgency upon us. Pray that we may labor faithfully while

it is yet day, for "... the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

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"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matthew 12:30).

Grant I thy passion view with repentant grieving,

Nor thee crucify anew by unholy living

How could I refuse to shun every sinful pleasure

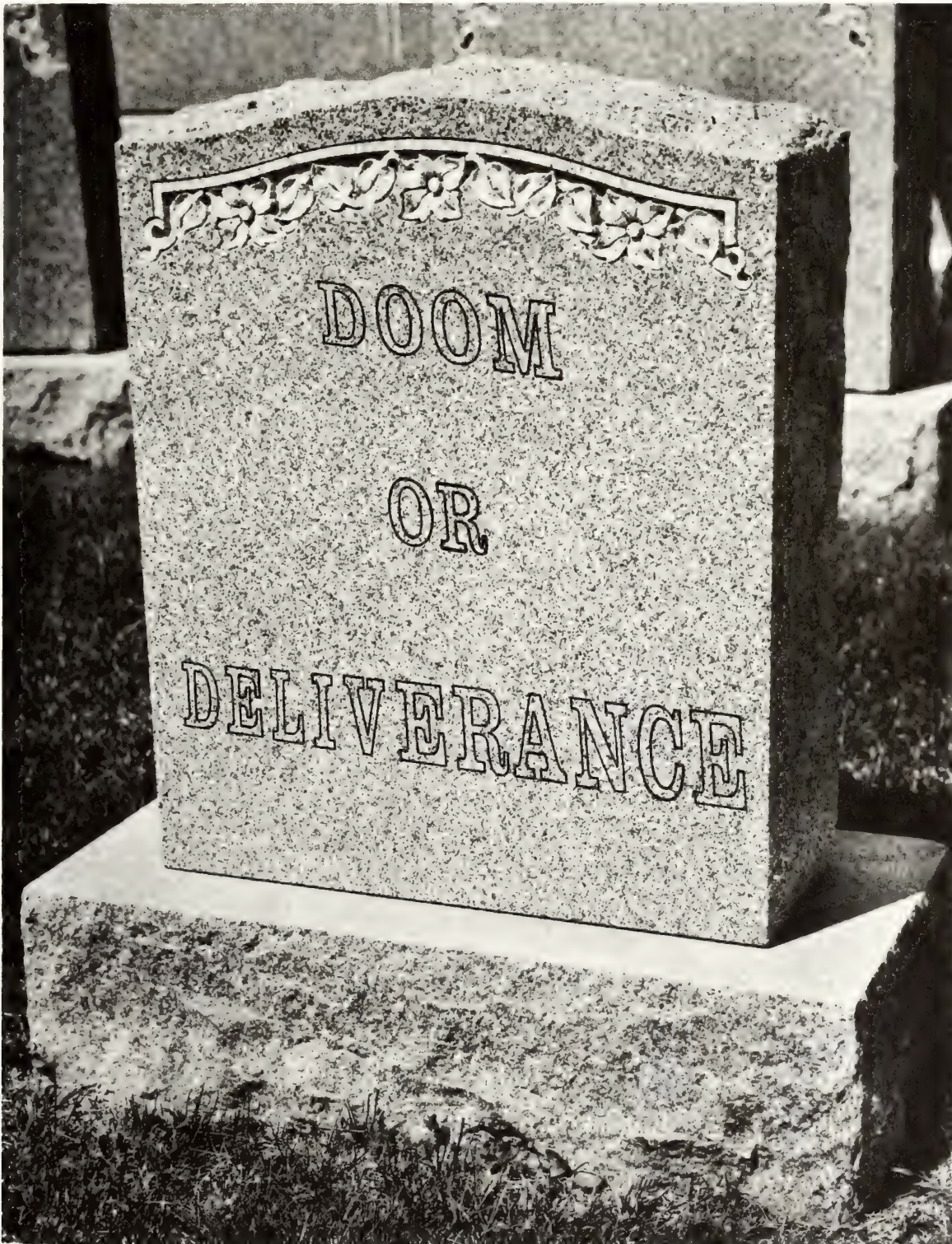
Since for me God's only Son suffered without measure?

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January 12, and you're well into the New Year.

Well into the New Year:
Resolutions broken,
Little spoken,
A forgotten token
Of better things planned.

Well into the New Year:
And discords galore
Threaten your door,
You ask, "What for?"
No answer satisfies.

Well into the New Year:
Anger resounds,
Unrest abounds,
A sad heart pounds;
No compromise in sight.

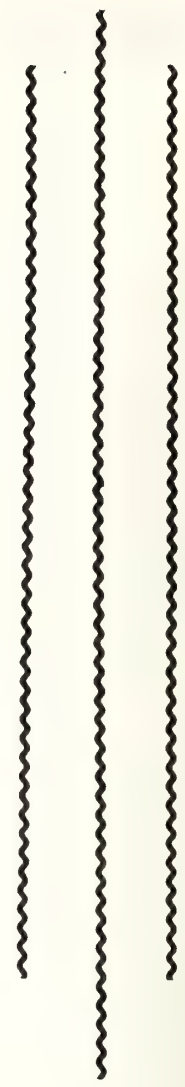
Well into the New Year:
Heartaches severe
Bring no little tear
And add fear on fear;
Words are comfortless.

Well into the New Year:
Decisions unmade,
Memories that fade,
Groundwork still laid
For no reason.

Well into the New Year:
You consider your plight,
And seem to lose sight
Of One with all might;
'Tis human indeed.

Well into the New Year:
Many days more,
Much more in store,
An inward war
Ceasing never.

Well into the New Year and you seem to forget that God is there too. Look for Him more—that's the only solution.



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'IN ACCEPTANCE LIETH PEACE'

by RUTH E. DARCY

HE glare of the morning sun streaming through my bedroom window awakened me as I shifted position. "Oh, oh!" I groaned into my pillow. "Please, Lord, let me sleep longer!"

A new day had begun. How I dreaded facing it! I alternated between a state of being half-asleep and a state of trying and sighing, "Why? Why?" until it became necessary for me to get up. Every small frustration, every trivial decision loomed large and menacing to me during those early morning hours. Anxieties became overwhelming fears. I worried unreasonably about events that were never to happen. It seemed that depression would choke out my very life. I was powerless against it.

"Why?" I implored. "What is the reason? Why this unreasonable depression?" My half-conscious mind struggled with questions about the blows life had dealt me. I couldn't rationalize them away. "I should be facing each new day with joy. I should welcome each new challenge. Why can't I?" I often quoted to myself such verses as "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24), but to no avail. I tried to cultivate an attitude of praise and worship, but the heaviness in my heart refused to be lifted.

I withdrew from anyone who tried to be friendly to me. I absented myself from all but the necessary activities of church and other organizations. I had no interest in what was going on around me. I became totally uninvolved. Each day was lived with one purpose in mind—to pass the time as quickly and painlessly as possible until nightfall. Sleep

was my only escape from the constant, frenzied questioning of my mind. How I longed for bedtime, when I could escape into a world of unreality and dreams! I was almost joyful as I drifted into drug-induced oblivion. But for each peaceful night, there was another tortured morning to be faced.

My desperate cries and questions seemingly went unheard. Often recurring in my jumbled thoughts, however, was the phrase, "In acceptance lieth peace" (from a poem in *Toward Jerusalem*, by Amy Carmichael). That line irritated me. I couldn't agree with what it suggested. To accept seemed to be nothing less than surrender. I had to fight the powers that worked against me. Something had to be done. Acceptance of them would be cowardice. I searched my soul to try to discover reasons for what had happened to me and to find the solution to my dilemma. Thus, I discarded Amy Carmichael's words again—and again—and again.

For twelve long months my days were spent, one at a time, not in living, but in mere existing. I carried out the essential tasks half-heartedly, continually crying out to God in His "brass" heaven for answers to my questions. Depression, my dismal companion, magnified every circumstance, every event, every frustration to immense proportions. "Black" is the only word to describe that year. Tranquilizers prescribed by my doctor, partially dulled my sensitivity to the turmoil within. I remember very little except the darkness, the hopelessness, the days spent crying, "What am I going to do? What am I going to do?" over and over again. I do recall one incident quite clearly, however. It was so trivial, but it seemed momentous to me and was typical of my state of mind.

It was washday. I admired the whiteness of the boys' new clothes, worn only once, as I transferred them from washer

to dryer. It was a bright, sunny day, and the usual cloud of depression seemed somewhat less menacing—until I opened the dryer to remove and fold the clothes. Deep blue and brilliant streaks stained every item! Crayons, put into the dryer by the children, were responsible for this "catastrophe." Rebellion rose in me. "Why, Lord, why? Why did you let this happen to me?" my soul screamed in rage. I felt as though my whole world had disintegrated—again. I paced the floor, my mind whirling and dizzy with questions. "Lord, what is wrong with me? O my God, where have I gone wrong? What have I done to bring this on myself?" I blamed God; I blamed myself. I searched for a reason for the seeming "regression" in my Christian experience — "What's wrong with me, Lord? What do you want me to do?" That day, like so many others, was spent in wild, irrational questioning.

"In acceptance lieth peace." Was this the voice of the Holy Spirit to me? No, I had to fight it. I could not betray myself by cowardice. Each time, I returned to mentally whipping myself and asking, "Why?"

Gradually, and with many setbacks, I attained a semblance of normalcy in my life. But there were always those depression-clouded mornings, seeking the refuge of oblivion a few minutes more. I knew I hadn't found an answer. In fact, I had despaired of finding any. I had learned merely to shelve the problem. My prayer life consisted almost solely of questions. I gradually lost all joy in prayer and communion with God. What was missing in my experience with God that rendered me unable to overcome the ever-threatening cloud of depression?

A minister, who was also a close friend, counseled me to spend some time each day thanking God for His will being done in my life. I found some relief when I tried it, but I wasn't convinced that it was right, and I felt like a hypocrite, confessing something I didn't really believe. I soon gave up the effort.

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: . . ." (Job 13:15), Job declared. Although I had read it countless times before, I suddenly saw a marvelous truth in Job's statement—a truth that could apply to my situation. I was amazed at the realization of what Job was saying. He said, "Though he (God) slay me," but in the beginning of the Book of Job, it is
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

HE GOT LEFT

Scripture Reading—Revelation 12:9

Clara Logan sat by a log fire telling stories of children. "A lady," she said, "was reclining on a couch in her library one night, with the light low, trying to sleep. Beside her on the table was a dish of fine fruit. As she lay there she saw her little daughter tiptoe into the room, in her long, white nightgown. The child, thinking her mother was asleep, advanced cautiously to the table, took a bunch of grapes, and stole out again. The mother was grieved at such misconduct on the part of her good little daughter, but said nothing. Five minutes passed, then back into the room again crept the child, the grapes untouched. She replaced them on the dish and as she departed her mother heard her utter, 'That's the time you got left, Mr. Devil!'" —Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Don't you think this is a wonderful example of "bridling the tongue"? Maybe we can wait five minutes before we say something we would give ten years to be able to "take back." Another challenge!

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

WHEN SATAN APPROACHES

Scripture Reading—Revelation 20:1-3

A little Christian was once asked if Satan did not tempt her to do wrong things and how she kept from doing them.

The answer was: "Yes, I know he wants to get me, but when Satan knocks at the door of my heart I just say, 'Jesus, won't you go to the door?' and when Satan sees Jesus, he runs away every time."

The strongest man that ever lived is not strong enough to meet Satan alone!—*Sunday School Quarterly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

"There are a lot of big and strong men living in this age, but it is so easy to stand back and measure their bigness. Who is standing beside them? Yes, God is there. Is He with you?"

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

THE WINNER IN A GAME OF DEATH

Scripture Reading—John 8:44

There is a wonderful picture called "The Game of Death," in which a young man is represented as playing chess with the devil. The devil has apparently won the game by the position of the chessmen. A noted chess player once went to see the picture, and after looking at it, he said, "I can save that fellow." He then explained how the chessmen should be moved to save the game. "That," said Dr. Stuart Holden, "is what Jesus Christ has done. He has in one move eternally checkmated death and the devil, and snatched the prey from the mighty."—*The Sunday Circle.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Had it not been for Him where would we be? His love for us is never failing. Could we this new year love Him more? It's so easy!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

WHAT SATAN FEARS

Scripture Reading—Revelation 12:9

One of the happiest men I ever knew was a man in Dundee, Scotland, who had fallen and broken his back when he was a boy of fifteen. He had lain on his bed for about forty years, and suffered much pain, but the grace of God was so abundant upon him, that I almost imagined that when the angels passed over Dundee, they would stop at this bedside to get refreshed. When I saw him I asked if Satan ever tempted him, thinking of God as a hard Master, and doubting His love. "Oh, yes," he said, "many times, as I see others in prosperity, Satan says, 'If God is so good, you might be rich and well.'" "What do you do when Satan tempts you?" I asked. "Ah, I just take him to Calvary and show him Christ, and His wounds, and say, 'Does He not love me?' And Satan got such a scare there hundreds of years ago, that he cannot stand it; he leaves me every time." —*Moody's Stories.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we spent more time learning about God, talking with Him, and thanking Him for His wonderful gift to us, we would be more like this invalid. How many of us measure up to this man?

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

ANGER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:9; Ephesians 4:26

He that goes to bed angry, has the devil for his roommate—yea, for his bed fellow—nay, he lies not only in his bed, but in his bosom. The way to be angry and sin not is to be angry at nothing but sin.—*The Evangel.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Anger is a terrible thing. Are we ever really angry? What do we do about it?

Maybe if we gave it more thought, we would try harder to use our time wisely. Let's remember next time.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

HOW TO OVERCOME

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 3:5

There is only one way by which the tempter can be met. He laughs at our good resolutions and ridicules the pledges with which we fortify ourselves. There is only One who he fears; One who in the hour of greatest weakness conquered him; and who has been raised far above all principality and power, that He may succor and deliver all frail and tempted souls. He conquered the prince of this world in the day of His flesh; and He is prepared to do as much again, in each of us, if only we will truly surrender ourselves to His gracious and mighty indwelling.—*F. B. Meyer.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Some of us are weaker than others. That of course means we are more easily tempted. With God's help we can overcome this and help our fellowman at the same time. It's worth a try!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

WHY HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN A DEVIL

Scripture Reading—John 8:44

A friend of mine once asked me if I believed in a personal devil, to which I replied with some emphasis, "No!" His only answer was a lifting of eyebrows as though wondering at my heterodoxy; whereupon I proceeded to clear myself: "I most certainly believe there is a personal devil, but far be it from me to believe in him. He is a liar and the father of lies, and how he has lied about the Word of God!" It has been the method of Satan from the beginning to tamper with, distort, and otherwise cast doubts upon the Word. "Yea, hath God said? . . ." was the crafty, doubt-sowing utterance by which he deceived Eve.—*Dr. E. J. Pace.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it amazing what good or damage we may do by the way we word or rephrase an answer? Could it be that we could give these questions we are asked more thought?

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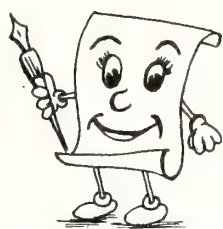
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One may go wrong in many different ways, but right only in one, which is why it is easy to fail and difficult to succeed—easy to miss the target and difficult to hit it.—*Aristotle.*

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Want a reducing diet? Read and observe Job 23:12.—*H. M. C.*

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NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Waiting and deciding. That's most of life, isn't it?

A woman makes decisions all day: what time to get up; whether or not to cook breakfast and what to eat; what to wear; where to shop and how much to spend; what presents to give to whom.

She may decide which church to attend, and whether or not the children go. However, her most important decision concerns Christianity. Because of her position as wife and/or mother, her decision to follow Christ affects more people than any other decision she makes.

Much of life is spent in waiting: Waiting for someone to get out of school; waiting for the doctor for herself or a child; waiting in line to check out the groceries; waiting for church to begin. These times are good for reading, crocheting, knitting, mending, thinking, or praying, depending on where you are.

The minutes seem like hours, waiting for the family members to get home for meals. Cold dishes get hot, hot dishes get lukewarm; the coffee gets strong or the ice for tea melts; the gelatin unmolds. Does everyone serve meals on the installment plan these busy days?

The inactivity of waiting tries the patience. But it is good to be quiet sometimes. Special blessings are promised to those that wait upon God, even though we get restless waiting for His decisions and His blessings.

Mendelssohn based "Oh, Rest in the Lord" on Psalm 37:4, 7: "Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. . . . Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: . . ." God promises that those who wait upon Him shall be fed and inherit the land; their inheritance shall be forever and they shall have peace.

The peace of God makes waiting a pleasure and life worthwhile. Yes, that resolution to follow the Lord and wait on Him is the most important decision of a woman's life.

THE LIGHT IS BURNING

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

It is so dark, the rain is pouring down, and the lightning is terrifying! Everything looks so bleak and dreary. You cannot see your hand before your eyes. Oh, how alone we feel standing in a bad storm! No house in sight for shelter, no light burning anywhere, just darkness.

Have you ever felt this way about life? Has trouble, dark trouble, ever come to you? If so, oh how we wish we could see through this dark, troublesome time! How we wish we could put things back together again! But we know within our heart that it is all over—everything has completely fallen apart. It is as if the downpouring of trouble is drowning us.

Oh, for a shelter of love to help keep us warm! Our heart is breaking and we think life has dealt us a terrible blow. We ask ourselves, "Why has this trouble happened to us? Was this really meant for us? Where and why did this trouble come? Did it come as quickly as the lightning, or was it already here all the time?"

No, we do not want to see real trouble. We are terrified when real trouble strikes us. It can really tear us apart with heartaches and suffering. Time is so dreary and bleak we just can't seem to see a way out. The light in our heart feels as if it will never burn again.

Yes, life is dark in times of trouble. But then we as Christians can walk out of the storm into the arms of Jesus who can comfort us. Just as a child who breaks his arm; the mother confronts, but she must do more. She must arise, take him to a doctor, then see to it that the child does nothing that will harm his arm further.

How this reminds us of Christ! He expects us to arise above our troubles. The hymnwriter tells us to "take our burdens to the Lord and leave them there." Don't carry them around with you, as the child with the broken arm, but leave them with Jesus who is able to carry all our burdens if we only trust Him.

We do not have to look for trouble, it comes to all of us. But if we have the light of Jesus burning in our hearts all we have to do is to open the heart's door and let Christ come in. Then we



LINES

By Margo Mangum

A woman was being psychanalyzed by a famous specialist. She really didn't see the need of it, but for her family's sake she would do it—she always liked to "keep peace in the family."

After making this quite clear to the man she explained that it was over a simple little matter, "I just happen to like pancakes."

"I can't see anything at all wrong in taking pancakes," the doctor said, "I like them myself—with lots of butter and maple syrup."

The dear little lady was delighted: "Oh, goody," she said, "you must come over someday, but be sure to bring the butter and maple syrup. I have several trunkfuls made up already."

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For health and constant enjoyment of life give me a keen and ever-present sense of humor; it is the next best thing to an abiding faith in Providence.

Reverend

Call me "Mister," if you will;
Call me "Brother," better still;
Or if I the task fulfill,
The title "Preacher" brings a thrill.
Mister, brother, preacher, friend—
Names and titles without end;
But how that man my heart doth rend,
Who blithely calls me Reverend.

—Lynwood F. Martin.

are able, through God's help, to conquer any trouble that comes our way.

My prayer is that in times of trouble we may find the lighted house, Jesus Christ, who can help us no matter what the trouble might be. Yes, "take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there."

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Spiritual Life Conference At Union Grove Church

A Spiritual Life Conference, "Let's Talk About God," will be held January 28, 29, and 30 at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina. Six great, soul-stirring, heartwarming, spiritual, and evangelical services will be presented during this weekend, featuring dynamic speakers, thrilling testimonies, and uplifting singing. The scheduled program is as follows:

January 28, 7:30 P. M.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen, minister of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "I Saw the Lord High and Lifted Up."

January 29, 10:00 A. M.

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, minister of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Stand Up and Be Counted." The Rev. Bill Futch, minister of Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, will also speak.

January 29, 1:30 P. M.

The Rev. Earl Glenn, minister of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Few There Be Who Shall Enter into the Gates." Also on this program will be the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, minister of the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina.

January 29, 7:30 P. M.

The Rev. Dewey C. Boling, minister of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will be speaking. Also, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "And a Little Child Shall Lead Them."

January 30, 9:30 A. M.

The Rev. R. P. Harris, minister of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Heirs of God." A crutch-burning ceremony will be held.

January 30, 1:30 P. M.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen will lead a panel discussion, featuring the Rev. Frank Harrison of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina; the Rev. James V. Joyner of Kenly, North Carolina; Mr. Carlton Frederick of Goldsboro, North Carolina; and the Rev. Joe Gerald of Goldsboro.

January 30, 3:00 P. M.

Students from Mount Olive College will lead in a singspiration and testimonial service.

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Cragmont Assembly's Treasurer's Report for December, 1971

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of December, 1971:

Balance Forwarded November 30, 1971 \$ 7,267.38

| Receipts | |
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| Churches | \$213.30 |
| Sunday Schools | 21.47 |
| Woman's Auxiliaries | 4.00 |
| Leagues | 30.00 |
| YFAs | 19.00 |
| Youth Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church | 748.87 |

Total Receipts 1,036.64

Total to Account For \$ 8,304.02

| Disbursements | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Operating Expenses | \$178.48 |
| Insurance | 208.00 |

Total Disbursements 386.48

Balance In Checking Account
December 31, 1971 \$ 7,917.54
On Savings 2,262.17

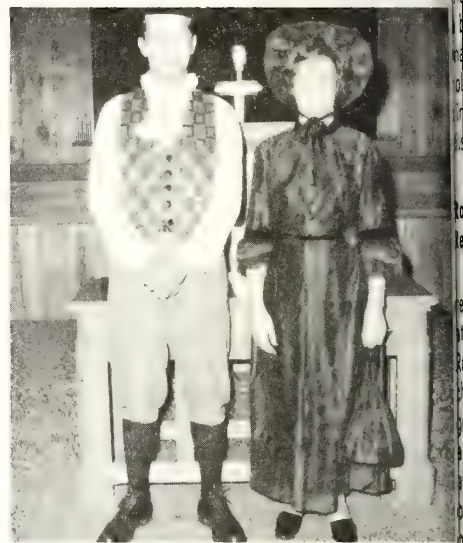
Grand Total December 31, 1971 \$10,179.71

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Christmas at Saint Mary's Church, Kenly, N. C.

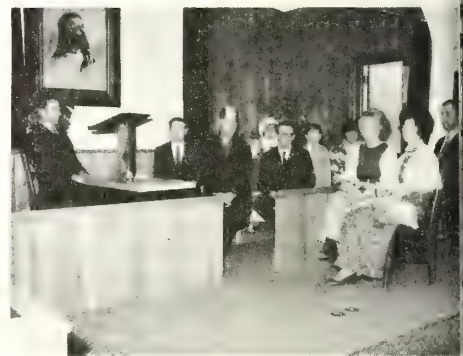
The members of the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, enjoyed a special Christmas pageant held December 19, 1971, during the evening worship service. The pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang," was directed by Mrs. Jean Brinson, Mrs. Fannie Simpson, and Mrs. Pat West. The program was focused on a church in a faraway country. The story went that there was a set of chimes in this church that only rang

at Christmas by a phenomenal power motivated by a great offering given in behalf of the Babe of Bethlehem. However, the chimes had not been heard for many years. The time of the pageant was Christmas Eve and a small boy, called Little Brother, brought all he and his family had as a gift to the Christ Child—a small coin. Through this gift the chimes once again rang out on Christmas



An Old-Fashioned Couple

The cast for the program were dressed in costumes dating back a century ago. The youth choir of the church rendered the musical part of the pageant. The program proved to be a blessing to everyone present.



Church Scene

On Monday evening, December 20, the youth choir presented a musical program at the First Presbyterian Church, Wilson, North Carolina, in behalf of the Wilson County Handicapped Club. The young people enjoyed greatly sharing their Christmas, while spreading the true ministry of the Christ Child of Bethlehem with others.

Christmas at Saint Mary's was a wonderful blessing from God!

Calvary's Adult Sunday School Class Christmas Party

The combined adult Sunday school class meeting of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, held a Christmas party on December 17, 1971, at Cherry's Barbecue Restaurant near Saratoga, North Carolina. Mrs. Barbara Pittman welcomed the guests and read Scripture from Luke 2:1-14. The invocation was given by the pastor, the Rev. Dewey Boling. After enjoying a bountiful dinner, the group sang Christmas carols and played games. This was followed with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harrell singing "Silver Bells." Harvey Pittman dismissed the group with prayer.

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Roanoke Rapids Church Reports Real Progress

There is evidence of some real progress being made during the past weeks at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. The church is still experiencing a slow growth in numbers, although recently a few new members have been added and a very promising man now awaits baptism. A number of new young people have recently started attending the services and becoming involved in youth activities. The church now has a nice group of young people, and each Sunday morning a ten minute period called, "Youth Church Time," is devoted specially to them. They sing choruses and special songs, and the pastor, Rev. E. Ballard, delivers a three minute sermon to them, illuminated with visual aids. In the group there is a mixed trio and a girls' quartet who often are featured in special music in the services.

A revival held in November with the Rev. Harry Brown of Durham, North Carolina, as evangelist, resulted in a deeper spiritual life among the members. This was boosted further when the church had for a weekend the Rev. Perry P. Ballard, Director of Communications and Public Relations for World Vision International, who brought a series of messages on "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Church of Today." Mr. Ballard, who leaves shortly for several weeks of travel visiting the numerous areas of ministry of World Vision, has promised to try to stop over sometime soon after his return to the United States and give the church the benefit of his observations of the religious situation throughout the world. Mr. Ballard says of the Roanoke Rapids church, "Here is one of the most dedicated little groups of Christians I know of anywhere."

Gifts to the building fund of the church have picked up considerably in recent weeks, and the group is now dreaming of building the first unit of their permanent church plant during 1972. In the meantime the comfortable buildings being furnished by the Central Conference Mission Board have undergone a "face lifting," attracting favorable comments from people of the area. The church solicits the prayers of all Christians.

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Calvary Youth Choir Holds Night Watch Service

The youth choir of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, welcomed in the new year by holding a watchnight service in the Sunday school annex building New Year's Eve, beginning at 10:30 p.m. and continuing until 1 a.m. New Year's Day. Mrs. Dorothy Pittman, youth choir director, was coordinator of the event, along with the assistance of several church members including the pastor, the Rev. Dewey Boling, and Mrs. Boling.

After playing several games, refreshments were served. Then during the last few minutes of the old year, Mrs. Pittman conducted devotional services for the group. She gave some very interesting comments concerning the blessings received by all during the year, 1971. She also stressed the importance of trying to work harder for the Lord during 1972.

At the stroke of midnight the group greeted the new year by popping balloons and blowing noise makers. Following the excitement of the arrival of the new year, Mrs. Florence Taylor conducted the first devotional service for the group in 1972. Then Mrs. Taylor gave everyone an opportunity to testify, of which there was a 100 percent participation.

After having a chain of prayers, the group was dismissed.

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Bible Class Taught at Daniels Chapel Church

Twenty-eight persons received certificates of credit from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina, on Thursday night, January 6.

The course was entitled "Old Testament Survey (Law and History)," and was taught by the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry. There were twelve class periods of forty-five minutes each. Those receiving a certificate of credit attended at least

nine of the twelve classes and did satisfactory work on the course.

The course began on November 11, 1971, and ended on December 16, 1971. There were two class periods each night with a refreshment break between them. Thirty-six people enrolled for the course, with twenty-eight qualifying for the certificate of credit. The registrants for the course came from seven different churches, and five of them were Free Will Baptist ministers.

The Rev. Charles Crisp, Greenville, North Carolina, spoke to the members of the class and their friends who gathered at the Daniels Chapel church for the presentation of the certificates.

The teacher, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, stated that the interest had far exceeded expectations, and other classes are to be taught beginning on Thursday night, January 20, 1972. The two classes that will be taught in the winter session will be "Old Testament Survey (Poetry and Prophecy)" and "The Free Will Baptist Pastor." "Although the courses are designed primarily for the members of our church, anyone is welcomed to take part in this training program," said Mr. Cherry. Those who may be interested may contact him as follows: The Rev. F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Box 531, Wilson, North Carolina 27893.

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MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

An Opportunity for Christian Vocation

Mount Olive College has a secretarial opening for a qualified person who would like a position in which to fulfill her Christian vocation. Good typing ability is required; general office experience and bookkeeping ability are desired. The salary is open depending upon the qualifications of the applicant.

Any interested person is invited to contact Mr. Fred Mesler, director of development, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone, (919) 658-2502.

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Direct-Transfer Program

Two privately-supported colleges in North Carolina have rendered into an agreement that will permit graduates of a junior college to enroll at a four-year college as juniors, with a direct transfer of full credit for academic work completed at the junior-college level.

The announcement was made today in a joint statement by Dr. Theo Strum, dean of students at Elon College; and Dr. I. R. Swords, academic dean at Mount Olive College.

As a junior college, Mount Olive has served those resident and commuter students who wish two years of study leading toward a baccalaureate degree, two years of occupational education in business, or two years of liberal arts education for its own value.

Elon College was chartered in 1889 "to afford instruction in the liberal arts and sciences." Elon, located just west of Burlington, now boasts an enrollment of over 1,800 students. Dr. J. E. Danieley is now in his fifteenth year as president.

Prior to the new direct-transfer agreement, Mount Olive College graduates transferring to Elon, were given credit only for those courses taken at Mount

Olive that were also offered at Elon. Also, grades of "C" or better at Mount Olive were computed at Elon as a straight "C" average. Now, all grades are transferred at their face value and no hours are lost on courses not in the Elon curriculum.

"We are most pleased that we can now accept Mount Olive College graduates as direct-transfer students and offer full credit for their academic work at Mount Olive College," said Dr. Strum in his announcement. We are looking forward to a good working relationship between Mount Olive and Elon."

Other colleges participating with Mount Olive College in the direct-transfer program are: Campbell College, Maryville College (Tennessee), University of North Carolina at Charlotte, North Carolina A & T, St. Andrews College, Elizabeth City State University, Greensboro College, Shaw University, Sacred Heart College, Mars Hill College, and Atlantic Christian College.

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News Editor Commends Mount Olive College

Below is a December editorial by Ashley Futrell which appeared in the "Washington Daily News," Washington, North Carolina. Mr. Futrell is also a member of the North Carolina General Assembly.

"We never cease to be enthusiastic and warmed by the story of Mount Olive College in Wayne County.

"This is a small junior college with a student body today of 325 students. It is supported by the Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina. It is a school which only started operations in 1953.

"Recently at the fellowship dinner held in Beaufort County, it was revealed that 95 percent of the student body is composed of children of native North Carolinians. We do not believe that any other institution of higher learning, ex-

cept community colleges, can boast of that degree of service to the people of our state.

"The fact is that Mount Olive College serves youngsters of all denominations and not merely the sons and daughters of Free Will Baptists.

"The tragedy of the educational story today in North Carolina is that private and church-related colleges are feeling ever more the economic pinch. The costs are rising all the time. In state-supported institutions in North Carolina taxpayers furnish annually about \$1,282 of the costs which the parents do not have to bear. It is difficult for church-related colleges to compete, and it is getting more difficult all the time.

"These institutions are serving North Carolina nobly. Mount Olive College is a fine example of service and education. And there are many others too.

"Out of a student body of 325 at Mount Olive College, more than 300 are native Tarheels. That within itself is an unusual story."

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College Receives Congratulations on Twentieth Anniversary

During the current academic year Mount Olive College is observing the twentieth anniversary of receiving its charter from the state of North Carolina in 1951. Recent letters of congratulations were received from Governor Robert Scott and the Honorable David N. Henderson, United States Congressman from the North Carolina Third Congressional District.

Letter from Governor Scott

Greetings,

Congratulations to the administration, faculty, and students of Mount Olive College on the observance of Mount Olive's twentieth anniversary.

More than 50 public institutions of higher education have been established in North Carolina since Mount Olive was founded. It is still the youngest of our private junior colleges.

Mount Olive College has provided two decades of distinguished service. Its philosophy has been that we have no surer means of improving the quality of life in North Carolina than providing all the education that each who enters its halls of learning is willing and able to absorb.

Mount Olive College is a leader in its

d of higher education. I salute this institution for its achievements and express my best wishes for continued success in the future.

Letter from Congressman Henderson

Dear President Raper:

I take this means of extending my congratulations to Mount Olive College as an institution and to you as an individual on the celebration of its twentieth anniversary.

It would, I am sure, be accurate to say that no other institution of higher learning in the history of our state has progressed so far and so fast from such an auspicious beginning.

The tradition of private, church-related colleges in North Carolina has been one of struggle and progress; but in more recent years, we have seen major religious denominations in the state move, consolidate, and open new colleges while closing or abandoning older ones. The trend, in short, has been toward reorganization, rather than toward the origination of totally new institutions.

Especially to be commended is the Free Will Baptist denomination which has rallied strongly to the support of the college.

Many dedicated individuals have served as part of the faculty and administration of the college over these years under circumstances which required personal sacrifice which they willingly made further the goals of the institution.

The people of the Mount Olive community, as exemplified by the Community Area Foundation, have supported the college, both by way of financial contribution, and by sending to it as students some of their brightest young people.

Truly, the institution has made its mark and deserves commendation on its twenty years of contribution to the cause of Christian higher education in North Carolina.

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To Observe Mount Olive College Day

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, January 16, as Mount Olive College Day. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will deliver the morning message at 11 a.m. The Rev. W. H. Willis is pastor of the church.

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If Christ is the way, why waste time traveling some other way?

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to take this means to thank the many auxiliaries and friends for their nice cards and gifts during the holidays. Everything I received was very much appreciated, from the smallest to the largest. I enjoy very much looking at all my cards; reading them over and over brings a lot of cheer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for every card and gift and every kindness shown me over the past years.

Also I would like to express to the Superannuation Board my thanks for the check I received just before Christmas, it really helped a lot.

Mrs. Emelina Rhodes

Route 3

Tabor City, North Carolina 28463

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Gratitude Sometimes Misdirected

A great surgeon operated on a poor boy, whose foot was twisted out of

shape. The operation was successful, and a friend came to take the little invalid home. He said to the boy, "What a beautiful hospital you have been in!" "Yes," said the boy, "but I like the doctor best." Then the friend spoke of the nurses and their kindness. But the boy replied, "Yes, they are kind, but I like the doctor best." When he brought the boy home his mother was happy to see her son again. She fell on her knees and looked at once at his foot. "Why, it's just like any other boy's foot now," she exclaimed with delight. All the time the lad was saying to her, "Mother you ought to know the doctor who made me walk."

There is not one of us for whom Jesus has not done a thousand times more than the surgeon did for the boy. Yet we have rarely spoken of Jesus and insisted on making Him known to others. —Sunday School Times.

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The preacher is called to be a shepherd not a sheep dog.

How to Use THE BIBLE

When in sorrow, read John 14.
When men fail you, read Psalm 27.
When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.
When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.
Before church service, read Psalm 84.
When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.
When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.
When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.
When you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.
If you want to be fruitful, read John 15.
When doubts come upon you, try John 7:17.
When you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.
When you forget your blessings, read Psalm 103.
For Jesus' idea of a Christian, read Matthew 5.
For James' idea of religion, read James 1:19-27.
When your faith needs stirring, read Hebrews 11.
When you feel down and out, read Romans 8:31-39.
When you want courage for your task, read Joshua 1.
When the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.
When you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.
When you want Christian assurance, Romans 8:1-30.
For Paul's secret of happiness, read Colossians 3:12-17.
When you leave home for labor or travel, Psalm 121.
When you grow bitter or critical, read 1 Corinthians 13.
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, Psalm 67.
For Paul's idea of Christianity, read 2 Corinthians 5:15-19.
For Paul's rules on how to get along with men, Romans 12.
When you think of investments and returns, Mark 10:17-31.
For a great invitation and a great opportunity, Isaiah 55.
For Jesus' idea of prayer, Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15.

—Harris Franklin Rall.



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Questions & Answers

Question: Is confession a Christian duty?

Answer: The Bible seems to teach that it is. It indicates that we need to confess to those we have committed a wrong against and ask for forgiveness, and that a Christian whom we have sinned against is obliged to forgive us when we have sinned against him and asked him forgiveness. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16); "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. . . . For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:12, 14, 15); "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou shalt gain him thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church, but if he neglects to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. . . . Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till how many times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:15-18, 21, 22).

The fact that one has sinned against another, asked of us, and has been forgiven several times in one day does not alter the case for the Bible teaches that we need to forgive as often as we are asked by a fellow Christian to forgive him. It further teaches that on the basis that we have forgiven such offenders, God will forgive us when we ask forgiveness

of Him. "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matthew 7:2).

Since all sin is against God, His forgiveness should be correctly sought for every wrong deed we do regardless to whom else may be involved. "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26:18); "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9); "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest" (Psalm 51:4).

We need to remember that Jesus said: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matthew 12:30). So then if we fail in any situation to do as Jesus did while on earth, or as He would do in a given situation with which we are confronted, we are allowing the devil to influence our action and therefore we are sinning against God and whosoever else is involved and should confess to God, through Christ's name, and seek forgiveness on the grounds of Christ's shed blood that He shed for the remission of sin.

Here is some of what George H. Sandison has to say on this subject on Page 407 in his book 1000 **Difficult Bible Questions Answered**:

"If we have done any wrong to any person, we must confess it to him, and ask him to forgive us. A wrong that affects no one but God and ourselves needs to be confessed only to God. Often, however, a public confession is helpful. Under the awakening of conscience a Christian may be led to feel that he has been living under false pretenses, and will find a relief in saying so, and in making a new start. After

all, we ought not to dread confession so much as we do. The Christian has no righteousness of his own to uphold; his righteousness consists in trusting Christ. Paul liked to declare that he was, to all intents and purposes, so far as the law was concerned, a dead man; he had been crucified with Christ, and Christ lived in him. He had no reputation to sustain. He liked to speak of himself as having been the chief of sinners. Then, too, people are apt to be kinder than we think; our friends will not want to condemn us, but help us. But, on the other hand, this is often a fruitful source of cruel temptation to sensitive souls. They imagine they ought to speak of things which no one but God needs to know about. Remember that God is never unreasonable, nor harsh. Tell him all about it, and then he will tell you plainly and kindly whether any other confessions are necessary."

There are some who think when a Christian does anything wrong that his conscience will make him uncomfortable and that this is a signal telling him to confess it to God and before the church; and through this means he will be restored to fellowship with God and with the church, and that he cannot gain the relief of a guilty conscience in any other way. Others think and teach that it is best to confess only to God and to those whom the sin hurts in any way. They think that too often confession before the whole assembly of the church tends to cheapen the one giving these public confessions. There may be a happy medium found here when one obeys the Scriptures in his everyday's activities, prays without ceasing, and meditates on the law day and night. Like all other requirements in the Bible for the Christian, he needs to walk close enough to God to detect irregularities in his life, for then and not until then, will he pray, study the Bible, and correctly act in general toward both the church and the lost world. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26, 27).

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Salvation may come quietly, but we cannot remain quiet about it.

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THE THAW

MAY FIELD

LANCE WILLIAMS watched the five boys glide smoothly over the ice. He shifted his position on the old log where he sat all alone, and he tried to ignore the growing ache inside him. Bob Fisher was by far the best skater of the five. But Lance knew, without feeling proud about it, that he was an even better skater than Bob—not that it looked as though he'd ever get a chance to prove it. Lance sighed a little. It wasn't the fact that he was never allowed to skate that bothered him so much as the loneliness of always being on the outside.

Lance supposed that other people hadn't even noticed it. He was always with the other five boys. But he wasn't one of them. In the seven months he had been living with the Fisher family, he had never felt like one of them. After his parents had been killed in the automobile accident, Lance had lived in a lot of homes. But none of them had been like the Fisher home. Lance stood up and walked around, stamping his feet against the cold. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher had seemed really glad to have him. And Lance was very glad when he learned that the Fishers had a boy his age. At first he thought Bob wasn't very friendly simply because he didn't know Lance yet. But little by little Bob made it known that it wasn't his idea for Lance to be there and that he wished he would go away. The only trouble was, Lance mused as he sat down on the log again and watched the speeding figures on the ice, there wasn't any place to go.

Lance swallowed a big lump in his throat when he thought about how much he wanted to be a part of Bob's gang.

Of course, Lance always went along wherever the other five went. Mrs. Fisher saw to that. And Bob was never rude to Lance, at least not in front of his mother. But whenever Lance tried to help with plans or be a part of what was going on, Bob and his best friend Jerry let him know that they considered him an outsider, just as they were doing today.

The boys had been talking for weeks about the big ice-skating relay. Every year Greenville and Parkerville, a town a few miles away, had a big ice-skating race. There were events for every age group. Last year Parkerville had won, but this year everybody seemed to think that Greenville would win the junior race, at least. Lance had to admit that the five boys were pretty good skaters.

But he knew that he could skate better than Jerry. Ever since he could remember, he had spent a big part of every winter on ice skates. But somehow, in all the shuffle of being moved around so much, his skates had been lost. And none of the boys would offer to let him use their skates—not even for a quick trip up the river and back. On the way down he had tried to tell Bob that he could skate, but Bob had told him in no uncertain terms that he was an outsider. And they didn't seem to think that an outsider had any place in their race. Slowly Lance got to his feet and cupped his hands around his mouth.

"Hey, Bob, I'm going back to the house."

"Wait a minute." Lance's heart beat a bit faster as Bob skated quickly toward him. Maybe Bob was going to offer to let him use his skates for awhile. But Bob was scowling fiercely as he skated slowly along the edge. "Just don't you go home and tell Mom you didn't get a chance to skate. She might not under-

stand that we have to practice and didn't have time to lend you our skates."

Lance fought back his bitter disappointment and his voice was low as he turned to leave. "You don't need to worry. I'm not going to tell Mom Fisher anything." Slowly Lance trudged up the hill toward the big house with the cheerful kitchen. How could anybody with such wonderful parents be so selfish? Dad and Mom Fisher made him feel that they really wanted him. It was at their house where Lance had learned how much God loved him. It was Dad Fisher who prayed with him one night, when Lance asked the Lord Jesus to come into his heart. Lance had thought that his being a Christian might make a difference in how Bob and his friends would feel about him. But it hadn't. Even in Sunday school Lance felt all alone as he sat with the five boys. It was strange how a person could be sitting right next to someone he knew and still feel all alone.

Slowly Lance pushed open the door that led into the kitchen and forced himself to smile at Mom Fisher, who was taking a big tin of cookies out of the oven. "Back so soon, Lance? What's the matter, don't you like to skate?"

"Oh, yes, I like to skate, but it's awfully cold." Lance didn't tell on Bob, but he didn't lie, either. It was awful cold outside. Not, he thought unhappily, that it would have mattered if only he'd been able to feel the cold air rushing by him as he sped across the ice. "I have some studying to do, so I guess I'd better go to my room," he added.

Lance didn't want to stay in the kitchen for fear Mom Fisher's knowing blue eyes might discover that something was wrong. In his own room Lance sat at his desk with his head buried in his arms, hot tears forcing themselves out of his dark eyes. He hadn't cried since Dad and Mom had died, but he was so lonesome now. At last he brushed his sleeve across his eyes and set his jaw. This wasn't any way to act. God really had been good to him to give him such a nice home. He ought to be thankful for it instead of acting like a baby just because he hadn't been allowed to skate. But he did wish Bob would be a little friendlier.

Almost everyday Lance went down the river with Bob and his friends. But not once did they offer to let him use their skates. Every night Lance prayed that the Lord would help him not to get angry at Bob and Jerry and their friends. But it was hard when they acted that way though he were hardly even around.

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—flowed into every aching fiber of
y being, a warm and soothing balm
aling my soul's wounds. How I revel-
in it! Whenever—and the incidents
re many in the following months—I
s tempted to question God or to blame
yself for the circumstances in my life,
found that I could simply submit my
ll to God's and accept them. Peace
uld again be restored. I began to en-
y watching how each circumstance,
hen I had accepted it as from God, was
rned to my good. I began to under-
and, not just give consent to the "all"
Paul's statement, "... we know that
things work together for good to
em that love God, ..." (Romans 8:28).

"No one is able to snatch [them] out
the Father's hand" (John 10:29, Am-
ified Bible), Jesus taught. Day by day,
y comprehension of that statement as
basis for my acceptance of all things
om God grew and was more fully real-
ed in my attitudes. I learned that as
ng as I chose to abide in that hand,
othing could reach me but what that
and allowed. Here, then, was security!
ne feeling of insecurity and fear of the
uture was dispelled. By a simple de-

termination of my will to abide in the
Father's hand, I had found the security
that no psychiatrist, physician, or other
counselor had been able to help me ac-
quire.

I accepted all the heartbreak from
God's hand. I thanked Him for the ten-
derness of heart it was working in me.
I accepted loneliness. I reveled in the
more intimate communion I now had
with the Lover of my soul. I accepted
frustrations and thanked Him for the pa-
tience I could see growing. I accepted
misunderstandings and discovered a new
dimension of His love when I sought Him
out for comfort. I accepted the pain;
without it I never would have known the
healing power of His presence. I ac-
cepted loss of all I held dear and found
that I had gained Him whom I hold most
dear. In accepting the loss of my life, I
have found His abundant life.

During those long, dark months, I had
searched for something I could do. I
now saw that I needed first to determine
that my abiding place was in His hand,
and then to accept—not merely to ac-
quiesce in, but to embrace—all things as
from my Father's hand. As long as I can
reach out and embrace, unreservedly, all
things as from Him, my life is a joy.
When I had been trying to understand
and control all my circumstances, my
life was an almost unbearable burden to
me, and I nearly despaired of life itself.
But when He is ordering each detail of
my days, which my acceptance allows
Him to do, life is abundant, challenging,
and full.

Depression? The cloud is dispelled! I
live! Death has been swallowed up in
victory. Of course, I sometimes forget
or am tempted to blame someone or
some situation for what comes to me.
But now there is an answer. I need only
avail myself of it. For the most part,
life is a challenge and full of surprises.
With each gift that I receive from His
hand and that I see being used for my

good and His glory, my trust in Him is
confirmed and strengthened, enabling
me more willingly, even cheerfully, to
face the next day's situations.

I now enjoy becoming involved in all
of life around me. I am secure within.
I don't need to look to people for se-
curity. I can't be my best self in God
and enjoy people for what they are. It
is for my Father to do the work; I only
accept His will and work with Him. A
great weight of self-imposed responsi-
bility has been lifted. His work will be
done if I accept everything coming from
without as from His hand, and let Him
who also lives within direct me in each
step to take toward the accomplishment
of His will in my life. My Saviour has
made provision for the carrying out of
all His purposes in my life and in the
lives of all with whom I am involved. I
must first accept, and then in the result-
ing peace and quiet of my soul I can be
directed as to what I may do.

"In acceptance lieth peace" for me.
In this way, I can be relieved of the re-
sponsibility for His work. And I am
freed from the depression that prevent-
ed my awareness of His direction in my
life. How amazing it is to daily see His
hand at work in this once empty and
depressed existence, making it an abund-
ant and joyful life!—Gospel Herald.

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My husband and I would like to take
this method to thank each and everyone
of you who sent us so many beautiful
cards for Christmas, and also for the
bountiful love offerings. Also we would
like to thank the Superannuation Board
for its gift.

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What Price Discipleship?

Lesson Text: Luke 9:1-6, 23-25, 57-62

Memory Verse: Luke 9:23

I. INTRODUCTION

The call to true discipleship is a call to die. You might not be willing to accept this as a fact, but this lesson will prove the statement. When one yields his life to Christ he dies to self, and he may be called upon to seal his testimony with his blood.

"Out of communist China there comes a story of Christian heroism that ought to stir Christian hearts the world over to greater sacrifice.

"Twenty-nine Chinese Christian pastors, including one who speaks to a thousand people each Sunday, were brought before an official committee and given an ultimatum. They were given the alternative of changing their preaching to suit the communist line, ceasing to preach Christ as the Saviour of all men, or facing a firing squad. Two of the pastors, lacking that inward grace necessary to such a trial, broke down and agreed to follow the communist line, but the others all refused, including the man who had been preaching to a congregation of a thousand. The two apostates were allowed to go free, though they would never be free in their consciences again, and the twenty-seven were taken out and lined up against a stone wall. When the machine guns were done with their deadly clattering there were twenty-seven bloody corpses to be taken out and buried in a common grave—and twenty-seven souls to receive a glorious welcome into the eternal city."—Evangelistic Illustrations.

In modern America we do not live under such conditions. But what if such a time should come? Would you be willing to place your life on the line, as many have done since the days of Stephen, the first Christian martyr, or as some of the disciples?—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. When God sends out His servants, He invests them with His power (Luke 9:1).

B. God is interested in the whole of man, both the spiritual and the physical (v. 2).

C. God's servants are to look to Him not only for their message but also for their maintenance (v. 3).

D. Those who serve God are not to seek the best accommodations for themselves (v. 4).

E. Those who reject the servants of God do so to their own hurt (v. 5).

F. Those who want to follow Christ must be ready to forsake their own interests (v. 23).

G. He who gains the world has gained nothing; he who loses his soul has lost everything (v. 25).

H. When the Lord calls His followers, He does not negotiate with them about the terms (vv. 57-62).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Luke 9:23 tells us that would-be disciples of Jesus should count the cost of following Him.

The first item on the price list of discipleship, that which we must give up, is selfishness. Self-denial is no easy price to pay, for we are naturally selfish. But each must be able to say with the apostle Paul, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20, American Standard Version). Although giving up selfish attitudes is most difficult, there is no real cost involved. In the final analysis nothing of value is sacrificed when we pay the price of selfishness.

The second price of discipleship is usefulness. Jesus orders us to take up our cross daily. That means we are to choose extra burdens for His sake. It means we are to find avenues of service in His kingdom. In other words, taking up the cross of discipleship gives meaning and fulfillment to our existence.

The third payment is aimlessness. The

command of Jesus, "Follow me," gives one a goal and a leader. Following sus gives direction to life.

Summed up, the real cost of discipleship is a long string of zeros. Christians have nothing to lose and everything to gain.—Standard Commentary.

B. "This generation wants privilege without responsibility, the cross without the crown, the bitter without the sweet, the delights without the duties," said Vance Havner in one of his sermons. we are going to go "all the way" with God, if we are going to be real disciples rather than just nominal Christians, we must deny self and take up the cross, sacrifice daily and follow Jesus as Lord and Master.

A Christian young man went away to college. When he was unpacking his things and making his room liveable, he placed a placard on the wall with the three letters J. O. Y. Everyone who came into his room could see the sign and wondered what it meant. Finally one of his friends decided to ask the question: What does the placard mean? This is the answer he received. "The letters stand for Jesus first, other second, and yourself last. Then the first letter of each one spells joy." The young man knew the real meaning of discipleship. Do you?—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

C. Lazy Christians do not make good disciples. Some of them remind us of the lazy fellow who sat on his porch, his feet propped up, when a parade went by. His wife came from her washing to admire the procession, describing the beautiful floats, flowers, and cars. "Maw," the man drawled, "I'd like to have seen that parade, but I wan't settin' the right way."—The Advance Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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A minister once asked a man why he did not give of his time and money to help support the work of Christ. "Well," said the man, "the dying thief did not help with missions; and he was saved wasn't he?"

"Yes," said the preacher, "I believe he was; but you must remember that he was a dying thief, whereas you are a living one."

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The number of foreign missionaries throughout the world is no more than the full maintenance crew of six aircraft carriers. No wonder the job of converting the world is scarcely begun.—Bookworm.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

(continued from page twelve)

In spite of his disappointment at not being included in things, Lance couldn't be excited when the day of the race dawned bright and clear.

Lance's eyes danced, and he yelled enthusiastically as the different events came up. At last it was time for the relay team. Lance swallowed a lump in his throat as the five boys lined up easily into place. It would be fun to be out there, too.

Suddenly there was a gasp from the crowd. Jerry's skate had hit a small hole, thrown onto the ice by a tiny corner, and Jerry had fallen. As the crowd gathered around him, it was obvious that Jerry would not race. Already his ankle was beginning to swell. Quickly Lance refused the small sense of satisfaction that leaped up in his heart. He wouldn't be glad that the team couldn't skate. With the Lord's help he wouldn't. Then he could hardly believe his eyes; Bob was skating over to where he stood.

Bob's eyes avoided Lance's as he asked if Lance would take Jerry's place. "You said you were a good skater," Bob said half defiantly. "There isn't another good skater here."

Lance opened his mouth to refuse. He had kept him out of everything and hadn't even allowed him to use his skates once. Now, when he was in trouble, he wanted Lance to help him. Then, almost to his own surprise, Lance was agreeing. Quickly he strapped on the skates that had been carefully reserved from Jerry's feet.

Quickly Lance took off. At first the Parkerville skater added even more distance between himself and Lance. But slowly the skills of his years of skating returned, and Lance found himself skimming quickly over the ice. As he made a turn and started back, he could see that he was gaining on the tiring Parkerville skater. Now only a scant yard separated them. Lance could hear the excitement of the crowd as he closed in on the boy from Parkerville. Now they were even. An ugly thought pushed itself to the front of Lance's mind. Why let up just a little? No one would know; and Bob and his friends might find out how it felt to be on the outside looking in. Breathing a quick prayer, Lance put out a burst of speed and finished a scant inches ahead of the Parkerville skater.

Parkerville skater. He'd won the race for Greenville, and Lance knew he'd won a battle with himself, too.

Dropping down on the ground beside the frozen river, Lance could hardly believe his ears as a hand slapped him heartily on the back and Bob yelled to

everyone within hearing distance, "How about my brother? Isn't he some keen skater?"

Looking up at Bob, Lance knew he'd won more than a race. He had a feeling he wouldn't be on the outside looking in any more.—Junior Trails.

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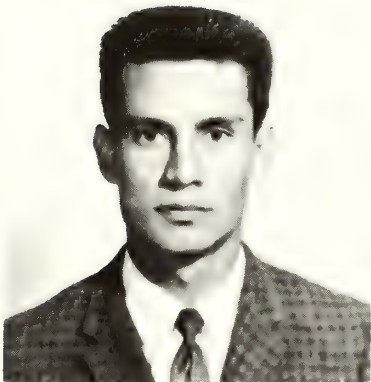
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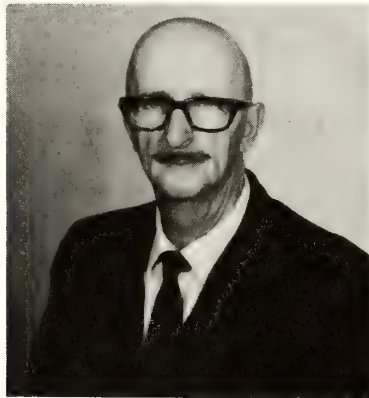
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DO THESE PEOPLE HAVE PEW-ITIS?

A BAD CASE OF PEW-ITIS

Joints are stiff—especially knee joints.

Sitting is more comfortable than standing.

Moving a step or two out of the seat is unthinkable.

It's better to remain still; no sudden movements are advisable.

Move the eyes a bit, the mouth a lot, the hands now and then, and shuffle the feet (perhaps), but stay where you are!

You have pew-itis!

Pew-itis: a chronic disease of many church members, which is painful to them (in a strange comfortable way), but more painful to the ones who have to watch them frown, listen to them gripe, and do the work that should logically fall to them.

Pew-itis: an often incurable disease (at least by conventional methods), one which is so easily recontracted, extremely contagious, often misunderstood, and sometimes even untreatable. The only possible "relief" is to remain seated and do nothing.

Pew-itis: It doesn't always come with old age. It often attacks the young, and when sustained for many years, it presents an almost irremovable problem for the minister and for the church program.

Nothing much of value can be realized from pew-itis. Sufferers of it do nothing of value for themselves or for the church, and no one can suffer from it unless he attends church services. Usually pew-sitting people are a welcome sight, unless they sit so tight that nothing short of dynamite could budge them. Therefore, a church full of pew-itis sufferers is worse than a church full of empty pews. A challenging remark? Perhaps—but consider this, if you will:

Someone has to carry on the work of the church. Someone has to visit the sick, the aging, possible converts; someone has to teach, fill in for the preacher, sing in the choir, serve on various necessary committees, and what have you. Many churches must depend on their members to maintain the church, to keep it clean, to take it upon themselves to do, to do, to do. Pew-sitters seldom do more than sit—and that doesn't "set well" with the church program or those really interested in it.

Okay, what can be done? Little. And, pew-itis is not a malady that comes upon a person against his will. Neither is pew-itis a disease that cannot be prevented. It is brought about by desire on the part of the sufferer. He brings it upon himself and seems happy in his self-styled misery. He cannot be cured by medicine, by help of fellow members even. The only cure is found in himself, in his getting out of the pew—and working!

Pew-itis. Peculiar? Yes. Necessary? Perhaps—for some people. Of any benefit? None, except maybe to fill the church with people to whom the preacher can deliver a message. Infectious? Indeed, for unconcern breeds unconcern, as does laziness and lackadaisiness.

Pew-itis. Ever seen anybody with it? Do you perhaps have it yourself? Insulted? Okay, next Sunday, see how comfortable your pew is. If it is extremely comfortable, it might very well be that you too are suffering from a bad case of pew-itis!

Pew-itis. Pew-itis. Pew-itis. Even the sound of it makes you sick, doesn't it?

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"TRAGEDY"

by MARIE MANIRE CHAPMAN

KATHERINE and Abe Leaver had been married for seven years. Abe had good job, and so did she. As buyer for ladies' apparel shop, Katherine's life was wrapped up in fashions, beauty shop appointments, and modeling clothes.

Those were busy days in their new ten-room brick "dream house" in Nashville, Tennessee. Then they discovered they would have to plan for another room—a nursery. Katherine rebelled at the unwanted intrusion into her selfish little world, but finally she set about planning an elaborate room for their Christmas present, as the baby was scheduled to be. She even spent extra money on the nursery to appease her guilt feelings. As the room began to come alive with cheerful, romping animals, fluffy curtains, and pastel baby furniture, she began to anticipate the pleasure of seeing her own little chubby darling in that setting. When baby showers had provided cuddly blankets and soft, fuzzy towels and sleepers, Katherine was sure it would be fun to dress up the baby and make clothes for her.

Always "her." Even her name was chosen: Elana. She'd be so special; she'd have to have a very special name. Abe agreed it, too.

Everything worked out just right. The baby girl was delivered at noon on December 21. Katherine saw Abe sitting by the bed when she emerged from the effects of the anesthetic.

"How is the baby, Abe?" she murmured.

"All right, I guess," he said, a little hesitantly. "She looks like a little Hawaiian."

"What do you mean, Abe?" Katherine was suddenly wide-awake.

"Well—the doctor has some things to tell us," he said.

The doctor came in after dinner for a talk that she would always remember.

"Mrs. Leaver, your baby is a borderline Mongoloid," said Dr. Thomas S. Weaver.

Her heart sank. Mongoloid? She was terrified. It sounded so ominous. Where had she heard the word? Oh, yes—a large boy with slanting eyes she'd known in childhood was called "Mongoloid." He couldn't even talk—just babbled. And now—oh, it couldn't be!

"Why?" she demanded. "Why would my baby be born that way?"

Dr. Weaver carefully explained the combination of chromosomes which sometimes occurs when a family is begun later in life. "It is not at all a sign of some inherited mental weakness," he told them. "On the contrary, some very brilliant people have had Mongoloid children."

But why did it have to happen to her? The doctor had more to say.

"Mrs. Leaver, in all probability, your baby will never walk or talk. It is my suggestion that you leave her here at the hospital. She will be taken care of; and perhaps through studying her and making tests, medical science can determine facts which will be helpful in the future."

No. Though her whole world had come apart at the seams, Katherine could not leave her baby there. She had to take her home, regardless of her handicap. Her own bitterness gathered momentum during those hopeless days in the hospital. Abe's Christian mother quoted Bible verses to her, but it was a Book out of Katherine's line. Besides, hadn't God allowed this tragedy?

Abe came to take her home on Christmas Eve. Even the gloomy, snowy weather reflected her emotions. Watching Abe

carry the little, helpless bundle into their lovely home, she felt too numb to weep.

After she became strong enough to manage, she mechanically went through the daily routines of baths, feedings, and changes. She avoided looking into the slightly slanting eyes set in that round little face. While Elana slept, Katherine moped on her own bed, immersed in self-pity and hopelessness. She'd rather die than face her friends! The idea of dying grew in appeal.

Abe's mother, seeing her growing despondency, continued trying to bring comfort from the Bible and praying earnestly. But for three months Katherine cried out, "Why? Why me? Why not somebody else in my family? Some of them have led worse lives than I! Look at them, with their nice, healthy children!"

She rocked to and fro disconsolately one day, half listening to a Christian radio broadcast. They were always telling people to trust in God! When it was over, she switched off the radio. Then a tug in her heart moved her to pray.

She held Elana up for God to see and tried to find words. "Lord, if you can just give me this peace they're talking about, the peace Abe's mother talks about, and help me live with this tragedy—" As her voice trailed off into uncertainty, she looked up through tears. Across her view came a vision of Jesus on the Cross. She could see the nail-prints in the hands that had been torn for her. She saw the cruel, thorny crown on His head.

With a sob she cast herself at the foot of the place where she saw the Cross. "If you love me that much, I want to love you, too," she responded with all her heart.

Abe came in and found her kneeling. She was smiling for the first time in three months. When he learned why, he, too, knelt in dedication.

With the coming of Jesus into her heart, Katherine felt His love come, also. For the first time, she loved her poor helpless baby. Somehow, she knew Elana would not be as helpless as predicted. Before long she noticed that Elana was eating and sleeping better, gaining in every way. She is sure, however, that mere human love did not change a borderline Mongoloid baby into a sturdy attractive, helpful little girl whose IQ astounded her doctors.

In the third grade, Elana read above her grade level. Her memory was keener than that of some classmates. Despite

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

HEART BELIEF NECESSARY

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:46

There is a story of a Nova Scotia sailor who has the Lord's Prayer tattooed on his back. He says that his dying mother asked him never to part with the back cover of a family Bible, on which the Lord's Prayer was printed in letters of gold. For many years he carried this cover on all his cruises; but one day, having a tussle with a sailor, he lost it overboard. Bad luck pursued him after that; and finally a companion who had heard him lament the loss of the talisman suggested his having the prayer tattooed on his back. He did this, though he suffered very much during the process.

Alas! there are many who are making the mistake of this poor, ignorant, superstitious sailor. There are multitudes who are putting their religion on the outside rather than on the inside.—*John and His Friends.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we examine our own hearts and lives, how do we "stack up"? As we re-examine ourselves, how do we?

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

BATS AND SWALLOWS

Scripture Reading—Matthew 23:23

A traveler in Borneo tells of finding there a great cave which was occupied in the daytime by the bats, and at night by the swallows. As he watched the mouth of the cave about sunset, the first column of bats appeared, and wheeled away down the valley in a long coil, winding over the treetops in a wonderfully close and regular order. These were followed in less than a minute's time by another column, and in forty minutes, forty-seven distinct columns were counted, each about six hundred feet long by ten feet thick. It was estimated that over half a billion bats flew out of the cave in less than three-quarters of an hour. As the last bats flew away, the swallows appeared in enormous numbers and for a long time there was a ceaseless whirl of wings. Soon after dawn the next morning, the bats returned, and literally

rained into the cave, while the swallows passed out in a counter current. Some people try to live a double life like that. To the outer world, they try to make it appear that they are as innocent as swallows, while underneath the bats hold revel.—*Louis Albert Banks.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we in some way "identify" with these birds? Do we try to lead double lives? Are we successful? If so, what are we trying to prove? Why???

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

ROASTED NEIGHBOR

Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:20; Proverbs 11:13

Dr. VanDyke once pictured evil-speaking in the following brief, pointed paragraph: "Cannibalism," he said, "is dying out among the barbarous tribes, but it still survives among the most highly civilized peoples. You might find yourself in some difficulty if you invited a company of friends to a feast in which the principal dish was a well-roasted neighbor. Everybody would refuse with horror. But if you wish to serve up somebody's character at a social entertainment, or pick the bones of somebody's reputation in a quiet corner, you will find ready guests and almost incredible appetites."—*Courtesy Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Could we ever have been guilty of "imbibing" someone's character at a luncheon, picking the bones of someone's reputation at coffee break, or eating a generous helping of a well-roasted neighbor? Perish the thought!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

THE HEATHEN FATHER'S WELCOME

Scripture Reading—Luke 15

T. R. Stevenson, of Shanghai, says a wealthy merchant of Canton had two sons, the elder of a dissipated youth who accompanied with thieves and gamblers, and was driven from home after wasting his share of the patrimony. Reduced to beggary, he joined a band of robbers who entered his father's house and stole his chest of money. His crime was discovered, and his father sent a trusty to tell him that on the promise of a better life he would be forgiven, and might return. The servant found him in penury, and advised him that the time to reform was now or never. He relented and went to his father's house, and was received with every mark of joy, even a banquet being prepared to celebrate the reconciliation, but the dish set before him was poisoned, and that night he died in agony. Nothing was done to call the father to account, as in Chinese law the son is the father's chattel to do with as he will. To such our missionaries are teaching the truth of Luke 15.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We know that we can sin and be for-

given. We have no fear of being punished—to say nothing of being killed. If we would only repent and sin no more. We know all of this—dare we try?

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

WHAT HE GOT OUT OF IT

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 24:17, 2

All the workers in our Egyptian mission are proud of the answer of a young Hammedan who became a Christian. His former friends were baiting him, and said, "What have you got out of it?" He replied, "I can forgive."—*Christian Union Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

What have you gotten out of being a Christian? Can you forgive? Is it worth going "all out" for? Think it over. Is

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

HER FEAR FORGOTTEN

Scripture Reading—Revelation 14:13

All my life I entertained a great fear of death, till one of my own children went to be with the Lord. During the funeral service the minister told the following story: "A shepherd led his flock to the banks of a swiftly flowing stream. Sheep are naturally afraid of rapidly running water. The shepherd could not induce them to cross until he picked up a little lamb and stepped with it into the river, bearing it carefully and tenderly to the opposite shore. When the mother saw where the lamb had gone, she forgot her fear and stepped into the rushing current and was soon safely on the other side. All the rest of the flock followed her leadership."—*Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Many have not had to experience what this person has. The above story is indeed comforting. Having faith in God—complete faith—is what does it. Do we have it?

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

AN HONEST BOOK

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:1

An interesting story is told about a certain English nobleman. He has an enormous brass-bound, leather-covered ledger, and belonged to the founder of his family. What makes it so precious is not so much its antiquity and quaintness and personal association, as the following prayer which appears as its first entry: "O Lord, keep me and this book honest." This is a prayer that every man may well adopt for himself.—*Gospel Gleaners.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Being honest with God, our fellowmen and ourselves. What a precious heritage!

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A gossip speaks ill of all, and all of her.—*Gnomologia.*

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

Beta Club Member

Charles Warren, the son of the late M. Warren, was inducted as a member of the Southern Nash Beta Club on January 10, 1972.



Charles came to the Children's Home five years ago. He represents the Home well everywhere he goes. He is a member of the Monogram Club and was a star football player on the Southern Nash football team. His hobbies are sports and reading.

Charles would like to go to North Carolina University and become a Christian psychiatrist. He likes to help others with their problems. "It just makes me feel good to have someone come to me with a problem and to think I helped them to feel better," said Charles.

Charles has an average of 92. Congratulations, Charles!

Merit System Works

(Thank You for Your Support!)

The beginning of 1972 finds us much higher up the ladder in the educational program. Our kids are going the second mile to do their best work. One student, Judy Hill, is singled out this month for

her determination to catch up for time spent in special education for five years. As a sophomore her average now is a C, with a B in biology. We are very proud of Judy. Bobby Bottoms is another young man who merits a special congratulation. He is in the fifth grade and he just couldn't read. He admitted this to me, to his teacher, and to himself. Since that day he has really been on fire to learn how to read with understanding.

This semester we are having a big brother—big sister system. Some of the older students are taking one younger child to help daily. This special interest shown by someone they respect will double their progress, we hope.

The merit gifts are received with a joyous spirit, because it is a tough job to measure up for six weeks. One child who didn't make the merit box the first time made it the second time and, instead of choosing something for himself, he chose a gift for his teacher. Items that are most popular are rugs, pictures, lamps, pretty wastepaper baskets—anything to brighten up their rooms. We appreciate your support and your part in encouraging these "your children" to make the best better.

LET'S TALK ABOUT GOD

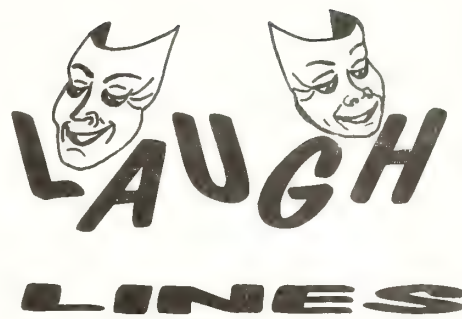
SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE
UNION GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Route 1, Fremont, North Carolina

JANUARY 28, 29, 30, 1972

All area church members are invited to attend and bring a basket lunch and spend the days, Saturday and Sunday, The Rev. R. P. Harris is the host pastor.

What you give to others in need will always return to you manifold.



By Margo Mangum

Sometimes the school classroom can get to be a boring place. Even the little ones get tired of the same thing every day. The teacher decided to try something different.

"Today we are going to learn some new words and what they mean. Let's start out with the word 'unprecedented.'"

A little girl in the middle row looked solemn for a moment and then excitedly raised her hand, hardly able to remain in her seat.

When called upon, she hesitated a moment, then answered with, "Maybe I'm not right, but I think it's when Mrs. Nixon is without the President."

The most utterly lost of all days is that one in which you have not once laughed!

NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my gratitude to the various churches and auxiliaries for the many cards and gifts I received on my birthday and during the holiday season. They meant so much to me! May God richly bless all of you for your kindness.

Mrs. Bessie Mitchell
Box 65
Pikeville, North Carolina 27863

ALCOHOL'S COLOR SCHEME

"Beverage alcohol," said the doctor who knew, as quoted in Grit, "gives you a red nose, a black eye, a white liver, a yellow streak, a green brain, a dark brown breath, and a blue outlook." A color scheme that wouldn't appeal to a truly artistic soul!—Christian Union Herald.

News & Notes

of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Plymouth Church Ground-Breaking Ceremony for New Parsonage



On Saturday, January 1, 1972, at 9 a.m., the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Carolina, held a ground-breaking ceremony for the new church parsonage. The ceremony opened with the pastor, the Rev. Robert Langley, reading Psalm 127:1, "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." The ceremony closed with prayer.

Several church members and officers were present to see Mr. Langley turn the first shovel of earth for the cornerstone of the parsonage. Columbus Sawyer of Columbia, North Carolina, is the contractor for the parsonage which is scheduled for completion by July 1, 1972. The building will be located on the church property at the corner of West Avenue and Highway 64 in Plymouth.

During 1971 the Plymouth church added nine members to its roll: six by letters of transfer and three by baptism. This makes a total membership of one hundred. The church also has recently completed an improvement program which included painting and repairs.

Your prayers are requested as this group continues to labor in the Lord's work.

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Spiritual Life Conference At Union Grove Church

A Spiritual Life Conference, "Let's Talk About God," will be held January 28, 29, and 30 at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina. Six great, soul-stirring, heartwarming, spiritual, and evangelical services will be presented during this weekend, featuring dynamic speakers, thrilling testimonies, and uplifting singing. The scheduled program is as follows:

January 28, 7:30 P. M.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen, minister of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "I Saw the Lord High and Lifted Up."

January 29, 10:00 A. M.

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, minister of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Stand Up and Be Counted." The Rev. Bill Futch, minister of Rains

Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, will also speak.

January 29, 1:30 P. M.

The Rev. Earl Glenn, minister of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Few There Be Who Shall Enter into the Gates." Also on this program will be the Rev. De Wayne Eakes, minister of the Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina.

January 29, 7:30 P. M.

The Rev. Dewey C. Boling, minister of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will be speaking. Also, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce, Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "And Little Child Shall Lead Them."

January 30, 9:30 A. M.

The Rev. R. P. Harris, minister of Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina, will speak on the subject, "Heirs of God." A crucifixion burning ceremony will be held.

January 30, 1:30 P. M.

The Rev. C. F. Bowen will lead a panel discussion, featuring the Rev. Frank Harrison of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina; the Rev. James V. Joyner of Kenly, North Carolina; Mr. Carlton Frederick of Goldsboro, North Carolina; and the Rev. Joe Gerald of Goldsboro.

January 30, 3:00 P. M.

Students from Mount Olive College will lead in a singspiration and testimonial service.

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Fourth Union of Central Conference Meets with Saratoga Church

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene with the Saratoga, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church Sunday, January 30, 1972. The host pastor is the Rev. Charles Branch. The theme will be, "In the Beginning, God," with Scripture taken from John 1:1-6. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School

11:00—Hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy"

—Scripture Reading and Prayer
Mrs. Edward Walston

Coming Events . . .

March 7—Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, 8 P.M.

- Welcome, Mr. Albert Proctor
- Response, Mr. Preston Radford
- 15—President's Remarks
- Recognition Time
- Greetings from the Children's Home
- Hymn, "I Am Resolved"
- 30—Special Music, Mr. Charlie Beamon
- Sermon, the Rev. Charles Branch
- Appointment of Committees
- Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 15—Devotions, Mr. Robert Oakley
- Special Music, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oakley
- News from Mount Olive College
- Business Period
- Program, Local Church
- 15—Adjournment

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Mr. and Mrs. Wade Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



On Sunday, November 21, 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Wade of Grifton, North Carolina, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with a reception given in their honor in the educational building of Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Wade and their son, C. J. Wade, are members of Elm Grove church. Members of the woman's auxiliary of the church assisted at the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade are the parents of ten children as follows: Bruce Wade, Grifton; Mrs. Myrtle Steward, North Carolina; Mrs. Hazel Phillips, Kinston, North Carolina; Mrs. Irene Graham, Goldsboro, North Carolina; C. J. Wade, California; Mrs. Geraldine Brown, Princeton, North Carolina; Mrs. Betty Brindell, Hickory, North Carolina; Mrs. Nancy Lassiter, Hamlet, North Carolina; Mrs. Rose Cameron, Charlotte, North

Carolina; and Gordon Wade, Caswell Center, Kinston. Four of their daughters are registered nurses and C. J. Jr. is in the armed forces. While he was stationed in Korea he took an interest in a 14-year-old Korean boy and began supporting him; he is still supporting him today.

At the reception Mr. and Mrs. Wade requested that in lieu of personal gifts that gifts be made to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina, instead. The gifts of money and commodities amounted to \$423 for which the Home was very appreciative.

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White Oak Church Announces Revival



The White Oak Free Will Baptist Church located five miles west of Maysville, North Carolina, on the White Oak River Road in Jones County, announces revival services for the week of January 24-28. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. Victor Riggs, will assist in these services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Fifth Union Meeting of The Eastern Conference

The Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Whortonsville, North Carolina, will be host to the Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference Saturday morning, January 20. The host pastor is the Rev. David Powell. The program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn
- Devotional, the Rev. James Johnson
- Welcome, the Rev. David Powell
- Response, the Rev. Charlie Rice
- 10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers

- 10:25—Reading of Minutes
- Roll Call of Churches
- Offering for Children's Home
- 10:50—Reports of Denominational Enterprises
- 11:15—Business Session
- 11:30—Report of Finance Committee
- Announcements
- 11:40—Special Music, Host Church
- 11:55—Worship Service:
- Message, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- Adjournment
- Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Missionary Conference Stoney Creek Church

January 21-23, 7:30 each evening, with the exception of Sunday evening will be seven o'clock, there will be a missionary conference held at the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

On Friday evening, January 21, the Rev. J. E. Timmons, along with two Mexican pastors, the Revs. Antonio Castillo and Antonio Escobar, will conduct the service. On Saturday evening, January 22, the Rev. Joseph Ingram, North Carolina State Missions Director, along with the Stoney Creek Ladies Quartet, will present an inspiring service.

On Sunday, January 23, at 3 p.m., there will be a combined rally with the Daniels Chapel, Pleasant Grove, and the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Churches at the Stoney Creek church. The Rev. Harold Stevens, missionary to Africa, will be the speaker. Mr. Stevens will also speak at the Sunday evening service at seven o'clock.

The host pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, invites the public to attend all these services possible.

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Spring Hill to Host First Western Union

The Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County, North Carolina, will be host to the First Union Meeting of the Western Conference Saturday, January 29. The moderator, the Rev. Dewey Boling, will preside; assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 10:00—Opening Devotional, the Rev. Joe Gerald
- 10:15—Welcome, the Rev. William Dale
- Response, to Be Supplied
- 10:20—Business Session
- 10:45—Morning Worship:
- Congregational Singing
- (continued on page nine)

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Harrison Receives Membership American Association of Pastoral Counselors



Frank R. Harrison, chaplain at Mount Olive College and director of denominational services, has been granted membership to the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, which is a nationally recognized organization of professional persons in clinical pastoral education who have demonstrated knowledge and skill in the discipline of pastoral counseling. To qualify for membership in the association, one must demonstrate knowledge of personality development and dynamics, as well as skills in using a variety of counseling approaches in marital and family therapy, as well as personal counseling.

Mr. Harrison attended Mount Olive College and earned his Bachelor's degree from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, North Carolina. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

In June, 1971, Harrison completed two years of postgraduate study in the School of Pastoral Care at North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray

School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Then he served as a chaplain and assistant chaplain supervisor with major emphasis of his training in pastoral counseling.

Prior to his study at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Mr. Harrison served as pastor of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, for eight years. He also served as a marriage and family counselor in the Surry County Mental Health Clinic, Mount Airy, North Carolina, on a part-time basis during his last year of study in clinical pastoral education at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Mr. Harrison is also director of family counseling service at Mount Olive College which was organized to meet counseling needs of individuals referred to him by doctors, ministers, lawyers, and other professional persons.

He is a member of the North Carolina Family Life Council, Incorporated, and the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Incorporated.

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Harrison to Speak at Gum Swamp Church

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, will be the guest speaker at the evening service of the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Belvoir, North Carolina, on January 23, 1972, at seven o'clock. Mr. Harrison will represent Mount Olive College and bring the evening message.

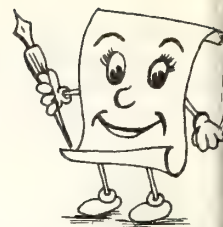
The pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, invites everyone in driving distance to come out for this service.

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Heavenly Father, kind and good,
Now we thank thee for this food;
For thy love and tender care,
For thy blessings that we share.
Now to thee our voices raise,
In a hymn of grateful praise."

—Gospel Herald.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Being a Christian is no guarantee things will go smoothly and work out as we plan.

It's practically impossible to get joyful feeling about anything when you have such a cold that your eyes are swimming and your nose is drowning. And your ears chime along with the organ major's lament that both feet have turned into ankles, both hands are reversed with thumbs in the middle, and "I'll never pass! I just can't play!" The high school son's history project won't gel because the actors in the Pompeii film can't practice. And good ole Dad is suddenly allergic to the dye in his winter uniform.

It makes one think of Job's wife "Curse God and die." Well, things aren't that bad. Not yet.

One day makes a difference. The cold wanes, eyes are dry, and nose is holding its own. The chimes are subdued enough for me to imagine how the organ music sounds and say, "Look, that pedal isn't so bad. At least it's 'left, right, left, right,' so you have time to prepare for the next notes." An encouragement about the feet helps put the hands and thumbs in the correct locations.

We talk about the Pompeii movie. It surely is expensive, and time consuming. I'll type the paper he dictates if he'll draw a map of the city and use some of the snapshots he made of the actors. It should make a good essay. His research that wouldn't show up in a film won't be wasted. Okay. Actors are discharged.

Two problems are solved, and the family physician eases Dad's pain.

You know, Job's wife should have sympathized and encouraged him. Instead, while his "friends" chided him, she probably sat outside the circle chuckling, nodding her head, and approving.

But she had never heard Romans 8:28.

Did He let me catch that cold so I'd miss work, be home, and available when they needed me most?

NEWS NOTES

(continued from page seven)

Special Music; Host Church Offering for Children's Home Missionary Service, the Revs. Joseph Ingram, J. E. Timmons, Antonio Castillo, and Antonio Escobar

—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 10:00—Devotional, H. M. Minshew
- 5—Business Session
- News from Denominational Enterprises
- Reports of Committees
- 5—Adjournment

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Ormondsville Adult Choir Honors Pastor on Birthday



The adult choir of Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, honored its pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice, with a surprise birthday supper Saturday evening, January 8, at the recreation building of the church.

Mr. Rice, who is now in his sixteenth year as pastor of the Ormondsville church, was taken by surprise when he and Mrs. Rice arrived at the church Saturday evening and was greeted with the singing of "Happy Birthday" by the choir members and their families. He was also surprised to learn that a fish stew dinner (Mr. Rice's favorite dish) had been prepared, along with all the trimmings and a beautiful birthday cake.

The choir presented to Mr. Rice a beautiful topcoat which he seemed to appreciate very much. One of Mr. Rice's dearest dreams is to one day own a Cadillac; so Mrs. Rice presented him a miniature Cadillac stating that she was

sure this was the closest he would ever come to owning one.

Along with the approximately forty guests attending were the honored guest's daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Broadway and sons, Jeffrey and Pat from Kinston, North Carolina.

During the fifteen years that Mr. Rice has pastored the Ormondsville church, many things have been accomplished for the Lord, both spiritual and physical. During his pastorate the church roll has been revised into an active and an inactive roll with several members being added to the active roll. The church has gone from a half-time pastorate to services every Sunday morning and each second and fourth Sunday evening, with the exception of no services on fifth Sunday.

Physically the church has gone through many changes. To name a few: a Hammond organ has been purchased, acoustic ceiling installed in the sanctuary, wall-to-wall carpet, new pews, a baptistry with dressing rooms built, central heating and air-conditioning installed, and the most recent: aluminum siding has been installed on the outside of the building (with not one cent of indebtedness against the church).

Truly God has been good to the Ormondsville church and a great deal of credit is due the pastor and his good wife.

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N. C. Ministerial Association Spiritual Life Conference

The North Carolina Ministerial Association Semiannual Spiritual Life Conference will convene with the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Vandemere, North Carolina, Friday and Saturday, January 21, 22. Officers include: President, the Rev. David C. Hansley; vice-president, the Rev. Robert Rollins; secretary, the Rev. Harry A. Jones; and treasurer, the Rev. Ralph Sumner. The theme of the conference will be, "A Call to Personal Evangelism," with Scripture taken from John 1:40, 41, 45, 46; and Acts 8:4. The scheduled program is as follows:

Friday, January 21

6:30 P. M.—Banquet

8:00 P. M.—Service

- Songs of Inspiration
- President's Remarks
- Presentation: "Minister of the Year Award"
- Special Music
- Message: "The Challenge to Personal Evangelism," the Rev. Noah D. Brown
- Hymn of Dedication

—Benediction

Saturday, January 22

10:00 A. M.—Hymn

—Prayer

—Welcome and Announcements

—Special Music

—Message: "The Christian's Equipment for Personal Evangelism," the Rev. John Swain

—Hymn

—Message: "The Holy Spirit in Personal Evangelism," the Rev. Lloyd Vernon

—Hymn

—Message: "Three Human Essentials for Personal Evangelism," the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.

The Mount Zion church is located south of Cash Corner, North Carolina. Traveling from Bayboro, one is to take Highway 304 to Cash Corner.

Motel accommodations may be secured at Oriental, North Carolina, which is a short driving distance to the church. Each person will be responsible for making his own reservations, and may do so by contacting one of the following motels: The Oriental Marina, phone 249-4111; the River Neuse Motel, phones 249-4081 and 249-3231.

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Young World Singers To Be at Sound Side

The Young World Singers will be at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, North Carolina, Saturday night, January 22, at 7 p. m. to conduct a service of gospel singing and testimonies. Everyone is cordially invited to come out and share an evening of real spiritual blessing.

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Western Ministers' Fellowship At Pine Level Church

The Western Conference Ministers' Fellowship will meet with the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Level, North Carolina, January 25, at 7 p. m. All ministers of the conference are urged to be present.

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"Lord, for tomorrow and its needs

I do not pray;

Keep me, my God, from stains of sin

Just for today.

Help me to labor earnestly,

And duly pray;

Let me be kind in word and deed,

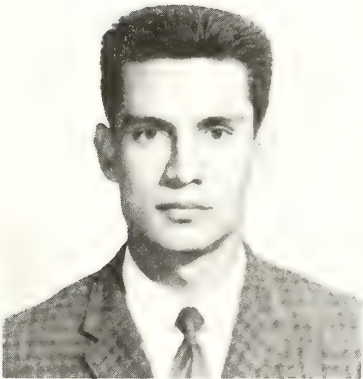
Father, today."

—Gospel Herald.

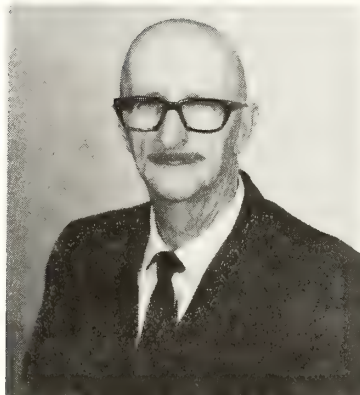
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DATES

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| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 | Sherron Acres Church, Durham, North Carolina |
| THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 | Oak Grove Church, Elizabethtown, North Carolina |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 24 | Casey's Chapel Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 24 | Lee's Chapel Church, Dunn, North Carolina |
| TUESDAY, JANUARY 25 | Johnston Union Church, Smithfield, North Carolina |
| WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26 | Holly Springs Church, Newport, North Carolina |
| THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 | Williamston Church, Williamston, North Carolina |
| FRIDAY, JANUARY 28 | Kenly Church, Kenly, North Carolina |
| SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 | East Rockingham Church, Rockingham, North Carolina |
| MONDAY, JANUARY 31 | Sidney Church, Belhaven, North Carolina |
| TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | Sandy Plain Church, Beulaville, North Carolina |
| WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 | Wintergreen Church, Cove City, North Carolina |
| THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | Hull Road Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina |
| FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 | Black Jack Church, Greenville, North Carolina |
| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | Hearon Circle Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina |

CHURCHES

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Do we have secular evidence of the fate of Lot's wife as being a pillar of salt as taught in Genesis 19?

Answer: Yes, I think so. The pillar of salt mentioned in Genesis 19, into which God turned her as a judgment for obeying Him, He told the whole party in mercy directed in an exodus from the doomed city. "And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; and be not behind thee, neither stay thou on all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. . . . But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt" (Genesis 19:17,

and a number of ancient writers refer to the pillar of salt into which Lot's wife was turned as she disobeyed in looking back toward Sodom as she fled from that notorious city of moral corruption. This should give us, who by becoming Christians have escaped the moral degradation of the world, the ill consequences we may gain in slowing up while in the Christian race to consider "the good old sin" that sin furnished us before we were saved. "Look not thou upon the wrath when it is red, when it giveth his blow in the cup, when it moveth itself to fight. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. For thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that is upon the top of a mast" (Proverbs 31:34); "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should not be cast into hell" (Matthew 5:29).

Job tells how he kept from the pit of yielding to temptations, "I made covenant with mine eyes; why then

should I think upon a maid? For what portion of God is there from above? and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high? Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?" (Job 31:1-3). Paul says it somewhat differently, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (Colossians 3:5); "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Romans 8:13); "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway" (1 Corinthians 9:27); "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Galatians 5:24).

Josephus, a Jewish historian generally thought to be a reliable reporter on the affairs of Israel, who wrote shortly after the Christian era began, says in his *Antiquities* 1:2, 4, that the pillar of salt was still extant and that he himself had seen it. Others wrote of a peculiar formation of crumbling crystalline rock said by tradition to be the pillar. Clemens Romanus, Irenaeus, and Benjamin of Judea wrote also of the strange formation visible in their day. Later writers who examined the scene said it had ceased to exist in their day. The Arabs connect a pillar some fifty feet high composed of salt crystals and capped with carbonate of lime with the Bible story. This was found by an American exploring party led by Lieutenant Lynch. It is located on the southwestern shore of the Dead Sea at a place called by the Arab natives, Usdum. A Professor Palmer claims to have seen this same formation. Some modern archaeologists think this formation could be the result of that which Genesis 19 tells of connected with the escape of Lot and his family from the doomed cities. That this particular salt formation is that formed by God's

curse is another of those things we cannot at present be certain of; however, we may be definitely and dogmatically certain that the incident like all others reported in the Bible took place exactly as it is depicted in the Scriptures.

There is one thing we Christians may be certain that supercedes a detailed proof of the whereabouts of Lot's wife's body; and that is, that whereas we were lost, we are now saved and that this indicates that we are Christlike; and that by obedience to Him, as the Word teaches, we grow in this likeness. Such knowledge should help us in losing identity with the world.

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Question: Please explain, "And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth" (Mark 5:39). How do you interpret, "The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth"?

Answer: Christ's language in this verse was as though He had used the familiar figure "she hath fallen asleep"—the same figure often employed in the Bible in describing death as sleep. Such as found in "And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7:60); "After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. . . . Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished" (1 Corinthians 15:6, 18) "And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:4).

We may find commentators that interpret the language of Mark 5 to mean that the maid was in a trance or swoon; but most scholars are agreed on the fact that Mark 5:35 is a clear affirmation that all the signs of death were evident, that the life had already departed, and that reassuring words of Jesus (Verse 36) before He had come near, or had seen the maid, were intended to strengthen the ruler's faith, preparing him for the manifestation of the exhibition of the divine power that was about to be manifested. When one reads the last nine verses he will readily see they bear out this conclusion.

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Half the world delights in slander, and the other half in believing it.—French Proverb.

STORIES

for our youth



SHARP AS A RAZOR

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

JEFF and Mark were the last ones to leave the cafeteria. As usual, Mark had cleaned his tray and accepted anything the others didn't want.

"Oh, me," he groaned, rubbing his stomach. "I think I ate too much!"

"I guess so!" agreed Jeff. "Don't you ever get enough?"

"No, not me. I'm just a growing boy."

"Well, you'd better watch it. Too much weight is going to slow you down on the basketball court."

"It'll never happen, friend." Mark sounded smug and sure of himself. He always made more points than anyone on the team, and he never let the others forget it.

The two boys went to join the others over by the shade tree. They were listening to Paul, the new boy who had just moved into town. As they neared the group, Jeff said, "Paul makes friends fast, doesn't he? I think everyone likes him."

"You know why, don't you?" Mark said pointedly.

"What are you talking about?"

"He's just a big bag of wind, that's all. He's probably never been to half those places he talks about."

"You know that's not true, Mark. His father was in the army, and they've traveled all over." Jeff spoke in defense of Paul. There was a little frown on his face as he left Mark and joined the crowd. Mark followed.

Paul was saying, "I tried real hard, but I never did learn to play the bagpipes in Scotland."

"I've never even seen a real one. Did you bring one home?" someone asked.

"Sure. Come over to my house, and I'll show you," invited Paul.

Mark covered his mouth with his hand and whispered into Jeff's ear, "Who's he trying to kid? Who cares if he has an old bagpipe?"

Jeff did not answer. He looked at Mark for a moment and then stepped away.

Now, why did I say that? thought Mark. Why can't I keep my big mouth shut? He could tell that his friend didn't like it.

Just then the bell sounded, ending noon recess. The school ground swarmed with students slowly making their way back inside. Mark lagged behind. He was thinking of what had happened just this morning at the breakfast table. Dad had asked something about the new boy, and right off Mark had answered with a smart remark.

"You must not say unkind things about people, son. Better watch that tongue of yours, or you'll be getting into trouble with your friends."

That's what his dad had said, and Mark had seen the worried look on his mother's face. Right then Mark had promised himself that he'd try to watch it. But look what had happened. He was already saying ugly things again.

Before the history class was over, he had forgotten, and he was wishing that the day would hurry and end. This was the first day of practice, and he was anxious to get off to a good start.

The afternoon dragged, but school finally ended for the day. Books slammed shut, and students stampeded down the hall. "Let's go, gang! Let's head for the gym!" Mark called, leading the way. He ran a few steps before he realized that he was alone. Turning, he saw the gang gathered by the bicycle stand. Hurrying over, he said, "Come on, boys. We'll be late for practice."

"We're coming, Mark. Paul's got to let us ride his bike first," someone answered.

"Yeah, I want to be next. May I ride, Paul?" another asked.

"Me too. I want a turn!"

"Humph! Will you look at that! With his hands on his hips Mark shrugged his shoulders, edging closer to Jeff. "They're eating him up, and he loves it! There was a touch of scorn in his voice."

Jeff turned and looked right into Mark's eyes. "What's the matter with you? They like Paul, that's all. Why can't you be friendly, too?"

Not waiting for an answer, Jeff walked away. Mark followed close on his heels, still complaining. "They don't like him. They just want to ride the bike of his, but I can't see what's special about it!"

Whirling around, Jeff said, "So that's it! You're jealous!"

"I am not!"

"Yes you are! That's the very same kind of bike you've always wanted, and just because Paul has one, you're saying all these nasty things about him! That jealousy monster really has a hold on you!"

Mark didn't like to have his best friend say those things to him, even though they might be true. "I'm not jealous, pal," he declared, shaking his head. "At least, I don't think I am. I'm jealous for the other things—I don't know what to say them. I try to watch it, but then it just pop out."

Jeff smiled and put his hand on Mark's friend's shoulder. "You've got to watch it harder, Mark. Don't be so quick. Think twice before you speak, count to ten, and do anything, but don't keep on saying things that hurt people. O.K.? Now come on. Let's practice."

Side by side, the two boys hurried to the gym. They had been best friends for years, and both of them wanted to keep it that way.

Mark promised himself silently that he would never make cutting remarks about Paul again.

Practice went well. The team was in good shape. Balls were flying through the air, and the loud sound of dribbling filled the gym.

Jeff stood almost at mid-court and sent a ball sailing through the air. It hit the front edge of the rim, wobbled once, and then dropped through the basket!

Everyone cheered. Paul ran over and slapped Jeff on the shoulder. "Great!"

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Attention: Eastern District Auxiliaries

There are three reasons why you should nominate a "Woman of the Year."

First, it gives your local auxiliary an opportunity to honor one of its most worthy members in a special way with a program, or whatever way you choose.

Second, it gives the district an opportunity to recognize an outstanding woman at the spring convention. She receives a personal gift and \$25 is sent in her honor to either the Children's Home or Mount Olive College.

Third, this donation cannot be made unless there are nominees from which to choose a winner.

The Eastern District voted to continue its observance, with January being designated "Woman of the Year" month. When your selection is made, send a resume of her activities to the district chairman before February 28. The winner, chosen by impartial judges, will be announced at the March convention at Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Lenoir, North Carolina.

The following criteria will be used to determine recipients of this award:

1. Active leadership and services in local auxiliary and church—50%;
2. General denominational work—25%;
3. Contributions to her family and home—15%; and

4. Other considerations, including community service—15%.

No registration fee is required. It costs you nothing except the effort required to make the nomination; and you receive the satisfaction and pleasure of honoring one of your exemplary members. Services listed can cover as many years as you wish.

February 28 is the deadline for nominations. As soon as possible, send yours to the Eastern District Woman of the Year chairman: Mrs. S. M. Harrison, Route 3, Box 6, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.

Nina G. Register

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Saint Mary's Grove AFC Meets

The Ambassadors for Christ Auxiliary of Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, held its monthly meeting December 16, at the home of Jan Coats. The meeting was called to order by the president, Teresa Johnson. Kimberly Batson offered the evening prayer. During the business session the AFC group voted to hold its monthly meeting the second Thursday night in each month. Plans were also made to go Christmas caroling on December 21, after which the group will meet at the home of Mike and Chris Byrd to roast marshmallows and have hot chocolate.

During the meeting Mrs. Neta Byrd,

SOME PEOPLE I KNOW!

Some people I know are kind.

They show forth kindness in thought, speech, deed, and action. To display kindness in such ways is truly a Christian virtue.

Some people I know are considerate.

These people consider their fellow-man at all times. But most important of all, they consider their service to God first. This too is truly a Christian virtue.

Some people I know are loving.

Love for God and others is the center of their lives. Loving and being loved—these also are Christian virtues.

Some people I know are kind, considerate, and loving to their pastor.

Who are these people? I'll tell you who!

They are the members of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina—who else?

How do I know?

Because I am their pastor.

Thanks be to Christ for some people I know!

—Harry A. Jones
Minister

youth director, installed the following officers for 1972: President, Gina Cobb; vice-president, Mike Byrd; secretary, Kimberly Batson; corresponding secretary, Teresa Johnson; treasurer, Pansy Byrd; and program chairman, Chris Byrd. Each officer held grains of corn in his hand as Mrs. Byrd read Scripture taken from Matthew 13:3-9.

The group recognized and welcomed three new members: Karen Langdon, Tonya Benson, and Quint Coats.

Jeffery and Steven Johnson gave the program entitled, "God's Most Wonderful Gift."

The January meeting was scheduled to be held at the home of Mrs. Nadine Matthews.

Mrs. Trudy Benson dismissed the group with all joining hands in a circle and praying together the "Lord's Prayer."

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ANCESTOR WORSHIP

Sir Thomas Overbury once remarked, "The man who has nothing to boast of but his ancestors is like a potato—the only good belonging to him is underground."—Sunday School Chronicle.

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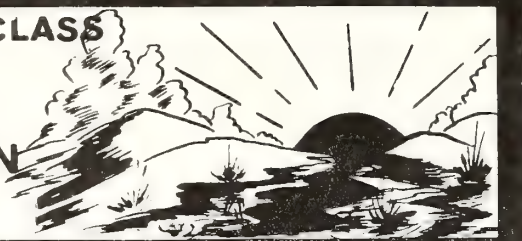
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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 30



Facing Financial Responsibilities

Lesson Text: Luke 16:10-15; 20:45-21:4

Memory Verse: Luke 16:13

I. INTRODUCTION

The question of money and its use was a matter of great importance to Jesus. He knew that money, used in its right way, could be a boon to mankind; but He also knew that the misuse of money could destroy the best intentions of men. He knew that its corrupting effects could separate man from God. Once He said, "You cannot serve God and mammon," which, in its larger sense, means wealth or possessions.

In this lesson Luke takes time to discuss these matters. We should know that God gives man the ability to acquire money through daily toil, and expects him to use it responsibly. "Man's use of money is a reflection of his sense of value." Money may very well make the man—make him a great servant of God and others, or make him one of the biggest fools in the world.

Christ is vitally concerned about our use of money, certainly for the reasons given above. This use of money involves stewardship. Christ is concerned with why we tithe and how we tithe and the "how much" of our tithing. One does not have to be a tithing steward to be saved, but one certainly must give some attention to this Christian grace if he hopes for the full blessing that comes only with full obedience.

Our hope is that this lesson may help us to see the financial responsibilities every child of God faces. This is a victory, too, that we must win.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Stewardship defined.
2. Our lesson today deals with one aspect of stewardship—financial.

B. The Unjust Steward (Luke 16:10-15)

1. Read the first part of the parable (Luke 16:1-9).
2. Faithfulness in little things (vv. 10, 11).
3. Faithfulness with another man's goods (v. 12).
4. No man can serve two masters (v. 13).

C. Jesus Answers the Pharisees (vv. 14, 15)

1. Against covetousness.
2. Against self-righteousness.
3. God knows your heart.

D. Jesus Warns the Disciples (Luke 20:45-47)

1. Beware of hypocrisy.
2. Beware of self-righteousness.

E. The Just Steward (Luke 21:1-4)

1. Jesus watches the treasury.
2. The rich cast in their gifts.
3. The widow who gave all.
4. Jesus' commendation.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. One important aspect of the relationship between God and man is that designated by the term "stewardship." We are stewards, or caretakers, of that portion of God's wealth that is in our possession.

All the wealth of the world has been entrusted by God to the care of man. God gives man the ability and opportunity to acquire possessions. Our health, our jobs, our homes, everything we possess is owned by God. You and I are His. "Ye are not your own" (1 Corinthians 6:19).

The Scriptures teach that good stewards are "found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2). Faithful in what? Faithful in the use of God's gifts. Children of God carefully invest their possessions to God's glory. The protection of our health, development of our abilities, frugal use of our time, and wise budgeting of our money are all part of our Christian stewardship.

Finally, God's wealth reverts to original ownership. When good stewardship is exercised by God's creatures, the returns, the profits, the interest, the capital gains revert to His possession and benefit. We have been appointed trustees of a share in God's great and grand estate. We are responsible for investing all we are and have in God's behalf. We live to give!—Standard Commentary.

B. A mother told her six-year-old girl "Nancy, never let a stranger give you a ride to or from school. There are wicked people who will hurt you if you get into the car with them."

One day a car pulled alongside the curb, and a man called through the open window, "Hello, Nancy! Your mother was in a hurry to go somewhere and asked me to pick you up." Nancy was quite perplexed. She remembered her mother's warning, but this man looked and acted so nicely that she got into the car. Later, when she was recovering from the ordeal she had gone through, she told her mother, "I remembered your words, Mother, but he looked like such a nice man. He even knew my name."

In giving, the only amount that counts is the amount that is kept.

A poor blind girl brought a minister three dollars for the missionary cause. He objected, "You are a poor blind girl, and you cannot afford to give so much." "Yes, I know I am blind," she said, "but I can afford to give three dollars. I am a basketmaker, and I can work in the dark as well as in the light. The other girls spent this much on candles. The money I would have spent, if I could see, I saved up to give to the missionary cause."—Ray O. Jones.

C. While teaching at our Bible College this writer knew a young man who said he was called to preach the gospel. He spent several years preparing for this noble calling, but when he left college, instead of taking up the ministry he entered into a business arrangement with another man. Soon he was making more money than he had ever before. Soon also he forgot God's calling and sold out to material things. Today he is still in business but is not happy. He refused to face financial matters with the responsibility of a man called of God to surrender his life to a nobler ideal.—C. F. Bowen.

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Ashamed of Jesus! that dear friend
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His name.

—Selected.

he Great Physician Cures

"TRAGEDY"

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earsightedness and a slight hearing defect, she kept up with school routine.

In church, Elana has been accepted and loved, for the parental attitude is catching. She fits in with other children and participates in activities.

Elana's progress has been so miraculous that renowned pediatricians have asked that she appear before medical groups and be discussed. But, since her life is ordinary and normal, Katherine does not wish to thus make her child self-conscious of "difference."

Katherine Leaver understands now some of the "why" of her broken heart. She knows that one reason was to remove from her the neat little cocoon of vanity and self-sufficiency that she had spun. Another was to put into her heart a compassion that could help others with a similar "tragedy."

Other parents have come to her to discover her secret. How could such a child become what Elana is? Katherine is glad to counsel with them and to share her experience. She finds, however, that some parents will spare no expense for medical aid for their child—if it were available. But they will not believe the part that God has played in Elana's life. They want the cure without going to the Great Physician.

Katherine can and does tell them, as Abe's mother once told her, "God loves you. He loved you enough to die for you. If you trust Him, He will surely help you meet your problem, just as He helped me."—Gospel Herald.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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work, pal! That was a beautiful shot!" And then he was gone.

Mark immediately ran over and tapped Jeff on the shoulder. Imitating Paul's voice, he said, "Great work, pal! That was a beautiful shot!" Some of the fellows laughed. Jeff just stood there with a disgusted look on his face.

Mark bit his tongue, but it was too late. He had already said it and could not take it back. He raised his hand to say he was sorry, but Jeff was walking out of the gym.

Mark stood alone. His sharp tongue had probably cost him his best friend.

He had tried and failed. He knew now that he could not do it alone. But he would try again. He would keep on trying until he had mastered his sharp tongue. He knew he could do it—but only with God's help.—My Pleasure.

Unconscious Progress

There is progress in a Christian's life when he may not seem to be going ahead—like a canal boat in a lock, when it stands still but is rising all the time.—D. L. Moody in Windows.

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GO AHEAD AND DO IT!

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Human nature inclines us to hesitate, to contemplate, to sigh a few times in wonderment, and to wait before we do something of importance.

But, should we wait? No! We should go ahead and do what has to be done.

Oh yeah? Haven't we been taught to be cautious, to consider our every move for fear of disastrous consequences? Yes, we have; but some people are so cautious that they never do a thing. It has always been our opinion that if one is afraid of "doing" he'll never get anything done. If a mistake is made, it won't be the end of the world. Everybody makes mistakes; no human being has ever not made one. As a choir director once said, "Sing out! If you make a mistake, for goodness' sake make it a good one!"

This is not intended to advise men to be foolhardy, impetuous, or too hasty in making decisions which might produce unfavorable results; still, one should not wait an hour to do something when it requires only a minute or so really to know the advisability of doing whatever it is that has to be done. There is little merit in procrastination.

One should never wait for others to get things done for him either. There are some things that only you can do, and in this case, though you may be inclined to give a job to others or get their assistance in doing that job, it would be best to do it by yourself. One learns responsibility by accepting it and activating it. At some time in everyone's life he must learn to stand on "his own two feet" (despite the triteness of the expression); and until one learns this fact and really faces life, maturity will never be achieved.

Even children should be taught that certain duties must be accepted. They must be taught that Mama and Daddy will not always be around to advise them and to do their thinking for them. Children should never become so dependent on their parents that they become manipulative or puppet-like. That's what's wrong with so many adults today: They are overgrown children with childish ideas and childish logic.

Most intelligent people know the frustrations involved in indecision. One can be so indecisive that he is afraid to venture out of bed in the morning for fear of certain obstacles that will confront and baffle him during the day.

Indecision makes it almost impossible to do anything. If something must be done and it is put off and put off, it is possible that whatever good that may have been accomplished by doing it in the first place might suffer.

All of us are human beings. Hence, most of us are "putter-offers." We put off getting up in the morning until we know that there's just no way around it. We put off really settling down to work until we anticipate the boss's walking in and catching us talking rather than working. We put off and put off and frustrate ourselves to death.

This is where the little discussion must end: We put off our decision about the most important aspect of living. Our spiritual condition is of utmost importance, and though we sometimes avoid speaking of spiritual things for fear of criticism, we know full well that ultimately all things arrive here.

If one is going to be religious (better still, Christian), our advice would be, "Go ahead and do it!" Don't mess at it!

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What's Money?

by BARBARA R. LEKAN

RUTH ANDERSON looked wistfully across the broad expanse of lawn to Sam and Dorothy Brown's house. They had so much, she mused thoughtfully as she shuffled around her own kitchen in ragged slippers. If Sherm, her husband, had only been the one to receive the promotion and raise at Acme Consolidated, he wouldn't have a care in the world.

Ruth finished the breakfast dishes, gave the table one more wipe with the dish towel, and walked resolutely to the bedroom.

Today she had to make Karen's dress. No more putting it off, with the school banquet in two days. She shouldn't have procrastinated this long; Karen had told her about the banquet two weeks ago.

"Karen, I just can't squeeze a new dress out of the budget," she had told her daughter.

Karen had looked lost. Finally she said, "Maybe you could make something this time. I really don't have a dress that's good enough, and I have to make a speech. Everybody will be looking at me!"

How different, Ruth thought, from most of the teen-agers she came in touch with. Karen really didn't mind a homemade dress, if her mother was willing to make it. At first, Ruth had been excited about making the dress. But when she had looked at and priced the chiffons and other appropriate materials, her enthusiasm waned. She had made many dresses—in fact she had wanted to be a designer before she and Sherm were married. A dress with suitable material would just cost too much to make, and Karen needed something like that—something very special for the banquet and her scholarship acceptance speech.

Slowly Ruth dug into her cedar chest and pulled out a plastic box. She opened the box slowly to gaze at her delicate-

ly yellowed wedding dress, and she breathed a long sigh. Karen would look beautiful in it. With some alterations, the dress—because of its age and discoloration—would not look like a wedding dress.

Carefully Ruth took the seam ripper and went to work. Lunch time passed, and she didn't even look up from the sewing machine.

When Ruth finally finished at three o'clock, she held up the dress and breathed a sigh of relief. It was exquisite, probably the best piece of work she had ever done. She steamed the dress with the iron and hung it in Karen's room.

"I'm sorry, Sherm," she said aloud. She handled the pleats of the dress lovingly, fondled the hem, took one more glance, and walked out of the room to start dinner.

Suddenly the doorbell rang. Ruth opened the door to find Dorothy standing there.

"I called this morning," Dorothy said tearfully. "You weren't home."

"I must not have heard the phone," Ruth said slowly. "I was working on Karen's dress for the school banquet. I admit that I must have been hypnotized most of the time." She laughed lightly. "Would you like to see it?"

"Not right now," Dorothy said, the same miserable tone in her voice.

Why, Ruth wondered, did Dorothy always have to run over to see her about minor, irritating problems? She always had problems like what to have for dinner and what color to do her hair this time. Out of kindness, Ruth always listened with one ear. Ruth had to think of her own problems, which lately were immense—such as what, if anything, she could have for dinner the day before payday. It was never a question of what to prepare, but whether there would be anything at all to eat. Sometimes she

ended up going to the market for two cans of soup.

This time as Dorothy started to explain, however, Ruth's eyes widened, and she listened carefully.

"Sam called this morning. I wanted to talk to you right away. I've been miserable ever since. I've been waiting to see you return to the house. Then finally I thought I'd just take the chance and come over. Sam's in trouble at work." Ruth remained intensely silent. She wasn't intent on prying. Dorothy continued, "You knew we'd been considering a divorce, didn't you?"

Ruth gasped. Karen had mentioned that the Browns' children had been talking about their parents' problems, and Ruth had cautioned Karen not to spread gossip.

"Now Sam is in trouble at work, and I don't know what to do. They say that he provided cheap materials for a number of jobs. They didn't fire him, but they demoted him. It's such a cut in pay that I don't know how we'll make it!"

Ruth thought of the wedding dress. Sherm and she had always made out, no matter how little money they had. Sherm should have made more money, but he didn't. His lack of a high school diploma seemed to stand in the way of every promotion that ever came up.

"Dorothy," Ruth said thoughtfully, "have you considered talking with Pastor Michaels? He's been doing some wonderful marriage counseling. He was a social worker before he went into the ministry."

Dorothy sighed. "Do you know how long it's been since we've gone to church? Besides, what do you think he'd think of me if I went to him with a problem?"

"I think Pastor Michaels would feel that you're worthy of receiving help if you go to him in need." Silently Ruth chastised herself for not listening to some of Dorothy's minor problems. Maybe she could have helped if she had been a little more sensitive.

"I have to go," Dorothy said. "Sam will be coming home, and I guess I'll have to give him some assurance."

Ruth finished dinner and eagerly waited at the window for Sherm and Karen.

Her own elation and thankfulness faded as she walked out to meet her husband and saw his face. "I got a promotion, honey, on the condition that I take some night courses at the high school.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

A QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP

Scripture Reading—Psalm 104:31

A Canadian Sunday school superintendent felt that he was not receiving sufficient cooperation from the parents, teachers, and officers of the school. In order to have the individual responsibility better realized, he assembled the entire school, and started his talk by asking, very emphatically, "Whose Sunday school is this?" For a moment there was silence, then a tiny blue mitten was raised. Leaning down to its wee owner in a front seat, the young superintendent said, smilingly, "All right, Penelope, you tell us." The child raised her blue eyes and in so soft a tone that he had difficulty in hearing her, said, "It's Jesus' Sunday school." The unexpected reply inspired the entire membership to a new spirit of consecration, as leader and classes alike recognized that they were indeed co-workers with God for the building up of His kingdom.—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

It's worth repeating—over and over—a little child can lead us. Where are ours? Are they leading us? They can!

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

DON'T BE A WHEELBARROW!

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:3

There is a sign at the entrance of a great manufacturing plant that reads: "If you are like a wheelbarrow—going no farther than you are pushed—you need not apply for work here." The real beauty of Christian living lies in "the second mile." Jesus talked at length to His followers that they were to be known by the beauty of going a little farther, and, consistent with His own teaching, He took the road to Calvary.—*Young People's Weekly*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Has anyone ever gone "the second mile" for you? Have you ever gone "the second mile" for anyone? Makes you feel good either way, doesn't it?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

NOT "WHAT," BUT "WHO"

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 2:5

We had rooms connecting: just a door

between us, and it was open most of the time. Dr. Griffith Thomas was always engaged in work, and I am a man with enough to keep me employed. As we sat together in the hotel we could talk through the open door. I shall never forget the last season together, both ministering in a Southern city. Dr. Thomas looked up from his desk and said, "Oh, Tucker, we don't know what is in the future, do we?" "No, Dr. Thomas, thank God, we do not!" All was silent for a time; then again he cried, "Oh, Tucker, we know who is in the future, don't we?"—*The Wonderful Word*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Knowing who is in the future makes what is in the future important or unimportant. A thought-provoking statement? Think about it!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

LIQUOR IS A STIMULANT

Scripture Reading—Romans 12:21

It stimulates idleness.
It stimulates profanity.
It stimulates the animal and strangles the human.
It stimulates the coarse and smothers the find.
It stimulates insanity.
It stimulates self-destruction.
It stimulates accident.
It stimulates failure.

—*Heart and Life*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Why in the world would we want a stimulant that would do all of these things? There are other stimulants. Do we need one at all?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

ARE WE LOCKING UP THE WRONG PERSON?

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 5:8

A story is told of a woman who stood near the magistrate who was hearing a case against her husband. Somehow the pathetic face of the woman touched the judge, and he said to her, "I am sorry, but I must lock up your husband." "Your Honor," she returned, "wouldn't it be better for me and the children if you locked up the saloon and let my husband go to work?"—*Christian Endeavor World*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do you ever get the idea that our ways of meting out justice seem a bit unfair? Maybe this woman is on the right track.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

LIFE A BOOMERANG

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:1

People get back in this world just about what they give. If we think the world is hard on us, the probability is that the hardness is in ourselves, and that it is the ache of our own speeches that we hear, the rebound of our own smittings that we feel, the reflection of our own ugliness of disposition and temper that we see, the harvest

of our own sowing that we gather into our bosoms. If we are untrue to anyone, it's quite likely that some day somebody will be untrue to us. If we are unjust to another, there is little doubt that sometime someone will deal unjustly with us.—J. Miller.

PRAYER THOUGHT

After reading the above, the golden rule is all we need to go by—Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Do you get that feeling?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

NO PRESCRIPTION, BUT—

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 6:5

There was once a man who went into a chemist's shop. He was a poor, untidy man, and he said, "If you please, mister, have you got anything for a bad cold?" The chemist, who was an eminently respectable chemist, said, "Have you brought your prescription with you?" The man answered, "No, I ain't got no prescription with me, but I've brought my cold with me." How often sinners seeking a cure for sin try to bring their "prescriptions" to God. But He asks for nothing save that the sinner would say: "Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me."—*Christian Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

One has to have prescriptions to get particular types of medication for his physical ailments—we know that. We also know that we do not have to have one for our spiritual ailments. Just talk to God about it. He can heal us!

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Attention Leaguers!!

For several years the State League Convention has adopted the project of raising \$1,000 for the Cragmont Chapel Fund. Have you forgotten? Many leagues have.

One league sends its fourth Sunday offering each month for the Cragmont project. This is a good idea.

Each league is asked to bring \$25 to the State League Convention on the second Saturday of March which meets at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church. Please pray for the "training" program of our church, and give. Let's raise the money and meet our goal.

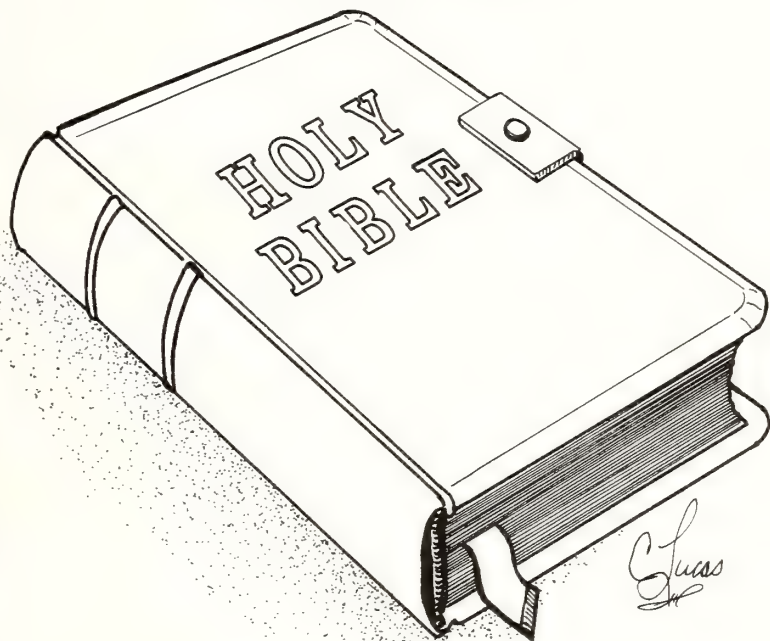
Send your offerings and donations to: Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville, North Carolina 28590.

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Love will find a way, and indifference will find an excuse.

The BOOK My Father Gave Me

by John W. Beaman
Walstonburg, North Carolina



IT was more than sixty years ago that my father put into my hands something that has been of more value to me than anything else he ever gave me.

It was a book and he told me he wanted me to take care of it; that it contained some things he thought I would like to read. He said that I could not read it in a week, or even in a month, but I could read it a little at a time, and I would come to depend on it more and more as time went on. It was the Bible.

I do not know where he got it; I wish I did. It was not a large book and it had red covers and a clasp on it so I could keep it shut. You could not get books in every little town then as you can today, and I would like to know the merchant or salesman who sold it to him.

I did not know what to do with it at first, but he told me that I could read how the world was made, and it contained a lot of history; also some good stories about Joseph and David and many others. I began to read some here and there and at night, when I had done my

lessons and the rest of the family were in bed, I would read the accounts of what happened long ago.

I came to know how that almost all the writers of the books I liked to read, and almost all the men I heard speak had studied the book. The lawyers, the statesmen, and the authors did not think their education was complete until they knew its contents. Men like Lincoln, Tennyson, and Browning were all familiar with it. Many of them placed it first among the books they had read. So in a way I began to study it.

I found it was not like the other books I had read. The accounts of the lives of the men I read about in my school books told about the armies they had led, of the new countries they explored, and the adventures they met with. But as I studied the men and women of the Bible I found it was not concerned so much with what they did as with why they did those things. I found it went behind the acts and told about the reasons and motives that prompted them. It went to the heart of things and I could see the real reason why they acted as

they did. I could see why that in the beginning men and women took the course that affected their lives to the very end. And as I studied, I became more and more interested.

I could read the history of the nations of the world; and there was one nation that I could go back and study God's purpose in forming that nation. I could ponder God's plan and how He unfolded that plan and built it step-by-step. I saw how He made of it a great nation and how, through its influence, He taught the other nations of the world how they might live and prosper and become great nations.

Then I read the story of this nation's downfall—how it made mistake after mistake and refused to profit by them. It went from bad to worse until at last God turned away from it and left it to its fate. And then war, pestilence, and famine were visited upon it until it became a warning and a token for other nations.

Yet its people live on. Scattered through the earth among every nation, they became a name for a scattered nation. A poet wrote of them:

"Tribes of the wandering foot and
weary heart,
How shall ye flee away and be at
rest?
The wild dove hath her nest—the
fox his cave—
Mankind their country—Israel but
the grave."

God sent them a teacher. The greatest Teacher who ever dwelt on this earth, but they mocked Him and rejected Him and crucified Him. As they led Him out of Jerusalem to nail Him to the Cross, He turned and said to the women who followed Him, "... Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children" (Luke 23:28).

The book has gone now—worn by much handling and passing from hand to hand—but the truths it contained remain. These truths have come, just as my father said they would, to mean much to me. They are something that life and death cannot take from me.

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The Second Union Sunday School Convention will be held at King's Cross Roads Church Sunday, January 30, at 3 p. m. All member churches and schools are urged to participate.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

N. C. Superannuation Report For Fourth Quarter, 1971

The following is the report of the Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches, for the fourth quarter of 1971 (October, November, and December):

Balance October 1, 1971 \$ 9,469.99

Receipts

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| Religious Contributions for the Fourth Quarter | \$4,120.42 |
| Insurance and Retirement Premiums for the Fourth Quarter | 6,198.82 |
| Interest Income | 108.69 |
| Burruss-Galloway Endowment Fund | 50.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 10.00 |
| Total Receipts | 10,487.93 |

Total to Account For \$19,957.92

Disbursements

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| Ministers' and Widows' Checks for the Fourth Quarter | \$1,290.00 |
| M.R.S. Retirement Checks | 211.50 |
| Insurance Premiums for the Fourth Quarter | 1,894.47 |
| Transferred to M.R.S. Fund | 8.27 |
| Operating Expenses for the Fourth Quarter | 654.59 |
| Total Disbursements | 4,058.83 |

Balance December 31, 1971 \$15,899.09

Information on the superannuation work may be secured by writing the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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FLOATING SHOWER

The membership of Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, is sponsoring a floating shower for Mr. and Mrs. James W. Blanchard who lost their home and all its contents in a fire Tuesday, January 18, 1972. The shower will be held Sunday, January 30, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the church annex.

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You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Saint Mary's Grove to Host Cape Fear Union Meeting

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene on Saturday morning, January 29, with the Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Benson, North Carolina. The moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, will preside. The local church pianist and organist will play for this service. The program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, by Congregation
 - Devotions, the Rev. Roy T. Clifton
 - Welcome, the Rev. R. H. Jackson
 - Response, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley
- 10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Reading of Minutes
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Roll Call of Churches
 - Reports of Denominational Enterprises
 - Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Worship Service:
 - Hymn, by Congregation
 - Special Music, Saint Mary's Grove Church
 - Offering
 - Ordination Service, Ordaining Council
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
 - Unfinished Business
 - Adjournment and Benediction
 - Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Unusual Worship Time at Florida Convalescent Center

The usual worship time at the Mariana Convalescent Center in Marianna, Florida, was unusual to some extent on Sunday, January 9. The chaplain was not present, and as the Rev. Arnold Woodlief walked into the dining room as an unexpected guest, he did not know that he would be the speaker for the occasion. Only half of the worship time was left, and the patients were waiting reverently. Mr. Woodlief addressed the group and asked for a volunteer to lead in prayer, and one did.

After the prayer Mr. Woodlief read a

verse of Scripture (Philippians 3:13) and then offered another prayer. He spoke on the subject, "Forgetting and Reaching Forth." Some of the patients gave testimonies and most of them requested prayer. One of the employees of the center gave a personal testimony concerning God's goodness to him. Other employees listened attentively as they went about their work from room to room and the various departments.

After the dismissal prayer, everyone greeted one another with a spirit of love and it seemed as if a spirit of revival had dawned upon the group. The patients requested that Mr. Woodlief, a Free Will Baptist minister, pay them another visit and bring them another message.

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Bethel Church to Host Fifth Eastern S. S. Convention

The fifth Eastern District Sunday School Convention will meet with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Whortonsville, North Carolina, Sunday, January 30, 1972. The program is as follows:

- Opening Prayer
- Convention Hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
- Welcome, T. R. Slade
- Response, Robert Tripp
- Offering
- Recognition of Pastors, Sunday School Officers, and Delegates
- Sunday School Lesson, Mahue Slade
- Remarks, the Rev. David Powell
- Program, Host Church
- Business Session
- Presentation of Awards
- Program, Mount Olive College Students
- Benediction

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GARDEN MEMORIES

In a garden Satan conquered, and in a garden he was conquered. Never walk in a garden without thinking of God our Saviour.—Graham Scroggie.

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It is better to live rich than to die rich.

Coming Events . . .

March 7—Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, 8 P.M.

Life's Greatest Privilege

by Evangelist Arnold Woodlief
Marianna, Florida

Worship is the greatest privilege of our lives, for it is through worship that we come near to God and share our lives with Him. In worship we come to God with the assurance that He will forgive our sins, strengthen us in our weakness, help us with our problems, and guide us in our distress. We are given courage and find hope by exalting God and making Him supreme in our lives. When we truly worship, we give ourselves completely to God. We bring Him our mind and heart and will—our complete being. Through this complete surrender to God in worship, we find spiritual growth and understanding. These are some of the basic reasons that worship is so important to us as Christians. These are some of the reasons that we should set aside part of each day to worship God at home and that we should attend the worship services of our church regularly each Sunday. Nor must we enter these periods of relationship with God lightly; for we know that, if we are to have a true experience of worship, we must prepare ourselves spiritually.

First of all, in that preparation we should clear our minds of distracting thoughts. We can do this by having a period of prayer and Bible reading to prepare our hearts more fully for God to enter. In the second place, we must come to the experience of worship ex-

pectantly. We must realize that we are coming into the presence of God and thus pray that we will receive a spiritual blessing. During the period of worship we must participate fully. Especially in public worship, it is important that we share every part of the service. We must use the prelude as a time of spiritual preparation. To make the service spiritually meaningful, we must sing the hymns, join in the responses, and unite in the prayers. The sermon, which is an interpretation of God's Word, is a time for concentration rather than idle thinking. The benediction reminds us that we have dedicated our lives anew to God and that we should go forth from our experience to witness to our faith.

In such a witness through worship we can help to bring to the whole world a new awareness of the nearness of God.

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David Wilkerson Warns of Phonies In Jesus Movement

The devil saw he could not lick the Jesus Movement so he decided to move into it.

So said Evangelist David Wilkerson, head of Teen Challenge, during meetings here in the Louisiana Civic Center Theater.

All 2,200 seats were filled with 300 more teen-agers sitting crosslegged on the stage as Wilkerson warned, "Don't run after every kid carrying a Bible."

He gave two tests for a genuine Jesus person. First, "He will not be on a trip or sanction drugs. You cannot have sex, drugs, pot, and Jesus too. Second, He will not be ditching—running away from school and parents. You cannot be down on the government, church, and parents and be a true Jesus person."

Wilkerson said, however, that he believed the Jesus movement is of God and the work of the Holy Spirit.

"We need to be very, very careful now about judging and criticizing our children," he said. "A minister can preach whatever he wants about fashions as long as he preaches it from a broken heart. I believe kids will listen to anything you tell them that is honest if you preach in love because you are interested in their souls and not just want to slap them down because you are mad about the way they dress or talk."—United Evangelical.

A PLEA FOR HELP!

Dear Friends:

The State Convention of Free Will Baptists have a ministry for students at East Carolina University. However, this ministry is not what it could be because of a shortage of funds. I do not believe this is because Free Will Baptists do not care. Perhaps it is because of misinformation or a lack of information. It seems that many people have thought this was a local project, but it is a Convention project.

Most of our finances have come from the Central Conference. Many of our larger churches are not contributing one cent to this program. I believe a program worth having is worthy of our support.

We have a very nice house at ECU for the purpose of ministering to students. We have payments to meet on this property as well as expenses of carrying on a ministry. As yet, the payments cannot be met with the token support this year.

We need a full-time campus minister in this work. We hope to have a part-time man in the near future with your help. But, we can do nothing without your help.

Most of our denominational work is well supported by our people, while this work is dying for lack of funds. Friends, this ought not to be!

You may help by:

Praying for us;

Asking your church to take an offering now; and

Including this work in your budget.

Do something now!

Make checks payable to Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship. Mail to: Mrs. J. C. Boyd, 1406 W. Ragsdale Road, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Yours in Christ,
Charles Crisp
Director

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The Tithe

Abraham commenced it.

Jacob continued it.

Moses confirmed it.

Malachi commanded it.

Christ commended it.

—Selected.

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You might as well try to cure smallpox by scenery as to save the world by improvement of environment.—Christian Observer.

INFORMATION ABOUT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The following is a list of the churches, Sunday schools, auxiliaries, etc. which met the one-dollar-per-member honor roll as a special Thanksgiving offering. We appreciate the special efforts of all who participated in this offering, even though it was not possible for all to be eligible for the honor roll.

THANKSGIVING HONOR ROLL

Albemarle Conference

Union Chapel
Belhaven
Mount Tabor
Mount Zion
Trinity

Cape Fear Conference

Casey's Chapel
Fayetteville
Smithfield
Saint Paul
Tee's Chapel
Oak Grove
Lanwood Chapel
Riverside
Wooten's Chapel
Powhatan
Yelverton's Grove
Smyrna
Palmer Memorial
Hopewell Auxiliary

Central Conference

Ormondsville
Daniels Chapel
Winterville
Spring Branch
Reedy Branch
Peace
Free Union
Owen's Chapel
Walnut Creek
King's Cross Roads
Rocky Mount
Harrell's Chapel
Hull Road
Williamston
Black Jack Auxiliary
Sweet Gum Grove Circle No. 1
Sweet Gum Grove Sunday School
Faith Auxiliary
Ormondsville Auxiliary

Saints Delight Ladies Sunday School Class

Aspen Grove Sunday School
Aspen Grove Auxiliary
Gum Swamp Auxiliary
Dawson's Grove Auxiliary
Little Creek Sunday School
Grimsley Intermediate Class

Eastern Conference

Oak Grove
Whaley's Chapel
Davis
Sarecta
Oriental
Memorial
Indian Springs
Juniper Chapel
May's Chapel
Sound View
White Oak Grove
Mount Zion (Pamlico)
Rooty Branch
Sneads Ferry
Warden's Grove
Croatan
Vanceboro
Ephesus
Mount Pleasant
Bethel
Moseley's Creek
Indian Springs Auxiliary
White Oak Grove Heath Memorial Bible Class
Smyrna Auxiliary
Crab Point Auxiliary
Mount Zion Auxiliary
Edwards Chapel Auxiliary
Deep Run

Pee Dee Association

Mount Calvary
Beaver Dam Adult Class

Piedmont Conference

Mount Olive
Morganton
East Rockingham Circle No. 2
Mount Olive Auxiliary

Western Conference

Saint Mary's
Milbournie
Elwood Lane

Memorial Chapel
Rock Springs
Pleasant Hill
Rose Bud
Rains Cross Roads
Union Chapel
Sherron Acres
Pine Level
Stancil's Chapel
Stony Hill
Unity
Barnes Hill
Spring Hill
Fremont Auxiliary
Holly Springs Auxiliary
Stony Hill Auxiliary
Wilson Junior Boys Class
Wilson Junior Girls Class
Wilson Auxiliary
Piney Grove Auxiliary
Little Rock
Mount Zion

Other Religious

Durham, First

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New Director of Campus Life



The Free Will Baptist Children's Home is happy to announce the employment of the Rev. James Stewart Humphrey as director of campus life. In this position he will be responsible for the general well-being of the children, supervisor of the child care workers, and an assistant to the superintendent. Mr. Humphrey comes to this position with a wide range of training and experience.

Born in Greene County, North Carolina, on August 12, 1942, Mr. Humphrey attended and graduated from Walstonburg High School. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Humphrey, still live on Route 2,

Johnstonburg, and attend Spring Branch of the Free Will Baptist Church where he was a member at the time of his ordination at the Central Conference in 1966. Mr. Humphrey and his wife, Linda, are now members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina, where he is presently pastor. Other pastorate includes the Hillsberry Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina, and Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina.

Mr. Humphrey holds the Associate in Science degree from Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, and the Bachelor of Arts degree from Methodist College, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and has completed studies in Mental Health at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, as well as some group counseling study at Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro. His college degree is in religion with a minor in English, sociology, and history. He qualified in 1968 for the State Personnel Register as a social worker for the State of North Carolina.

His community development experience has been gained chiefly from eight years as a Free Will Baptist minister. However, his community activity has been varied. He has been the outstanding new member in the Smithfield Jaycees, chiefly due to work with underprivileged children. He helped to organize a Juvenile Detention Home program in Johnston County. He served as business chairman of the American Cancer Society last year and now serves on the board of directors and as second vice-president. He worked closely with mental health (The Mental Health Center) in Smithfield for three years. He was listed in the 1970 edition of **Outstanding, Young Men of America**.

Mr. Humphrey has made many outstanding contributions to the Boy Scout program. He has been an active leader with the Boy Scout Council office as well as a committee man in Troop 33 of Smithfield.

This year he is serving as president of the Johnston County Association for Retarded Children.

The Rev. Mr. Humphrey has served his denomination well as he has held several leadership positions. He has served on the Credentials Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. He is now a member of the North Carolina State Board of Missions, secretary of the Cape Fear Conference Ordaining Council, and works



LAUGH

LINES

By Margo Mangum

It had taken a lot of planning and saving for this new venture. The young girl was so sure that having to wear glasses detracted from her good looks. She wanted contact lenses so much.

Coming back from her ophthalmologist (she would only wear them for two hours at the time at first), she proudly wore them.

Not realizing she was exceeding the speed limit, she was taken aback by the shrill sound of a patrolman's siren.

Pulling over to the side of the road, the patrolman pulled in behind her.

Coming to the driver's side he very courteously asked to see the girl's driver's license. She obliged. Looking it over carefully he observed that line that read "Restricted to glasses." Reprimanding her for her speeding, he said a little her for her speeding, he said a little more gently, "I suppose I'll have to book you on two counts." She knew he was referring to the eyeglasses, so she quickly said, "But I have contacts," fluttering her eyes all the while. "In a case like this lady, it doesn't help a bit **who** you know. I still have my job to do," answered the patrolman.

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Laughter is the best medicine for a long and happy life. He who laughs—lasts!

very closely with the Sunday school conventions.

Stewart, as his friends call him, his wife Linda, and their two-year-old son, Todd, will move into the new residence for the director of campus life on the Children's Home campus near the middle of February and he will officially begin his duties on February 15, 1972.

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Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of it!—War Cry.

WE BELIEVE:

1. That there is only one God who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the Universe; that His eternal existence is in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; that all three are equal, but distinct persons. They are the divine Trinity.

2. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God; that He was born of the Virgin Mary; that He died for man's redemption; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor.

3. That both, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the infallible rule of faith and practice.

4. That man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation and stands guilty before God and separate from Him.

5. That it is the privilege of all men to be saved; that God desires the salvation of all; that the gospel invites everyone; that the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

6. That the human will is free and self-controlled; that it is possible for a person who has been saved by divine grace to make shipwreck of his faith and become lost. The person (believer) who through grace perseveres unto the end of life has promise of eternal salvation.

7. That sanctification is initial at regeneration and continues progressively through the Christian experience, becoming final and complete in heaven.

8. That there are three gospel ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel teaching: baptism by immersion, the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saints' feet.

9. That tithing is God's financial plan for supporting the work of the church here on earth.

10. That our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again; that there will be a resurrection of all men, each in its own order; that they which are saved will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they which are lost unto the resurrection of damnation; that the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." This is the final judgment.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW
Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

Cragmont's Twenty-Fifth

Cragmont Assembly, Inc., has completed twenty-five years of service to North Carolina Free Will Baptists. As of January 3, 1972, Cragmont has officially completed its twenty-fifth and has begun its twenty-sixth year of service. This truly is a blessing for which we should give thanks and determine to utilize more fully.

The progress we have seen since the beginning of Cragmont in 1946 has been gratifying. There have been many within its quarter century of history who have labored extensively and faithfully. The remuneration that most of its leaders have received has been the contribution that has been made spiritually in the lives of those who have been recipients of its ministry.

The very impetus for its being and the continuing support has come from every conference and convention within our denomination. It has been and continues to be a unified effort of the entire North Carolina Free Will Baptist Church. We must continue in this same spirit of unity that this ministry may progress!

Past achievements are commendable; let us not be tempted to rest on past laurels. If we are to continue with our ministry and improve upon it, our support must grow stronger. The old "main building" is in desperate need of attention. We also have need of other new facilities. It will not be possible to meet any of these needs until our present indebtedness is retired. Since May, 1971, we have repaid \$10,500 principal plus interest. The original loan was for \$25,000. This leaves \$14,500 outstanding on the loan.

What can you do? First, support the Cragmont ministry with your prayers! Then send your young people, your pastor, women from our auxiliary, or church groups to encampments. And last, but certainly not least, put Cragmont in your budgets! Include Cragmont in all your

giving! Remember a gift to Cragmont is an investment in the spiritual well-being of our entire denomination!

We are suggesting that each Sunday school, church, and youth auxiliary send a "Happy Anniversary" gift of \$25 (or more) to Cragmont! We sincerely desire your help in making this special drive a gigantic success! Send all donations to: Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Cragmont Treasurer, Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574.

Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Cragmont Publicity Director

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Happy New Start!

Jean and Marilyn were chatting over their cups of coffee.

"Sometimes," Marilyn said with a wistful sigh, "I wish I could start all over."

"Me too," her neighbor agreed. "This morning, for instance!" She threw up her hands in a gesture that needed no words.

"I would be a better mother—and a better wife, too—if only I could start out fresh," Marilyn pursued the subject. Jean's nod expressed complete understanding.

These two mothers are not alone, are they? We would all admit to a desire at times to have a chance to begin all over—profiting from our previous mistakes, of course.

We can. Let's think about beginning anew. First, like Jean and Marilyn, we have to be dissatisfied with our present attitudes. Second, we must have the determination that today is the day for change. Then we tackle each area, one at a time. But we should set no discouragingly impossible goals of "instant perfection."

By the way, there's nothing wrong with scoring ourselves on our efforts and small successes. Were you cheerful even before the first cup of coffee this morning? Ten points. Did you stifle a yell at Junior when he awakened the baby? Another ten. Instead of haranguing your

teen-age daughter with "You're not eating, after all the trouble I've gone to for you," did you encourage her by asking, "Can I do something to help so you have time to eat, honey?" Extra point for this. No points, though, for stopping to listen as Tommy dashes in and breathlessly recites his day's adventure. We're already rewarded with his big smile and his exclamation, "Mom, you're really listening!" The attention given to what he is saying assures the boy that he is important to his mother.

Evening comes, and because we have talked with God throughout the day sharing with Him our problems and cares, we no longer greet our husband with some nagging recital of our "difficult" day, such as may have marred many of his previous homecomings.

Does this sound altogether unrealistic? All at once, it undoubtedly is; but a progressive "starting over again" isn't an unattainable goal.

Beginning with such an understanding we will eventually realize that we are doing nothing less than producing some of the fruit of the Spirit. Who knows? We may ultimately find ourselves with a whole basket of fruit grown one at a time—beginning with this happy new start!—Jeanette Lockerbie.

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The Christian Patriot

For the past 27 years the Christian Government Movement (formerly the Christian Amendment Movement) has published an eight-page monthly called **The Christian Patriot**. Beginning in January, 1972, the format will be changed to a twenty-page quarterly magazine, supplemented by a four-page monthly that will appear seven times a year.

The purpose of this change is to make possible the publishing of articles in which the application of the Word of God to the subject of civil government can be more deeply explored. The aim is to seek a fuller understanding of how the sovereignty of God relates to government and the problems in this sphere that are faced today. To this end articles will be published that delve into various aspects of this complex subject, exegetical studies of Scripture passages that are relevant to it, book reviews and analyses, and documents, old and new, that have been produced by church bodies, individual persons, or other groups of reformed Christians.

The subscription rate for the revised **Christian Patriot** is \$2 a year.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "Verily, I say to you, Among them that are born of men there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew 11:11). What way are those who are least in the kingdom of heaven greater than John?

Answer: Our Saviour was, evidently, referring to John's personal character, but to his official position or standing in the economy of grace in which, though he was above them that had gone before him, he belonged to the old dispensation and therefore was behind the humblest worker in the new order of things. "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" (Luke 16:16); "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John" (Matthew 11:13). These verses, I think, help to illustrate Matthew 11:11. The dispensation of the prophets of the Old Testament variety was then changing into a new dispensation where the fullness of the Godhead bodily could be revealed in Christ. "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; even the mystery which hath been hid from the ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:25-28); "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Colossians 2:9, 10).

What praise and gratitude should ascend unceasingly from the lips of each of us in this age that are saved by grace and grace alone, for we are now heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ, owning

all things in Him and possessing any or all we are a mind to appropriate "for in him we live and move and have our being."

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Question: Please explain, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

Answer: This verse has been the subject of quite a bit of discussion and probably caused some people to be troubled in seeking what, to them, is a satisfactory answer. Christ came to the earth desirous of winning all men unto Himself and to fit them for service to Himself; but this was for their sake rather than for His own. For one to really serve Christ it must first mean that he himself is saved and then not until he is saved, may one attain unto this greatest possible joy. It is sin and sin only that keeps one from his personal allegiance to Christ.

All the time that Christ appeared in His incarnation form He was giving rather than accepting service. He was moved by love to so come and serve. Even though some of the people tried to take Him by force and make Him an earthly king, He refused to accept. He did not come to render at that time the kind of service He would have been obliged to as a king in the sense they desired at that time. His wish was that men might come to Him, be saved, and serve Him in holiness and spiritual power. He gave His body in humiliation and sacrifice so that they might be lifted up to His higher plane of service.

The whole of the New Testament's message is that Christ came to this earth for the sake of mankind, and not for his own sake; and He taught by example the life of humility, self-sacrifice, and service that He wanted all to lead.

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Question: What is a generation when mentioned in the Scriptures?

Answer: It depends upon where in the Bible this word is found for it is used in

a variety of ways there. In some cases it means a period of time, in some limitless duration; but in some places it means the past. "For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation" (Isaiah 51:8). In other passages it means the future: "For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). It sometimes means both the past and the future: "I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations" (Psalm 102:24). Then it sometimes means living at a given time: "These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9). It also means all the men living at any given time: "There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. . . . There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men" (Proverbs 30:11, 14). Then again it refers to a class of people with some special characteristics: "He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light" (Psalm 49:19). We may interpret this last verse to mean "dwelling place."

A generation now might be said to cover a period of time some thirty to forty years. I know of no particular passage in the Bible that so uses it. "The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, . . ." (Matthew 1:1), refers to a genealogical record back to Abraham. In 1 Peter 2:9 generation and elect race refers to the same thing—the Jewish or Hebrew people.

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"Most Chinese," says a certain writer, "believe that if you save someone's life you are forever responsible for that person." We don't know how true that is, as far as concerns the Chinese; but we do know that when Christ saves a man's soul, He becomes eternally responsible for him. That is a most precious and comforting truth. I am glad for a Saviour who not only saves, but keeps. As a child of God, I can believe that Christ will look after me throughout all the years of the endless ages to come! Praise the Lord! (See John 10:28-30.)—Selected.

STORIES

for our youth



THE TEST

SHARON B. MILLER

THE classroom was quiet except for the scratching of pencils as everyone busily worked on the assignment that Miss Anderson had just given. Brian glanced up at the clock over the chalkboard. Only four more minutes until the noon hour. His stomach had been growling furiously, and besides, he wanted to hurry home so that he would have some extra time to study for the history test that the teacher was giving in the afternoon.

The test was an important one, especially for Brian. He had missed a short quiz last week when he was sick one day, and his teacher had agreed to count this test mark for both today and the short quiz, so he wouldn't have to make up the one he had missed. That made it extra necessary for him to do well.

The assignment that the teacher had given the students involved one of Brian's favorite subjects—English. First, the students were asked to fill in the proper verbs in a number of sentences. The verb would be singular or plural depending upon the number of the subject. Then the students were requested to read a very brief story and record their opinion of it. Brian liked stories very much. He quickly read the story and wrote down his thoughts on it. He checked each word to be sure he had the correct spelling. His teacher was very strict on the spelling of words.

Finally the noon bell rang, and Brian hurried to the teacher's desk with the assignment he had been working on. On his way out the door, he heard Mike Aarons whispering to another boy: "Got

some good news. Meet me at the outdoor drinking fountain. Spread the word."

As Brian felt himself being pushed along with the crowd and out of the classroom, he heard the two fellows spreading the word until Andy Jacobs, the fellow walking beside him, turned and told him to meet at the drinking fountain outside.

He really didn't have time, Brian told himself as he pushed open the heavy glass door and went out, but he was curious about what was going on. It wouldn't hurt just to see what Mike Aarons was up to, he decided, and he headed for the corner where the fountain was.

There were at least sixteen fellows crowded around Mike, who was showing them a piece of paper he held in his hands. "It's all here, fellows," Mike said as Brian joined the group. "I just got hold of it." He stopped abruptly and stared at Brian. He started to fold the paper, but then he didn't.

"We've got the answers to the test Miss Anderson is giving this afternoon. Don't suppose you'd be interested," he defiantly said to Brian.

Whew! Brian wished now that he had chucked his curiosity and gone right home for lunch. He'd been invited to this meeting by mistake. The fellows knew that he didn't go along with cheating. He hesitated a moment. The idea of just knowing what was in the test was inviting. Even if he knew which part to study the most this noon—but no. He couldn't compromise at all.

"No thanks, Mike," he said. "I'll take my chances and see whether I can make it on my own."

No one in the group said anything as Brian turned and hurried toward home. He couldn't help wishing that he at least knew whether Miss Anderson was going

to ask them for dates of important events. That was one of the hardest things for Brian to remember—what things had happened in history.

Still, he felt that it would be just wrong to find out that before the test as it would be to see the questions and answers. He'd just study and do the best he could. God would help him remember the dates he had studied when the test time came.

There was one thing Brian always did before a test. He always prayed that the Lord would help him. His dad said that if a person took care of his part of the job and studied as he should, the Lord would help him to remember the things he had learned. Brian had decided that that was just the way it worked. As long as he studied and asked God to help him, he got good grades.

As Brian walked back to the school he felt confident about the history test. His mother had helped him review by asking him questions. At least, he had done his part. When he entered the classroom, he went straight to his desk and got out a pencil and sheet of paper.

He turned to speak to Jim Roberts, who sat beside him, but Jim wasn't very friendly. Then Brian realized what had happened. The fellows thought that he had gone straight to Miss Anderson with the news that they had the answers to the test. Well, they were wrong. He did not tell on them. Then he had another thought!

He didn't believe in tattling, but was he really doing what was right by keeping quiet about something that he knew was wrong? What should he do? Just then Miss Anderson walked to the front of the room. "Lord, help me to do a good job on this test and help me to know what to do about what I know the other fellows are doing," Brian prayed silently.

"Clear your desks of everything but a pencil and a clean sheet of paper, and we'll begin the test."

He had let the fellows know what he thought of their actions just by not joining in, Brian told himself. That was a witness of a sort to what was right. Maybe he should have tried to talk them out of cheating, but it was too late to think about doing it now.

The questions came rapidly, and, after the first four, Jim glanced at Brian and smiled. Apparently they were the same questions that the fellows had gotten hold of, for Jim was writing an answer for each one. So Miss Anderson didn't

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Course for Sunday School Teachers

Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, will sponsor a course for Sunday school teachers on the educational ministry of the local church which will focus on the purpose and objectives of the Sunday school and other educational arms of the local church. Special attention will be given to creative teaching methods that may be implemented by the teacher.

The course will begin February 2, 7:30 a.m., and will meet for eight weeks. It is open to all Sunday school teachers and other interested persons of the area.

The course will be taught by the Rev. Sheldon Howard, professor of religion at Mount Olive College.

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College Reports to Free Will Baptists

(January, 1972)

Free Will Baptist Students are especially encouraged to attend Mount Olive College. There are openings for both the summer session beginning in early June and the fall semester in late August.

Churches can encourage their young people to attend Mount Olive College by participating in our "Church-College Scholarship" plan. The College will provide matching scholarships up to \$250 annually if the church in which the student holds membership will provide an equal amount. In this manner every Free Will Baptist student could receive a scholarship worth \$500 annually.

Mount Olive College is fully accredited and students may take two years of study leading toward a Bachelor's degree in almost any profession.

High School Days will be held at Mount Olive College during two Saturdays in February—the fifth and nineteenth. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Henderson Building and con-

clude with lunch at which all who attend will be guests of the College. In addition to a tour of the campus, there will be presentations of the educational, religious life, student affairs, financial aid, and athletic programs of the College. All high school juniors and seniors and their parents are cordially invited.

Mount Olive College Days. Each fifth Sunday and the month of February are designed by the State Convention for emphasis on "Christian Education." We ask that our Sunday schools and churches use these days to offer special prayers and to receive gifts for the College.

Explo 72. Mount Olive College is making plans to charter a bus to a "Student Congress on Evangelism" to be held in Dallas, Texas, June 12-17. The program will consist of outstanding speakers, training sessions, fellowships, and mass rallies for the purpose of preparing college and high school students as well as lay men and women to help lead in a spiritual awakening across America. Following **Explo 72**, training sessions will be held on college campuses and in communities across the nation for the training of additional students and laymen to help fulfill the Great Commission in this generation.

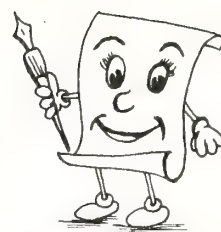
The Mount Olive College bus is being sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship but will be open to other interested persons as far as space permits. Interested persons are invited to write: Miss Jean Fillingame, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

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Harrison Speaks at Marsh Swamp

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain and director of denominational services at Mount Olive College, will speak at the Sunday morning worship service on January 30 at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

The sermon was based on Jesus' prayer in John 17. But the minister said something which shot my mind off into orbit, thinking of clean things. With an effort, I pulled my thoughts back to the sermon, but could hardly wait to get home and think some more of "clean."

There are "cleans" that we see: starched curtains, a day when everything glistens in the sun, a landscape smoothed by snow, the deep gleam of polished furniture.

Clean things we feel are: the air after a spring rain, a scrubbed floor under bare feet, polished furniture, fine china ready to be stored, fresh sheets on a bed.

We smell "clean" from a freshly bathed baby, laundry dried outdoors in the sun, the wet earth odor after a summer rain, air near the ocean, the house after spring cleaning, the watermelon fragrance of new-mown grass, the after-shave lotion of our favorite male.

What sounds clean? The squish-squash of the washing machine, the splash of waves against the shore, a bird singing early on Sunday morning, the laughter of a small child.

The clean that is acceptable to God is what He has cleansed. "... wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7) we sing sometimes. Water can't wash anything that clean. Old Testament priests went through an elaborate ceremonial washing before ministering to the people. We are baptized to signify that our sins have been washed away, but the water is only part of it, for "... the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

A Christian wants to be an acceptable temple for the Holy Spirit. He looks and smells clean. He sounds clean because his language is fit for the ears of God; and he feels clean because he tries to avoid sinful pastimes.

Whether or not "cleanliness is next to Godliness," it feels closer.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR FEBRUARY 6



Christ in the City

Lesson Text: Luke 19:37-48

Memory Verse: Luke 13:34

I. INTRODUCTION

Though there is much more stress, strain, and anxiety in every phase of American life than existed only a few short years ago, the movement of our people away from the rural sections of the country into the urban areas has been responsible for our cities being subjected to these to a much greater extent than have our rural areas. Cities have problems that are peculiar to themselves, and it can be said without fear of contradiction that the larger the city the more complex and baffling the problems contained within its confines.

There are many facets of city life that serve to create problems that are both acute and pressing. Crowded conditions in every phase of life tend to destroy the identity of the individual as a unique personality and reduce him to a member of the crowd; the assembly line method of work and the many phases of automation tend to make the day's labor boring and uneventful and to dull natural impulses toward individuality and the expression of personal initiative. The availability of all types of vice and sinful amusement serve to make readily available that which is appealing to those who are bored with the seemingly purposeless life to which they have been consigned and increases the possibility of seeking relief from ennui through the excesses which beckon on every hand.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The city of Jerusalem was an important city: greatly loved, but also greatly punished.
2. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because of the false religion there.
3. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because of the cold Christianity there.
4. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because

of the impending doom that was to come to the city.

B. The Triumphal Entry of Jesus (Luke 19:37-40)

1. Jesus came near Jerusalem (vv. 37, 38).
2. Some Pharisees asked Jesus to rebuke His disciples (v. 39).
3. Jesus answers the critics (v. 40).

C. Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44)

1. Jesus weeps over the city (v. 41). He weeps as a man.
2. Jesus warns the city (vv. 42-44). He warns as the Son of God.

D. Jesus Drives Traders from the Temple (Luke 19:45, 46)

1. Jesus in the temple (v. 45).
2. Jesus drove the money changers out and spoke to them (v. 46).

E. Jesus Taught the People (Luke 19:47, 48)

1. Jesus taught daily in the temple (v. 47).
2. The Pharisees and other leaders wanted to get rid of Jesus, but feared the people who gladly heard Him (v. 48).

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. With the mass movement to population centers have come impersonal high-rise living, congested communications systems, polluted environments, and worst of all, a decline in religious influence. Many of the folk in the cities are really "urban misfits": displaced persons with rural backgrounds, personalities, and longings. They have moved where the grass looked greener, only to be disillusioned in finding no grass at all. Some of them never fully adjust to the new environment, and they lead a miserable and lonely existence. Tragically, even those who had church affiliations back home often fail to establish new religious relationships when they move to the city.

In recent years, hundreds of metropolitan congregations have moved to the suburbs, leaving the densely populated

areas without a strong Christian influence. It is ironic that the church is absent where it is needed the most.

The shadow of the cross must fall upon our cities as well as our farms. The teeming urban populace must all learn that Jesus saves. Why should people in rural areas or in suburbia hear the gospel twice before the city folk have heard it once? Christ died for the cities too!—Standard Commentary.

B. The writer visited a city in which he once lived. Millions of dollars were being spent in urban renewal, all of which improved the city and made it more beautiful. It was an effort to keep the people within the city so the merchants would continue to prosper. But with all this expenditure, crime increased, sin flourished, murders have been committed, rapes abounded, robberies increased. Something was missing. It was the renewal of evangelistic fervor that the people missed. Cities without God and His saving grace are simply cities that are slowly but surely dying.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. Jesus often visited in the home of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha in Bethany. The last time He had visited there, He had raised Lazarus from the dead. This was an ideal place for Jesus to rest before going on to Jerusalem to face death on the Cross. However, the news quickly spread that Jesus was there, so many people walked from Jerusalem to Bethany to see Jesus and also to see the man whom He had raised from the dead. Lazarus was a living proof of the power of Jesus. This was an unheard-of miracle. Surely Jesus must be the Messiah since He was able to bring a man back from death! This caused many people to believe on Jesus. But the priests did not like it, so they planned to get rid of Lazarus as well as Jesus.

Jesus arrived in Bethany on Friday afternoon. The Jewish Sabbath began at six o'clock Friday evening and lasted until six o'clock on Saturday. As He always did, Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath. Probably He spent the rest of the day resting in the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

The next day after the Sabbath, Jesus entered into the city of Jerusalem. A great crowd of people filled the city. The people were very much excited and noisy. Jesus was the topic of every conversation. They were wondering if Jesus would actually come into the city and face His enemies. The people knew that the religious leaders were angry and

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WHAT'S MONEY?

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"I hate the reason for the promotion," he said sullenly.

She hadn't even thought of that! She had just been suddenly thankful and aware of what they had besides money.

"Sherm, I'm sorry. I think I know what you're talking about."

Karen came running out of her room, holding the dress. "It's beautiful, Mom, it's beautiful! How did you do it?"

Sherm's eyes brightened in recognition, and Ruth smiled. "Is that—" he interjected.

"It is," Ruth replied softly. "I hope you don't mind."

"We'll have a little more money, now," he said softly.

"Sherm," she said thoughtfully, "I really love to sew. I think I'll start making more of our clothes. When I was doing the dress, I suddenly wondered if you would mind my taking in some sewing and alteration jobs from the neighborhood."

"You do a good job," he said with a grin. "Why waste your talent?"—Gospel Herald.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Now what had happened. How had Mike gotten the list of questions and answers? What should he do? Brian wondered. Then he had no time for any thoughts other than what the correct answers were.

Brian answered each question, but he wasn't certain about some of the dates. And then there were the last three questions. He couldn't even remember reading anything about a Samuel Wicker or of what he had done, so he left them blank. Finally he had to hand in his paper with the rest of the class.

Miss Anderson gave the class a reading assignment to do while she checked the test papers. The room was quiet except for the rustling of pages turning, until the teacher stood up and cleared her throat.

"I have exactly sixteen papers here that will receive no credit. I have suspected that some people were cheating for some time, and I included three fictitious questions at the end. Only those sixteen answered the questions correctly, and they must have had access to the test questions in order to do so. I will talk to those people after class."

"...THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK"

(NEHEMIAH 4:6)

IN June, 1970, the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Beulaville, North Carolina, organized a young adult Sunday school class. Immediately this class started working and studying the Bible, searching the Scriptures for answers that would help them spiritually to be better witnesses for Christ. They also took as a class project the installation of central heat and air-conditioning of the church. The church had just been given a new coat of paint and the grounds had been landscaped.

Well one thing called for another; so first, this class insulated the building. Then in May, 1971, the heating and air-conditioning system was installed. But this group was not satisfied to stop here as there is always work that can be done for the Lord.

The adult Sunday school class of the church sponsored a new paint job inside the building. The ladies of the church got their paint brushes and the men started getting ladders, paint, etc. and started working. The walls were painted and the pews and pulpit furniture were refinished. Before it was over, the YFA and AFC youth groups got into

Brian waited as the teacher passed back the corrected papers. He was glad he hadn't been tempted to cheat, especially when he saw the grade on his paper. He had missed two questions on dates, but that was all. This mark would go a long way to raising his grade, and Miss Anderson had known about the cheating after all.

"Brian!" A whisper from across the aisle made Brian turn his head. It was Jim. "I think I'll do it your way next time."

Brian smiled and nodded his head encouragingly. "It's the best way, all right." Then he added silently, "Thank you, Lord, for helping me in both the tests I faced today."—My Pleasure.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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wanted to kill Him. It would take a lot of courage for Jesus to come.—The Intermediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).

the act with their paint brushes and helped.

Then the woman's auxiliary decided to put carpet on the floors. But first, they decided a new floor was needed. But this did not take long as the pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson, rounded up the men with saws and hammers, and soon the job was finished. Then the carpet was laid.

Then the senior Sunday school class wanted to have a part in beautifying the house of the Lord, so they took as a project the buying of a new piano. The homecoming service of the church was drawing nigh and they wanted the new piano for this occasion. It took a lot of hard work, but they accomplished their task and the new piano was used in the homecoming service.

For these many accomplishments it took a lot of hard work: working all day and sometimes until late at night. There were times when we became very tired and weary, but we were as Paul when he wrote Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Lord has wonderfully blessed, led, and directed us in this work. The cooperation of the members has been wonderful. I think we enjoy all these improvements more because we did the work ourselves. There is always a great joy in working for the Lord, and there is no limit as to how far we can go in His work. We have all these improvements paid for and did not have to draw on the church treasury or building fund. All this was done by the woman's auxiliary, the various Sunday school classes, and by donations.

However, we are not through here at Cabin church. Plans are now being drawn for an educational building, and we hope to get it started soon. We desire the prayers of all Christian workers that we may keep on working and building for the Lord and that His will may be done here at Cabin.

We held a dedication service Sunday, December 5. Yes, the Lord has been very good to us, and we give Him all the honor and praise for everything that has been accomplished.

—The Church Reporter.

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"As thy days thy strength shall be. This should be enough for thee; He who knows thy frame will spare Burdens more than thou canst bear!"

—Selected.

RESOLUTIONS - 1972

(The following are excerpts taken from a message delivered by the Rev. James Lupton, pastor of the Winterville, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, and taken by Miss Guyla J. Corbett.)

As the new year approaches many of us may find ourselves with the task of making our new year's resolutions. Now let us, for a moment, look at what we as Christians should hope to accomplish in 1972.

First of all, we need new faith. 'Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the Cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and is now seated at the right side of God's throne' (Hebrews 21:2, "Good News for Modern Man"). We, as progressing Christians, need faith to reach out and support God's work and to give action ourselves.

The second thing that we should do is given in Hebrews 10:38, "My righteous people, however, will believe and live; but if any of them turn back, I will not be pleased with him." We as Christians need assurance that faithfulness will be rewarded. This assurance is given in this Scripture.

We should face the new year courageously, placing aside our doubts and fears. John 10:28 states, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never die; and no one can snatch them away from me." God's Word also tells us, "Because you have kept my order to be patient, I will also keep you safe from the time of trouble which is coming upon the whole world, to test all the people on earth." Psalm 121:8 (Revised Standard Version) states, "The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

The Christian needs joy. How can a Christian with a long face hope to convey the happiness that Christ brings? Colossians 1:13 tells what God has done for us: "... he rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son." Also Galatians 5:13 states, "... let love make you serve one another."

Love and service are marks of a true Christian. I have attempted to show

In the Desert God Communed With Me

(EXODUS 33:18-23)

I stood in the midst of the desert,
And as far as the eye could see
Were miles of sand and cactus and rock,
And Yucca and Joshua tree.
And in this awesome wilderness place
God chose to commune with me!

We walked and we talked in those moments
Surrounded by His earth and sky.
Sweeter fellowship never existed
With mere mortal man such as I:
For this was a treasure more precious
Than that gold or silver could buy.

I said, "Dear Lord, this I beseech thee:
Let me now gaze on thy face.
Give me a glimpse of thy glory,
If in thy dear sight I find grace.
Just this one thing do I ask thee
Here in this desert place."

But He said, "Nay, my child," in His wisdom,
"Mercy, instead, do I give:
Thou canst not see all of my glory,
For no man shall see me and live.
(Until all men stand there before me
On that day when judgment I give.)

"Behold now the place here beside me:
In the cleft of that rock shalt thou stand;
While I let all my glory pass by thee
I will cover thee then with my hand.
Then behold, as I've passed, I will let thee
See just my back o'er the land."

And He did all that He had just promised.
His hands covered me there from the light
That surely would in all its brilliance
Have caused me to lose then my sight!
And I felt all His glory pass by me;
And I felt all the strength of His might.

you what the children of God should do this year and every year to "grow in grace"; and it is my hope and prayer that all Christians grow spiritually in this new year and in the years to come.

As I opened my eyes there before me
Like nothing I'd ever beheld!
Magnificent splendor in color,
The heavens with glory were filled
God's presence—in beauty of sunset—
His radiance o'er desert hills spilled!

And I stood there transfixed by the moment,
For as far as the eye could see:
The sand and the rock and the cactus,
The Yucca and Joshua tree,
Were bathed in the wondrous glory
Of the one who communed with me!
—Sylvia A. Storms

Second Union, Central At King's Cross Roads

The King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, will host the Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference, Saturday morning, January 29. The moderator, the Rev. Charles Crisp will preside, and the scheduled program is as follows:

Session

- 10:00—Hymn
—Devotions, the Rev. James Lupton
—Welcome, the Rev. Joseph Lehmann
—Response, Mrs. Floyd Harris
- 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- 10:30—Reading of the Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Offering for Children's Home
- 10:55—Reports of Denominational Enterprises
- 11:20—Business Session
- 11:30—Report of Finance Committee
—Announcements
- 11:40—Special Music, Winterville Male Quartet
- 11:50—Worship Service:
Message, the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College
—Adjournment

The best time to read the Bible is as often as possible.

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SHOULD YOU LEAVE THESE FOR
A RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT?

LEAVE HUSBAND AND CHILDREN FOR RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT?

According to a recent article in a widely circulated magazine, at least one of the Jesus Movement leaders has left her husband and five children in order to devote her life to the "Children of God." The lady lives on the west coast where the Movement had its beginning.

The "Children of God" represent just a little more than one would think. We are led to believe that their title is a little less than appropriate also. Why? Well, the "Children of God" stress communal living and radical separation from the world. Separation from the world is good—but separation from **worldly things** is better.

Communal living carries a somewhat questionable connotation. Though some biblical accounts suggest that such was the practice during Old Testament times, we have been accustomed of late to identify such living with misconduct, filthiness, and as a form of rebellion against established modes of behavior.

Jesus said that if anyone loved father or mother more than Him (and that could include husband, wife, or children)—that if anyone loved anyone or anything more than Him, such a person was not worthy of Him. Perhaps this is what the young woman had in mind when she forsook her family for the "Children of God." Yet, upon examination of some of these all-of-a-sudden do-gooders, we tend to believe that their motives are a little lopsided.

In the case of the "Children of God," this sect is so strict that its young converts (teens and "post-teens") are almost stolen from their parents—to the extent that some elders of the sect monitor their correspondence and telephone calls from their parents. It causes one to look upon such as something akin to brainwashing.

One of the troubles with new religious movements is that the values all seem to be displaced. There is a straining to be **religious** but little attempt to be really **Christian**. We have been warned recently by such notables as David Wilkerson, Teen Challenge founder who has become so instrumental in providing spiritual guidance for drug addicts, that there are dangers in these movements. It is a known fact that everybody who "totes" a Bible and talks like a Christian isn't one.

This writer has been cautious from the beginning in endorsing these movements and their sproutoffs, notwithstanding possible benefits.

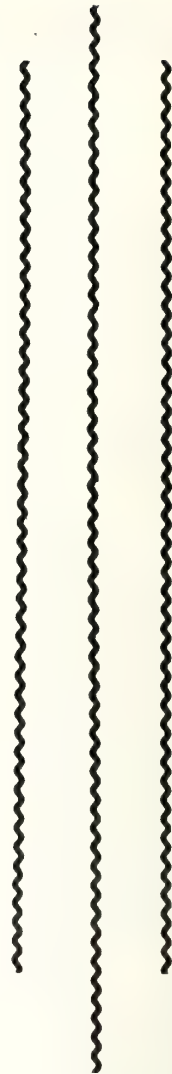
It seems a little less than reasonable that God called the lady in question to leave five children who need her, and a husband who needs her too, to engage in religious work with the "Children of God." It is possible that this was just an excuse to get away, that she was tired of the rigors "imposed" upon her in being a wife and mother. Perhaps she simply wanted to be free of certain responsibilities and found this to be the "decent" way out.

Few dedicated ministers are called upon to leave wife and children to engage in the Lord's work—and if one had to make such a sacrifice, it is hardly believable that he would be called upon to absent himself to this extent. For a woman to absent herself thusly raises a lot of question marks.

We certainly cannot deny the possibility that the lady's intentions might have been honorable. She might indeed have been sincere and chose a type of martyrdom to prove her sincerity. We are made to wonder, however, how she can rest so well at night knowing that her children may be crying for her and wanting her.

It is hard for us to imagine that the Jesus who said, "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto me" would require that this mother forsake five. All missionaries that we know take their children with them on their journeys for Christ. Could not this religious lady have done as much?

Loving Christ more than husband and children is understandable—even commendable—but, abandoning them is another thing entirely. We cannot believe that the God she claims to serve is pleased!



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Foreigners Are Just Folks--Like Us

N 1952 the squalling telephone tore me from the clothesline where I was tentatively gathering flapping clothes against the ravages of a sudden Texas windstorm. That call catapulted our family of five into eye-opening, global experiences with strange cultures. Our hazy, mental picture of incomprehensible foreigners focused, as a result, to a warm understanding of people—people who are just folks—like us. “Betty,” my husband, John, said on the telephone, “how would you like for me to take a Government Foreign Service job with the Voice of America? One that would move us to some place like Manila or Tangier or Munich?” Astonished, I gasped, then shouted, “When do we leave?”

During the following fifteen years we moved, with our three children—Rosanne, then thirteen, Ben, nine, and Tom, seven—on four continents and in the Philippines. Among us, we visited more than fifty countries including Russia.

Excited anticipation marked our preparation for the move. But a nagging worry hung like a translucent veil in the back of my mind.

“How on earth,” I asked John, “can we actually communicate with foreigners who speak strange languages and practice unfamiliar customs? How can we bridge the barrier created by our differences?”

Surprisingly, the answer in each country came easily and simply. As easily as opening a door and as simply as a smile.

THE PHILIPPINES

The first door and the first smile appeared soon after we settled in Manila. When I took our sons to school to enroll them, the petite and gentle Filipino principle, Miss Niguidula, said, “Now boys, some of our students don’t speak very good English yet, but you will certainly find a lot of good friends here.”

The next day our snaggle-toothed Tom came home with a wide grin. He said, “You know, that teacher was right. I already have a whole room full of friends.” They were charming little black-haired Filipino boys and girls.

“The whole class,” Tom continued, “said ‘Mabuhay’ to me . . . that means welcome in their Tagalog language.”

On a trip from modern, cosmopolitan Manila to a remote “barrio” or village, the people who expected us sent men up from the village in the valley to carry our bags down the hot, steep mountain jungle trail. The men shinned up tall, green-leaved coconut trees for young fruit to chop open with their machetes so we could drink the refreshing juice inside.

by BETTY CASEY

From a mile long spring-fed bamboo pipe, barefooted women of the barrio carried water for us in clay pots balanced on their heads. They cooked over a wood fire built on a bed of dirt on the bamboo floor of the kitchen in one of their nipa-thatched huts. They shared their meager supply of food with us.

“We are sorry,” said a young man, “that we do not have enough chairs for all of you to sit at the table.” Like gracious hosts everywhere, they shared with guests the best they had. We appreciated the generosity of their hearts.

HONG KONG

Successful experiences however did not prevent the recurrence of doubts. Other countries which we visited offered new challenges in understanding. I recall the excitement and uncertainty I

felt during my first bus ride in Hong Kong.

Haunting Oriental music came from behind long paper streamers of Chinese-lettered signs hanging before one of the little open market drugstore stalls which sold odd remedies such as dried sea-horses. Barefooted coolies trotted by pulling their ricksha passengers.

On the bus an unintelligible chatter of Chinese sounded like a tape recording being run backward. I became conscious of a melodious little tune. Who, on the bus, was singing?

It was a Chinese woman near me. She was dressed in the pajama-like costume often worn by Asian women. She sat well forward on her seat patting a chubby, whimpering, black-haired baby which was spraddled on her back in a wide sling. While patting, she crooned a soft melody. I recognized a lullaby. The strangeness fell away as our smiles met and we shared the feeling of a mother’s loving care for her baby.

INDIA

Apprehension surrounded us like an invisible net on a flight out of Calcutta. The night before, a Communist instigated group of Indian rabble-rousers had demonstrated before the American Consulate. We had not been personally involved, but as the only Americans on a plane full of strangely clad Indians, we felt uneasy. I looked at the turbans and Ghandi-like attire of the men and the trailing saris of the women. It gives them, I decided at first, a formidable air.

The friendly solicitude of a smartly uniformed, English-speaking Indian stewardess soothed our fearfulness. With guarded interest we looked more closely at our fellow passengers.

Rosanne nudged me and whispered, “That woman has a jewel set in the side of her nose.” She was right. I looked at the exotic, magenta colored, gold—
(continued on page ten)



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

NOT DEPENDENT ON FEELINGS

Scripture Reading—John 8:26

Someone asked Luther, "Do you feel That you have been forgiven?" He answered, "No, but I'm as sure As there's a God in heaven. For feelings come, and feelings go, And feelings are deceiving. My warrant is the Word of God, Naught else is worth believing."

—Alliance Weekly.

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we search our hearts we could ask ourselves these questions: How do we feel? What do we believe? May He help us to really know.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

NO TIME TO GET READY

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 2:8

God is very merciful, but He is just and righteous as well. When men disregard warning and entreaty, then law steps in. I remember when I was living some years ago in Burnley in Lancashire, a woman told her husband, who had always kept aloof from things religious, about a man whom they both knew very well, and who had just died very suddenly. The man remarked, "What a terrible thing to be called away like that without any chance of getting ready!" And the woman could not help replying: "Without any chance of getting ready! Why, he has had fifty-four years of chances!"—Sunday Circle.

PRAYER THOUGHT

May He not call us before we are "ready"! After all, He has given us time to get ready. Each new day that comes is another "preparation day." Are we using our time wisely?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

LOOK TO JESUS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 147:6

An earnest city missionary in New York was passing through the tramcars going down to Fulton Ferry, distributing a little card, which read: "When tempted, when in despair, when sick, when dying, look to

Jesus!" One of these cards fell into the hands of a passenger on the car, who read it. As the man who gave it to him started out of the car, the passenger followed him and said, "Friend, let me speak a word to you. I have just buried my wife and two children and I have been unfortunate in business. Life is a blank to me; it is as dark midnight. I was on my way to Fulton Ferry, thinking I would end it all down there in the river, but the little card you gave me has given me hope!"—Dr. A. C. Dixon.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Who knows but what a look, a smile, a word, or an act in our lives has caused one soul to be saved? Even one! Maybe more than one?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

THE PERSONAL TOUCH

Scripture Reading—Psalm 127:3

A Sunday school teacher mailed successively ten cards to a girl who had been absent. When the last one was posted, the teacher met the girl's mother on the street, who said, "You need not mail Mary any more cards."

"Why?" asked the astonished teacher.

"We buried her last week!"

Who can foretell the difference if the hand used to write a card had reached a little farther to ring a door bell.—Alliance Weekly.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Feel guilt pangs? So many of us write notes and plan to follow it up with a visit. How about our lonely friends and loved ones?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 50:10

The value of—

A clock is in its reputation for accuracy.

A wrench is in its ability to adjust a problem.

A car is in its ability to perform well on the upgrade.

A stamp is in its ability to stick to the end of the journey.

A pair of scissors is in its ability to cooperate.

A tack is in its head that will not let it go too far.

A man is in his ability to combine all these virtues.—Moody Monthly.

PRAYER THOUGHT

When you combine these virtues you become a well-rounded person—and each of us can do it! The ability to do this—what could we do for God and our fellowman with all this "know-how"?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

KILL THE SPIDER

Scripture Reading—Exodus 15:2

An old deacon who used to pray every

Wednesday night at prayer meeting always concluded his prayer the same way: "Almighty Lord, clean all the cobwebs out of my life! I think you know what he was talking about. The cobwebs—those things that ought not to have been there but had gathered during the week. Well, it got too much for one fellow in the prayer meeting, and he heard the old deacon one time too often. So when the old man made the prayer, the fellow jumped to his feet and shouted, "Lord, Lord, don't do it! Do do it! Kill the spider!" Beloved, that's what needs to happen.—Gospel Herald.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would "killing the spider" solve your problems? Could there be more than one spider? That would mean another web.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

HAD HE LOST ALL?

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:28

A young businessman who had been severely tested, and whose heart was again and again tempted to rebellion during the process of trial to which he was submitted, came to a Christian worker. His motherless babes, two and five years old, clung one to either hand. Though still in his early thirties, his hair was snow white from the hours of anguish through which he had passed. An income of twenty thousand dollars a year was gone. His capital was swept away. His home was gone; his car for sale! Stripped of everything but the two loved children, the big, broad-shouldered young father, towering over six feet, with the strength of a capable manhood, looked steadily at the worker, and said, "In looking back upon my sufferings, I find that God makes no mistakes."—Sunday School Times.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Even though this man had lost all of his material gain, he had been given two precious children. God never makes a mistake. How wonderful!

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DIVISION

by Karen Register
Greenville, North Carolina

Someone says he loves God,
And we say that's wonderful
Until we find out
What denomination he belongs to.
Then we begin to find flaws
In his faith.

Why can't we bypass the denomination
And concentrate on
The Common Denominator?

A MISSIONARY WITH MOVIES

If you would like to travel, meet people, and work for the Lord all at one time, you might get an idea from Russel Belshee. He shows Christian movies in churches, rest homes, granges, clubs, and even in private homes at no charge to the viewers.

It started long ago when his young daughter Nina wondered why their family didn't attend movies. The Belshees explained that too many movies shown in theaters are not suitable for Christians to see. "But I'll buy a projector and we'll see if we can get some Christian films," her father promised.

He did just that. Soon he was showing films in nearby homes and at the local church. His willingness to serve in this way became known in neighboring communities. He now offers Christian films for showing in any part of the

by Hope Lind
Eugene, Oregon

state and in neighboring states as well.

Russel Belshee is a farmer in the north central Oregon community of Moro. His farm is located in a valley near the Columbia River. Farming in partnership with his brother-in-law, Mac Hall, they feed beef cattle and raise mostly wheat and barley. Hall's usual part in this movie ministry is keeping things in order on the farm while Belshee is away.

"I can't remember the time when I didn't love the Lord," Belshee says. He does remember when he began to understand more completely the claims of Christ upon his life. At that time he dedicated himself to the service of God. His dedication has resulted in this unique form of witness.

Most of the year he shows films on Sunday afternoons or evenings in churches of various denominations within easy driving distance. "I have to make a living like everyone else," he remarks. And

in the rush seasons a farmer has time for little but farming.

But when the rush is over, he travels in Oregon and parts of Washington, often for several weeks at a time. Considering weather conditions, he finds late fall a good time to be in eastern Oregon, ahead of the snow. Winter is fine for western Oregon, across the Cascade Mountains, "where all I have to contend with is rain," he says. Often groups invite him back the next year.

Usually he shows films to small churches that otherwise would not likely see them. The films he uses rent regularly for a minimum of \$20. But he has made special arrangements with Ken Anderson Films and Moody Institute of Science to show their films to small groups for a freewill offering only, rather than the usual fixed rental. (Anderson films can be shown free in places like rest homes, to which the general public is not invited.) The offering is sent directly to the producer, although with Anderson films he is permitted to keep half the offering for expenses, if he wishes.

In addition to providing quality films rental free, he also provides his own projector and screen. Besides the cost to small groups of renting 16-millimeter projection equipment, if they should wish to show a film on their own, many of the small communities Belshee serves are distant from large cities where such equipment is available for rental use. So he actually performs a double service for these people.

Belshee feels deeply for such small churches. "People in out-of-the-way places have as much right to see these films as those in large areas," he says.

When he began showing films over twenty years ago, the supply of good Christian films was limited. They were often of mediocre workmanship and thus were poor representatives of the supreme message they wished to give. Now many films do credit to the message.

"Some are especially for young peo-

ple," Belshee says. He feels that Anderson films get to teen-agers well. He cites **Without Onion**, a 70-minute color film, as an example. It is about modern teen-agers caught in the "new morality."

Other films are excellent for family viewing. Some are evangelistic in nature. Moody films end with a presentation of the way to Christ.

The Moody Institute of Science has produced about eighteen noteworthy films since 1946. These films give facts of scientific developments and relate them to the truth of Scriptures. Thirteen-minute filmstrips for children use excerpts from the regular films.

The Moody films do not become outdated, for they are revised from time to time. Belshee gives as an example, **Red River of Life**, which tells of the work of the heart and blood. Changes were made in this film as new things were learned about open heart surgery.

At times groups rent a specific film and asked Belshee to show it with his equipment. This he gladly does. But because of the special arrangement he has with Anderson and Moody films he uses these most of the time.

Belshee has become known by newspaper publicity, friends in different localities, and word-of-mouth reports. He takes care of his own travel expenses, often staying at motels and buying his meals in restaurants. "They laugh at my old Packard," he says with a chuckle. With 200,000 miles on it, "it's good for another hundred thousand."

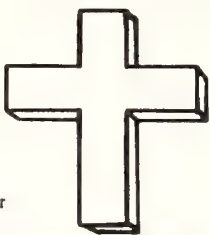
"Making films available and providing the means of showing them is an open field of evangelism and nurture," Belshee says. Moody Institute reports periodically on mail received from viewers, telling of people who have come to be Christians because of seeing a Moody science film.

"I hope someone else takes up the work in some other area," Belshee says. He adds that Anderson is looking for people interested in this kind of missionary service. They do require qualifications of character and finance—they want no fly-by-night business, for example.

"This kind of work involves sacrifice and tight schedules," Belshee admits. But for him, the satisfaction of serving God by providing this effective aid to evangelism and Christian growth is its own reward.

If you would like to travel, meet people, and work for the Lord all at one time, you use this idea from Russel Belshee.

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION IN GAFFNEY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Pictured below is something new in the way of missions: a mobile home mission. The mission was dedicated in services January 15, 1972, in Gaffney, South Carolina.



This is the work of the Palmetto Conference under the direction of Home Mission Director of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, the Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Pictured below is Director Bullman presenting the keys to the mission to the minister, the Rev. Larry Combs, who will be living in Gaffney. Looking on is the Rev. Walter Carter, president of the General Conference.



Regular services began at the mission Sunday, January 23. This traveling mission will be moved to another city when the work is firmly established in Gaffney. Mr. Bullman requests the prayers of the public for the home mission work

of the General Conference, and urges strong support for this worthwhile cause.

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CHRISTIAN CHAPEL MISSION

This message I'm sure comes to you unexpected, however I trust it is a pleasant surprise.

May we inform you that in 1969, we, as members of the Cape Fear Conference, being concerned with home missions supported and assisted in establishing what is known as Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Mission near Lillington, North Carolina. From the beginning much progress has been made in getting a building erected for worship. Services are conducted twice each Sunday and regular prayer and Bible study each Thursday evening.

Before going further, let us say that

ordinarily one's first thought would be "Why should I be receiving a message from someone outside my own area of conference?" This being a normal thing to ask, we pray that you will hear it out and give some consideration to the request being made to the churches and concerned individuals throughout the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Christian Chapel mission was started with just a few families whose annual income would not exceed much over \$3,000 per year. From the beginning they have, with the help of the Cape Fear Conference and the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, North Carolina (the mother church) procured land and erected the present building at a cost of approximately \$10,000. As stated the progress has been real good; however, there are still problems that must be overcome. To name a few: (1) No Sunday school rooms for the present members or prospective members; (2) no rest rooms for the children or others who need these facilities during the long periods of services; (3) no rooms to administer the ordinance of feet washing (separate men and women); (4) with the present obligations on the membership, they are unable to even reimburse the director for his own expense, much less pay him anything for his services.

Brethren, this is only to name a few things that need to be overcome. There are many items that need consideration; however, we feel that with these you can see a hindrance to our growth which has been experienced simply because those who would like to be a part of our assembly must take their families elsewhere where these things are available.

Funds are limited it seems in every conference for the purpose of establishing missions on the home front; the Cape Fear being no exception. As you know, there is no statewide effort for home missions and it is left up to the respective conferences to provide for its own as best it can.

It is not an easy thing to ask for help,

Coming Events . . .

March 7—Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, 8 P.M.

March 18—Eastern District Youth Convention, Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina

we have no other recourse if we
 to accomplish the goal of provid-
 a proper place of worship and train-
 that we should. Truly God will pro-
 ve a way for His work. Jesus says,
 "We have not because we ask not!"
 So to you dear brethren, as we are all
 in Christ Jesus, we appeal to you to
 assist us in this work. We are sending
 letters to every church in the State Con-
 vention, asking for support in the
 amount of at least \$25 from each church.
 We know that there will be some who
 will not be able to respond to this re-
 quest, so those who can send more,
 please do so.

There are two methods in which you
 may send your contributions and receive
 acknowledgement for them:

North Carolina Board of Missions
 State Convention of Original Free Will
 Baptists

Box 979
 Weldon, North Carolina 27530
 (Marked Christian Chapel Mission)

Christian Chapel Mission
 c/o Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist
 Church
 P. O. Box 345
 Weldon, North Carolina 28339

Please act on this urgent request as
 soon as possible. We pray most earnest-
 ly that our Christ shall bless you and
 your efforts in this matter and that you
 shall be happy when you have helped.

Respectfully submitted,
 Charles N. Parrish, Pastor
 Pleasant Grove Church
 Taylor Hill, Chairman
 Cape Fear Mission Board
 Edward Painter, Director
 Christian Chapel Mission

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Mr. Moretz Has New Address

The Rev. and Mrs. Willet L. Moretz
 and Ruth desire to inform their friends
 that they are now in their new home at
 Swannanoa, North Carolina, and the wel-
 come mat is out for any of their friends
 who may be visiting in the mountains.

Mail addressed to the Moretz family,
 just Swannanoa, North Carolina, will
 reach them.

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WHO ELSE WAS THERE?

If Christ had declined to associate with
 sinners, He would have had a lonely time
 here on earth.—D. L. Moody.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



Attention Youth Chairman and Sponsors

Start planning now the Eastern Dis-
 trict Youth Convention to be held at the
 Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church,
 Bridgeton, North Carolina, Saturday,
 March 18, 1972. Don't forget your do-
 nation for Cragmont Assembly, our state
 project.

This is the time of year for essays
 and declamations, also. The topics are
 the same as last year: Essays, "The
 Greatest Need of Our Church"; Decla-
 mations, "Old Time Religion for Modern
 Youth." Please get your young people
 started on this right away. The rules
 are as follows:

Essay Contest

1. Essays are to be from 1,000 to
 1,500 words in length for the YFA; 700
 to 1,000 for AFC.

2. Participants must be a member of
 the YFA; ages 14 to 19; or the AFC, ages
 9 to 13.

3. An elimination committee in the lo-
 cal church will judge the essays, and the
 winning essay will be sent to the district.
 Only the essay placed first in the district
 will be sent to the state youth chair-
 man for the state contest.

4. Name of the contestant and a copy
 of each essay must be sent to the district
 youth chairman and/or the state youth
 chairman at least two weeks prior to the
 convention.

5. Essays will be judged on the follow-
 ing points:

- (a) Subject matter, 50%;
- (b) Neatness and style, 25%;
- (c) Grammatical construction, 25%.

6. Suitable awards will be given to the
 winner and the runner-up in each age
 group.

7. Essays may be typewritten. No es-
 says will be returned.

Declamation Contest

There will be two contests: (1) Boys
 and girls, ages 9-13, who are members

of the AFC, BA, GA are eligible; (2) boys
 and girls, ages 14-19 who are members
 of the YFA.

1. Each church may represent with a
 contestant from each age group to the
 district. Winner of the district will rep-
 resent at the State Youth Fellowship Con-
 vention.

2. Maximum time will be eight
 minutes, and the minimum time limit
 will be six minutes. Two points will be
 deducted for each declamation going
 over or under the allotted time.

3. Contestants will be judged on the
 following basis:

- (a) Value in teaching the subject,
40%;
- (b) Poise, 15%;
- (c) Expression and interpretation,
15%;
- (d) Memorization, 10%;
- (e) Originality, 10%;
- (f) Enunciation, 10%.

4. Contestants must appear before an
 elimination committee in the local church
 and the winner will be presented at the
 district convention. The winner from the
 district will be presented at the State
 Youth Fellowship Convention.

5. Name of the contestant and a copy
 of each declamation must be sent to the
 district youth chairman and/or the state
 youth chairman at least two weeks prior
 to the convention in which it is to com-
 pete. Those not in on time will be dis-
 qualified.

6. Suitable awards will be given the
 winner and the runner-up.

7. No "props" please.

8. The state contest will be held dur-
 ing the annual State Youth Fellowship
 Convention in the spring.

Please get your young people started
 on this right away.

—Melody T. Wall
 Route 1
 Pink Hill, N. C.

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Ever have an eye as to what and to
 whom you speak concerning any man.—
 Horace.

ATTENTION, F. W. B. MINISTERS!

The following letter is going out to all Free Will Baptist ministers.

Subject: "Ministers' Widows' Fund"

Dear Co-Worker:

In a recent meeting the superannuation board voted to set up a "Ministers' Widows' Fund" to provide financial assistance for the minister's wife upon the death of her husband.

The fund will be set up as follows:

1. This fund shall be known as the "Ministers' Widows' Fund" and shall be administered by the North Carolina Board of Superannuation.

2. The purpose of this fund is to provide immediate financial assistance for the minister's wife upon the death of her husband. This fund will be available only to wives whose husbands are actively participating in this fund at the time of his death.

3. Any Original Free Will Baptist minister in good standing can participate in the "Ministers' Widows' Fund" by sending an initial ten dollars (\$10) to the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, and then sending ten dollars (\$10) within thirty (30) days of notification by the board of superannuation that one of the participating ministers has passed away.

4. Upon the death of one who is participating in this fund, the total amount then in the fund will be sent immediately to his widow. The expenses for administering this fund will be provided by the board of superannuation.

A certificate will be issued to those participating upon receipt of ten dollars (\$10). The first enrollment will be made within thirty days from the date of this letter. You are urged to use the enclosed return envelope today and participate in the "Ministers' Widows' Fund." Please make check payable to North Carolina Board of Superannuation.

Respectfully,
Walter Reynolds

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BARNUM'S PREFIX

P. T. Barnum was a temperance advocate. Once when he was giving an address, a man in the gallery howled: "How does alcohol affect us, externally or internally?" "Eternally," flashed back Barnum.—Sunday School Times.

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledge the following receipts for the month of November, 1971. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing but totals are shown here only for each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for November, 1971, compared with November, 1970.

| Religious Contributions Received | 1971 | 1970 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 1,145.38 | \$ 1,027.88 | \$ 117.50 |
| Blue Ridge Association | 17.50 | 32.48 | (14.98) |
| Cape Fear Conference | 3,464.00 | 2,540.93 | 923.07 |
| Central Conference | 6,535.85 | 5,933.76 | 602.09 |
| Eastern Conference | 6,483.58 | 4,873.05 | 1,610.53 |
| Pee Dee Association | 395.33 | 176.45 | 218.88 |
| Piedmont Conference | 255.79 | 284.00 | (28.21) |
| Rockfish Conference | 82.00 | 172.00 | (90.00) |
| Toe River Association | 31.15 | | 31.15 |
| Western Conference | 5,064.54 | 6,071.73 | (1,007.19) |
| Statewide Bodies | 1,263.00 | 746.06 | 516.94 |
| Other States | 30.62 | | 30.62 |
| Total Religious Contributions | 24,768.74 | 21,858.34 | 2,910.40 |
| Parents and Relatives | 236.61 | 415.00 | (178.39) |
| Friends and Others | 555.00 | 318.00 | 237.00 |
| Refunds | 242.96 | 53.04 | 189.92 |
| Legacies and Bequests | 750.00 | | 750.00 |
| Farm Income | 862.17 | 72.56 | 789.61 |
| Canteen Sales | 132.00 | 325.50 | (193.50) |
| Capital Account Loan | 9,628.49 | | 9,628.49 |
| Miscellaneous | 835.10 | 890.50 | (55.40) |
| Total Other Income | 13,242.33 | 2,074.60 | 11,167.73 |
| Total Income for Month | \$38,011.07 | \$23,932.94 | \$ 14,078.13 |

The above was received for the following:

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| General Fund | \$27,999.48 |
| Jesse Woodard Fund | 5.00 |
| Van Savings Account | 378.10 |
| Capital Account | 9,628.49 |
| Total | \$38,011.07 |

HONOR ROLL

Albemarle Conference

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|----------------|----------|
| Hickory Chapel | \$158.06 |
| Sound Side | 107.09 |
| Mt. Tabor | 204.13 |
| Trinity | 100.00 |

Cape Fear Conference

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|--------------|----------|
| Bethel | \$129.25 |
| Faith | 114.37 |
| Fayetteville | 617.00 |
| Smithfield | 300.00 |
| St. Paul | 200.00 |
| Tee's Chapel | 328.16 |
| Oak Grove | 176.53 |

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|-------------------|--------|
| Riverside | 20.000 |
| Wooten's Chapel | 114.00 |
| Powhatan | 272.00 |
| Yelverton's Grove | 187.58 |
| Smyrna | 121.40 |
| Pleasant Grove | 155.00 |
| West Clinton | 113.50 |

Central Conference

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|-----------------|----------|
| Ormondsville | \$333.00 |
| Daniels Chapel | 305.00 |
| Winterville | 289.10 |
| Spring Branch | 305.00 |
| Sweet Gum Grove | 175.00 |
| Black Jack | 145.00 |

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| ickory Grove | 233.29 |
| eedy Branch | 389.31 |
| ree Union | 298.96 |
| aratoga | 100.00 |
| riendship | 136.66 |
| Grimsley | 110.00 |
| Aspen Grove | 184.00 |
| Piney Grove | 100.00 |
| Gum Swamp | 238.80 |
| Owen's Chapel | 316.84 |
| Cedar Grove | 100.00 |
| Walnut Creek | 150.00 |
| Otter's Creek | 146.95 |
| Ayden | 164.43 |
| King's Cross Road | 641.30 |
| Rocky Mount | 125.00 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 200.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 211.00 |
| Hull Road | 501.65 |
| Watery Branch | 125.00 |

Eastern Conference

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|--------------------|----------|
| Oak Grove | \$266.69 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 194.85 |
| Davis | 153.00 |
| Sarecta | 164.83 |
| Hugo | 181.00 |
| Memorial | 150.00 |
| Smith's New Home | 100.00 |
| Indian Springs | 115.00 |
| St. Mary's | 100.00 |
| Juniper Chapel | 150.39 |
| Bethlehem | 110.00 |
| May's Chapel | 155.00 |
| Dublin Grove | 149.11 |
| Sound View | 170.15 |
| White Oak Grove | 227.47 |
| Mt. Zion (Pamlico) | 143.00 |
| Rooty Branch | 100.00 |
| Beulaville | 209.20 |
| Sandy Plain | 102.76 |
| Long Ridge | 102.00 |
| Northeast | 104.79 |
| Warden's Grove | 405.26 |
| Folkston | 110.36 |
| Ephesus | 125.25 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 108.25 |
| Bethel | 377.62 |
| Christian Chapel | 143.20 |
| Smyrna | 129.50 |
| Moseley Creek | 300.00 |
| White Hill | 130.00 |
| Friendship | 104.35 |

Pee Dee Association

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| Mt. Calvary | \$146.33 |
| Beaver Dam | 128.00 |

Piedmont Conference

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| Morganton | \$100.00 |
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Western Conference

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| St. Mary's | \$275.00 |
| Milbournie | 550.97 |
| Elwood Lane | 112.23 |
| Wilson | 217.25 |

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|-------------------|--------|
| Rock Springs | 155.00 |
| Piney Grove | 124.16 |
| Pleasant Hill | 185.00 |
| Rose Bud | 227.63 |
| Rains Cross Roads | 250.00 |
| Branch Chapel | 127.37 |
| People's Chapel | 100.03 |
| Micro | 105.00 |
| Sherron Acres | 155.00 |
| Friendship | 150.40 |
| Pine Level | 367.70 |
| Fremont | 104.03 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 188.29 |
| Calvary | 128.00 |
| Everett's Chapel | 108.00 |
| Stony Hill | 139.67 |
| Unity | 100.00 |
| Union Grove | 125.00 |
| Barnes Hill | 354.63 |
| Spring Hill | 100.00 |

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Houseparents Needed

There is a normal turnover in child care workers which makes it necessary to keep an active file of prospective employees. At the present time, the Children's Home is accepting applications for houseparents and/or housemothers. Any one interested in applying for this position should contact the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Superintendent, Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

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God's Dwelling Places

"God is everywhere" goes the terse statement. This is true, yet in a very real sense, God has had, and continues to have, specific dwelling places. The omnipresent God characteristically dwells everywhere throughout the universe and the great expanse of space because He has made it all. He knows its every operation. Nothing is beyond His knowledge and control. To Him, we, as the psalmist did, recognize His majesty and greatness.

During the course of man's existence upon the earth, God has sought to dwell with man. In seeking to do this, God has had some specific dwelling places. (Only sin disrupts and corrupts the normal procedure of God dwelling with man.)—Selected.

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God was better to me than all my hopes,
Better than all my fears;
For He made a bridge of my broken sighs,
And a rainbow of my tears.

—Selected.



By Margo Mangum

You run across people with idiosyncrasies—anywhere, everywhere, yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

I have in mind this bachelor. His was eggs—the cooking of them—the way he liked them best.

It seems that no one was able to fix them exactly right. If they were served boiled, he wanted them poached, if fried whole he wanted them scrambled—you know.

On this particular morning the pretty little waitress decided not to ask—just decided to put them before him and felt sure she had a sure-fire cure for this man. She scrambled one egg, then fried the other one whole—sunny-side up. Taking the bacon, grits, toast—and eggs, she smilingly, if a bit smugly, asked if everything were all right.

Looking over the plate carefully he said, "Everything except the eggs—I really wanted **this** one scrambled and **this** one sunny-side up."

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Always laugh **with** others—never **at** them. We all have our "hang-ups."

Trust and Obey

Sometimes when we get weary,
And all the way seems dreary,
If we want God to come our way—
We must trust and obey.

He can always help us stand
If we will hold on to His hand;
To live for Him day-by-day,
We'll have to trust and obey.

He will always see us through,
Even tho sometimes we're blue;
But tomorrow will be a brighter day,
If we only trust and obey.

—Mrs. Gladys Peele.

Foreigners Are Just Folks – Like Us

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bordered silk sari flowing in soft folds to the tops of the woman's thonged, gold sandals. "What," I whispered to my daughter, "do you suppose this mysterious woman from India is really like?"

The woman whispered some secrecy to a bearded, turbaned man. He spoke to a teen-aged girl in a pale green Sari. With gracefully swinging long, jet-black braids over her shoulder she glided away and brought back a damp towel. He placed it gently on the woman's brow.

Rosanne said quietly, "She's not mysterious, she's that girl's mother and she's air sick." Smiling, Rosanne gave the girl a disposable handi-wipe for her mother. The girl thanked her in English. Later Rosanne learned that the jewel set in the side of the nose is worn for decoration.

"Just like," Rosanne exclaimed, "American women wear ear rings in pierced ears."

MOROCCO

In Morocco, at a "Moussem," a Muslim religious festival held in the desert, I observed, "I have either stepped into the midst of a movie set or been whisked back into mystic ancient times." Tribal teams of fearsome looking, white-robed horsemen charged full-tilt across a large field lined with tents. They fired their muzzle-loading "moukkala" rifles into the air in a spectacular competition called a "fantasia."

"Come into one of the tents and have tea with us," invited an Arab friend.

Beautiful tapestry cloaked the tent walls and fine hand-loomed rugs covered the dirt floor. I sat on a brocade covered cushion sipping strangely minted, hot, sweet, refreshing tea. The Arabic spoken was a babel of sounds to me and they did not understand English. We did, however, find a bridge of understanding.

GERMANY

World War II had been over for ten years and it was spring when we visited Bavaria. Sunshiny, new-green, heart singing spring, but spring with an icy chill shot through it like the penetrating cold of a deep-freeze locker. I had stepped from the sunshine to look at the dark gas chambers of evil at Dachau.

Later, in Munich, I could hardly believe the ordinary activities of the "dolt" or outdoor bazaar which we were visiting. Two women cheerfully bargained for

dishes in gruff sounding German at a booth underneath the newly leafed trees. Children made happy sounds on a ferris wheel. Birds were singing.

I asked myself, "Could these innocent looking people have been capable of those atrocities? Perhaps," I sincerely hoped, "none of these were the guilty ones." Yet an ugly smudge of distrust made me doubt that I could establish any measure of understanding with them. I was wrong.

I caught sight of a little family of three. The man had on short leather pants called "lederhosen." The woman and young girl wore colorful dirndls with saucy white aprons. Jaunty feathers decorated their pointed hats. In sign language I asked, "May I take your picture?" They smiled and posed.

Afterward the little girl tugged them to a stop at a sweets booth. The man fingered some coins. The mother smiled but firmly shook her head, "No." Both looked at the child—their eyes met and gave way in agreement.

Understanding dawned. He was a responsible family man whose actions spoke the universal language of indulgent fathers.

SYRIA

On a chilly road in Syria, at eventide when devout Muslims kneel and bow toward Mecca, a woman and five children scrambled out of a car. The woman wore traditional black. A thin, black veil covered her face.

They knelt together for their devotions among the red poppies growing on

the rocky hillside. Our beliefs are different, yet I felt a kinship with the veiled mother as I pictured small heads bowed together for the family blessing our own table.

EGYPT

Especially vivid is my memory of Cairo. The atmosphere seemed strange, like step into the pages of a fable. After jerky ride atop a long-legged camel across desert sands to the famed pyramids and Sphinx, we walked in midafternoon beside the Nile River.

Startling costumes worn by people who strolled or sat nearby enjoying the cooling day created an Arabian Nights setting. Men wearing the tasseled robe and ankle-length, brightly striped robe sat calmly smoking bubbling water pipes. Children crowded around a fruit juice vendor dressed in full baggy pants ballooned by an ankle band. He carried a large dispenser shaped like Aladdin's lamp on his hip.

The children waited expectantly for him to unsnap the long spout and pour some for them. With a swift lift of his knee he swung the heavy bottle up and out to expertly propel a long stream of the refreshing liquid into a glass which he held at arm's length.

Nearby women gathered in tall black clusters to visit. Except for their eyes, they were completely covered by black hoods, nose veils, and long black gowns. Some wore a gold spiral down the bridges of their noses to connect the hood and veil.

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DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE A LAYMAN'S LEAGUE?

If not, you are missing something!

Why don't you form one soon?

HOW?

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: What is meant in the Bible "God's image"?

Answer: Here we are limited to what the Bible says, as is the case with any subject dealing with spiritual things, if we are to be absolutely and unquestionably correct in what we say. In the Bible we are told that God endowed man with a living soul. In this sense man was made in the image of his Creator. This distinguishes him from the other terrestrial creatures. Such a distinguishing quality played a part in determining his disposition, desires, temperament, and in his obedience to the will of his divine Creator. However, when he sinned, he forfeited this condition. It can be said now that only those who through His grace walk uprightly before God and obey Him are His offspring. In disobedience man became endowed with a sinful nature. In obedience to the good news of salvation in Christ man is endowed through its regenerating power with a God-like nature. (See John 3:1-5.) "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. . . ." (John 12:36).

Those disobedient to the gospel were rebuked by Jesus as being descendants of Satan. "And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?" (Acts 13:10). The wrath of God is already directed toward the disobedient: "For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience" (Colossians 3:6). Jesus was the forerunner in classifying the disobedient. He told the Pharisees who regarded themselves as better than others because of their profession without possession of the virtues produced in a regenerated life, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

These offsprings of Adam who was created in the image and likeness of God, but disobeyed God and obeyed the devil and in that act acquired the devil's nature, passed it down to these Pharisees who refused to obey the gospel; that in so doing, would have been regenerated and been transferred as Abraham had in his faith that produced obedience to the known will of God. Jesus said that these would not come to Him for the new life: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:37, 38). What Jesus says here to these hardhearted, Christ-rejecting Pharisees may rightly be said of all who are now rejecting the gospel and hence reject Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives. They are doomed for Jesus says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). In Paul's preaching he says, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:16). Jesus again says, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). We are further told in: "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:11, 12); "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4); "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested,

that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8); "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15).

Sandison has the following to say on Page 184 in his book, **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered**:

"When sin entered, then came physical decay and death; man's first condition was lost and with the continuance of sin, and unrepentant and unforgiven, he also forfeited spiritual immortality. Eternal life is the gift of God. Paul declares that Jesus, through His gospel, brought life and immortality to light for fallen man and showed the path to restoration through repentance, forgiveness, and acceptance."

So the only way the image of God in man that has been marred by sin may be restored, together with his correct relationship with Him, must be by repentance under the power of the gospel. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:13-15).

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HIGH SCHOOL DAY

Mount Olive College will be holding one of its special high school day events on February 5.

The purpose of such days is to enable prospective students to visit Mount Olive College and become acquainted with its faculty and staff and also with the unique programs it has to offer.

The day's activities will begin with registration at 10 a.m., in the Henderson Building and conclude with a luncheon with these visitors as the guests of the College.

Included in the program will be tours of the campus, discussions about the College, and entertainment.

All those who have some interest in Mount Olive College are encouraged to attend.

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A safe rule to follow: "Talk to God about your neighbors, and talk to your neighbors about God."—Selected.

STORIES

for our youth



LITTLE FIST-POUNDER

LILLIAN MACKILLOP

BANGING the door behind her, Natalie stomped into the kitchen where her mother was mixing up some gingerbread.

Mrs. Brown looked up and at the same time wiped flour from her hands. "Well, did you have a good time over at Jean's?"

"I guess so," Natalie said as she pulled out a stool at the other end of the table and sat down. She plunked her elbows on the table and cupped her hands beneath her chin. "But that Jean has everything! Her bedroom is like a palace."

Mrs. Brown was lining the large pan with wax paper. "It's nice that she could come and live with her aunt after her parents were killed in that plane accident." She turned to put the pan into the oven.

Natalie sighed, "It must be nice to be Jean. You should see her room—compared to mine!"

Her mother turned around quickly. "Now Natalie, you mustn't feel that way. It's true that her aunt takes good care of her and gives her everything she wants, but Jean would much sooner have her parents with her. Now please go wake up your little sister, and I'll set up the table for supper."

Natalie got up, shoved the stool under the table, and went into the bedroom. But she still couldn't agree with her mother.

She got Betty out of the crib. Jean surely didn't have an old crib in the corner of her room. And she didn't have cheap plastic curtains on her windows—or a faded blue bedspread on her bed, Natalie thought.

Natalie dressed Betty and carried her into the bathroom to wash her face. If only her mother could see Jean's beautiful rose-colored, satin-quilted bedspread. Why can't I have some blessings, too? Natalie asked herself as she took Betty into the kitchen and sat her in the high-chair.

Mr. Brown came in, and the family settled down to the homemade chicken-and-rice soup.

Just minutes later the phone rang. Mrs. Brown went to answer.

"Why, of course! We'd love to! Fine! Natalie would be thrilled."

Mrs. Brown came back to the table. "That was Jean's aunt."

Natalie dropped her spoon into her soup bowl. "It was? What did she want? Why did you say I'd be thrilled?"

"Not so fast, daughter. Jean is coming over for the evening. Her aunt has been invited out for supper, but Jean doesn't want to go along."

"Oh," Natalie groaned.

Her mother stood up. "Don't you want her to come? I thought you liked Jean. Come, I'll get her a bowl and a plate. You can get her a spoon, a fork, and a knife, for she's coming right over."

Natalie helped set up Jean's place as neatly as she could. She got out the prettiest glass in the cupboard and set it at the tip of the knife. Sitting down again, she thought, If only I could keep her from seeing my room—with that old crib and everything.

It was only minutes later that they heard the outside door open. Natalie wished they had a pretty doorbell, but they didn't. And there was Jean's knock.

Mother nodded, and Natalie hurried to invite Jean inside. Jean began to unbutton her coat, and Natalie couldn't help eyeing her red velvet dress before she hurried into her room with the coat.

Putting it on a hanger, she sighed. she could just shove that crib into parents' room before Jean came to her room. But she didn't try it. would make too much noise, and besides she wouldn't have time. So she hurried back to the kitchen.

Jean was already sitting at the table and seemed to be enjoying the homemade soup. She seemed to be more interested in Betty's way of consuming soup than in anything else at the moment. Mr. Brown joked, "We won't say anything about the noise she's making so long as she isn't spilling a drop!" little Betty slurped away.

When Mrs. Brown went to the oven for the hot gingerbread, Jean looked around. "Oh, that smells good! It must be ginger cake. My mother used to make it. But my aunt never bakes. She says the kitchen gets too messy. She buys her cakes and pies and cookies."

"We call it gingerbread," Natalie told her—then thought how common the word bread sounded.

By this time, Mrs. Brown had cut the gingerbread in large squares and brought it to the table along with a bowl of applesauce from the refrigerator.

Everybody helped themselves, and when Jean was spooning lots of applesauce on her square of gingerbread, she laughed, "This is more like a party than a supper!"

Natalie laughed, too, and for a while she forgot about her bedroom. But later on in the evening while her parents sat in the living room reading and Betty played with the blocks in the kitchen, she asked Jean, "Want to come into my room? It's not very nice, but I can show you my things."

In the room, Natalie closed the door tightly. But only seconds later she heard Betty's little fists pounding to get in. "Go play with your blocks, you little fist-pounder," Natalie scolded.

"What a cozy little room," Jean was saying. "Mine's so big and—lonesome." Then she turned and saw the crib. "Does Betty sleep in here with you?"

Natalie started to nod, but she thought she saw tears in Jean's eyes so she asked, "What's the matter?"

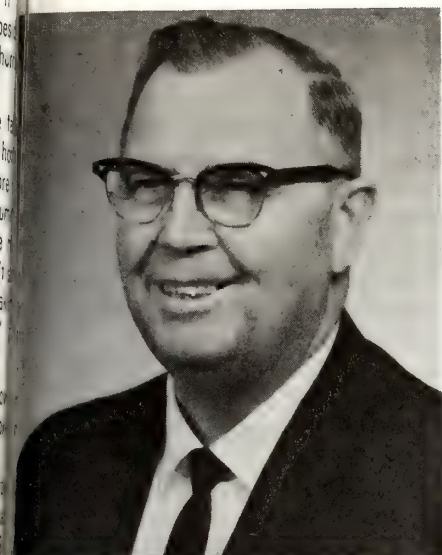
"Oh, nothing. I—I—"

Natalie hardly knew what to say, so she took Jean's arm and led her to her bed, and they sat down. "Please tell me."

Jean looked up and wiped her eyes with the sleeve of her pretty red dress. "Please don't tell the rest of the girls in

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vans, Minister of the Year



The North Carolina Ministerial Association of Free Will Baptists has selected the Rev. James A. Evans of Kinston as the "Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year."

Mr. Evans was selected for the award from a list of outstanding pastors of churches throughout North Carolina nominated in recognition of their devotion and service to their church, the Free Will Baptist denomination, and in the community.

Members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston spoke highly of Evans and were quick to point out that in addition to his service within the church, he also works with the Boy Scouts, serves as chairman of the Chaplains Committee for the local hospital, participates with the Clinic of the Mental Health Center, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Flynn Christian Home for Men in Kinston, and visits the sick and elderly as well as newcomers to the community.

Evans is currently pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston.

In the past, Evans was the cofounder and president of the Free Will Baptist Church Finance Association which is responsible for providing loans to churches, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex from 1940-50, and has served as chairman of the board for the Cragmont Assembly, Inc. at Black Mountain. He was also the first full-time employee of Mount Olive College in the position of director of public relations after the College moved to Mount Olive in 1954.

Youth of Durham Church Very Active

by Mrs. Calvin Griffin

Youth Sunday was observed on Sunday, January 30, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, where the Rev. O. B. Jones is pastor.

The youth had charge of the entire morning worship service with thoughts around "Service and Dedication." The music was furnished by the youth choir of the church which sang such songs as, "I Will Serve Thee," "If That Isn't Love," and "Win Them One by One," while the congregation sang such hymns as, "Give of Your Best to the Master" and "The Lily of the Valley." The youth of the church told "What the Lord Means to Me as a Christian Young Person and What I Intend to Do for Him during 1972." Scott Dowdee, one of the Christian young people, is pianist for the youth choir, and Mrs. Calvin Griffin is their director.

Every fifth Sunday has been set aside for the youth to participate in the services. They also participate musically in other services. The church has encouraged the young people to keep up their good work, and the pastor and his family have meant so much to them.

The two youth groups, YFA and AFC, are especially active in the Durham church. Mrs. Jack Repass sponsors the YFA and Mrs. Griffin sponsors the AFC.

Since last August, the youth have conducted and served during three regular Sunday morning services. They have participated in many drives that have been sponsored by the church. In October, 1971, the young people sponsored a bake sale to raise money for a gospel sing on fifth Sunday evening. The Glad Tidings from Greensboro, North Carolina, was the featured group.

During the past year we have seen many young people walk the aisles of the church, giving their hearts to the Lord. Many Christian young people during this past year have surrendered their all to the Lord. The spirituality of the youth as well as the entire congregation has grown tremendously. There are not many nights when the youth are not doing something for the Lord. When Wednesday night prayer service time arrives, the youth are in attendance. When the time for visitation arrives, the youth are participating, witnessing for the Lord and trying to get more young people. They have centered their visitation around winning other young people to

the Lord. There are a regular youth meeting night, a Sunday school class meeting night, and a youth choir practice night. The youth attend these meetings faithfully. They participate in the services at two of the local nursing homes in Durham on the first and second Sundays of each month.

The pastor and his family have encouraged not only the youth but the entire church to keep pressing on. The pastor has preached directly from the Word of God and showed each one, young and old, his duties as a Christian—to the Lord first and to others second. The church thanks God everyday for sending a man of God such as Mr. Jones.

The motto of the church has been for many years (and will continue to be until the Lord leads otherwise), "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengthen Me." The theme of the youth work for the year 1972 is, "You Bring the One Next to You, and I'll Bring the One Next to Me."

Several of the young men of our church are already feeling the Lord's call to preach. They are encouraged not to quench the Spirit of God but to let the Lord lead them in the paths that are before them. There are many of the young people who do not go to school a single day without their Bibles. They feel that this is what God would have them to do—to witness to the ones they are with each day at school.

The church is justly proud of its young people and what they are doing for the Lord. The church has seen many men of God go into full-time Christian service, either as preachers or missionaries. There have been several years when the young people had not been in full surrender, but now through the leadership of the Spirit of God and His able servants, many are surrendering their all to the Lord's cause. Thank God for the young people of the Durham church and for the prayers being answered during each service!

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RESPONSIBILITY

"Yours must be a very responsible position," said a traveler to a switchman who had charge of the switches where five lines converge. "Yes," was the reply, "but it is as nothing compared to yours as a Christian."—Christian Herald.

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Hearsay is half lies.—German Proverb.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR FEBRUARY 13



Endurance and the Christian Hope

Lesson Text: Luke 21:25-36

Memory Verse: Luke 21:33

I. INTRODUCTION

Some people live from day to day as though this life was all they had. While it is a good life, if lived in Christ, we know there is something better coming by and by. A man is very foolish to focus his attention entirely on this life for he will surely face another later on. This brings us to the thought, How well am I prepared for the next life?

Christians are called upon to endure in the Christian way, ever trusting Christ as Saviour and knowing that He keeps and satisfies. But we are kept secure only as long as we maintain our faith in His saving grace and obey His will. There are times when endurance comes hard, but Jesus is ever ready to give strength and grace to the weak.

Paul speaks of the Christian hope as being the return of Christ to earth. Christians today need to face sincerely and honestly the meaning of His return and "its relevance for today." More than that we should at all times be ready for His return. We mean by "ready" to be able to face Him with a record of faithful service that will bring His happy plaudits to us and glory to Himself.

In this lesson Luke talks of the coming of the Lord and gives us some signs of His coming. While we do not know the day or the hour of His return, we can certainly believe that He **will** return. Jesus said, "I will come again." There is no doubt about it. As long as this hope lies within our breasts we find encouragement for further service and find strength to bear the criticisms and persecutions the world gives.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The background of the Olivet Discourse.

2. The outline of the Olivet Discourse.
3. The Scripture in today's printed text deals with the tribulation.
4. The first phase of the Lord's second coming is the rapture, then the tribulation, and then the revelation.

B. The Return of Christ (Luke 21:25-28)

1. The return here is the revelation not the rapture.
2. There will be celestial signs in the heavens—sun, moon, and stars.
3. There will be international signs—"Great perplexity of nations."
4. There will be personal signs—"Men's hearts failing them for fear."
5. The Olivet Discourse is addressed to Israel.

C. The Parable of the Fig Tree (Luke 21:29-33)

1. Jesus often spoke in parables.
2. He is using a natural phenomenon to explain a spiritual truth.
3. The meaning of "this generation."

D. Watchfulness Enjoined (Luke 21:34-36)

1. Each person must take heed to his own habits and conduct.
2. The coming of the Lord will be suddenly.
3. Watch and pray that we may be in the rapture.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Hope is the hallmark of Christianity. While all around us men wring their hands and hold their heads in despair, we can confidently trust in the sureness of God's promises.

What is Christian hope made of? In the simplest terms, we hope for heaven. We rest assured that Christ is now preparing a special place for our future home and that He will return again to take us to be there with Him. That place will be free of tears, sickness, and death. We can endure hardships here as long as we are sustained by our hope for heaven.

Christians face life optimistically because we trust that God will help us

overcome tribulation. Fearful events and signs will accompany the Lord's turn, but we can look with expectancy toward the end time because God gives us hope of ultimately overcoming evil. Christ's faithful ones will share His glorious triumph.

Many have given up hope for peace today. Not the Christian. Though wars and rumors of wars plague our earthly existence, we have the divine promise of final and everlasting peace.

The joy and security of heaven, the victory of overcoming, and the peace that passes understanding are all a part of what the Bible calls eternity. Our hope is in Him who died that we "should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).—Standard Commentary.

B. A poverty-stricken farmer in Korea, ignorant, unable to read, became a Christian. He brought his whole village to Christ. The head man of the clan, of which he was an insignificant member, decided to repair the shrine where the founder of the clan was worshiped.

He assessed a tax on the clan members. It amounted to three cents per man. This Christian farmer refused to pay and explained why. The official ordered him to pay. He refused and the leader had him bound to the beating boards.

The farmer raised himself on his elbows and asked if he might say a word before they began beating. He said: "I am a worshiper of God. I believe it is a sin to have anything to do with the worship of any spirit but God. What is this money—three cents is nothing, not the price of a bottle of beer which I used to drink, yet for three cents a man may commit a great sin. You have the power of life and death over me, but you do not have the power to make me pay the money."

The official finally ordered him loosed and sent away saying, "What can you do with a fellow like that?" This is an illustration of the transforming power of the gospel. It completely changes a person's life, as many of us can witness.—The Intermediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. An infidel husband angered because his wife constantly read her Bible, snatched it from her hand one day and threw it into the fire. Thinking the Bible was destroyed, the wife became very sorrowful. Her husband regretted what he had done and stirred among the ashes to see if anything was left of the Book. All was burned except one small piece of a page. As he looked at it he (continued on page fifteen)

Foreigners Are Just Folks – Like Us

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"It all seems unreal, like a play," Ben remarked.

As the coming dark dispersed the pup, a small girl darted into the street in front of a passing car. A tall woman lunged forward and snatched the child from the shoulder. I gasped as she swung the child high into the air. The child settled down astraddle the woman's shoulder. The woman calmly crossed the street with the child riding comfortably. Others swung their children up to ride on their shoulders. They were "as safe as in a mother's arms." Unreality melted into sympathetic comprehension. "Come," I said, taking my child's hand, "let me guide you across the busy street."

RUSSIA

A swirling snow storm greeted my arrival at Moskva airport. I hardly dared hope to establish any bond of understanding with the secrecy shrouded people of the huge, cold land of Russia.

Easter Sunday, at the only Christian church service in Moscow, I felt sad. The church was jam-packed; the service was reverent; the beautiful anthems were inspiring. But the congregation, at first, was composed entirely of old people—mostly women. There was one bright note accompanying an aged woman, two teen-agers arrived. Probably, I thought, he is their grandmother.

Later a charming Russian mother of an eight-year-old son said, "My mother keeps him while I work, but I worry about it . . . grandmothers spoil the children and teach them religion. It makes them soft. I want my son to be brave and strong."

Another woman's actions impressed me. It was on a cold day when I visited Zagorsk Monastery, forty-five miles from Moscow, one of few religious training centers still active in Russia. Nestling in frozen, white silence beneath towering, mist-shrouded trees were several small, beautiful, onion-domed chapels and a museum which housed the oldest icon in Russia: a tapestry with a striking picture of Christ delicately woven into it.

Among straggling older worshipers clumping down narrow, frozen, wagon-rutted roads, bundled in thick coats, fur hats, and rubber boots, there was a little girl about five years old. She wore

a bright orange scarf and was led by an old woman. Perhaps her grandmother?

The rosy-cheeked child had sat attentively during the service, but outside gave way to a childish temper tantrum which the woman gently but firmly subdued. I breathed a silent little prayer for the grandmothers of Russia.

FOCUS

We have seen many of the fascinating, glamorous, and wonderful sights of far-flung corners of the world—a world that was once strange and foreign to us. It has been educational, exciting, and thrilling.

However, more important, our experiences with strange inhabitants of places remote from Texas and the windy clothesline brought us clarifying revelations which helped us to establish a sense of person-to-person communication with them.

We discovered that in general the concerns of people around the world are the same as ours—making a living, caring for families, singing, laughing, and worshipping. Our hazy vision of mysterious strangers came into focus.

A world full of "foreign" strangers changed into a world full of people—people who are just folks—like us.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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school, but I'd like you for my very best friend. I didn't know you had a baby sister, but that's why I want you for my best friend. You see, before my parents died they told me that I would be getting a baby sister or a baby brother in a few months. Well, when Mommy went to heaven, she took my baby sister with her. So now I won't see her until I go to heaven, too."

Natalie could hardly even nod now. There were tears in her eyes, too. She thought, What if I were all alone in the world—no mother, no father, and no baby sister! What if I had to live in a big, lonely house with my aunt!

Suddenly she heard herself saying, "Jean, let's pretend that Betty is your baby sister, too. Nobody needs to know except you and me, but we can play that she's really yours. And I'm sure it'll

be fun having you here whenever your aunt has to go somewhere special—like tonight. And on holidays you could even sleep here overnight!"

When Natalie stopped for a breath, Jean said, "In that case I'd better dry my tears and stop acting like a baby. I've got to start acting like a big sister, don't I?" She slipped over to the mirror and peered at herself. "Can you tell I've been crying?"

Natalie said no while she opened the door for the little fist-pounder. And the blue bedspread and the old crib were completely forgotten!—My Pleasure.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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read these words, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Accepting this as more than a coincidence, the husband became convicted of his sin of unbelief and was converted.—Selected.

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MOC Day at Little Creek

Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, February 6, as Mount Olive College Day. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will deliver the morning message at 11 a. m. He will also teach a Sunday school class at 10 a. m. The Rev. David Charles Hansley is pastor of the church.

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LIFE

Life is seeing God in everything:
In new born animals and in time itself.
Life is being happy, whether by yourself
or with friends.

Life is enjoying your own life,
And all the things that go with it.

Life is death—
Watching something precious die.
Life is sorrow, with the tears to show
for it.

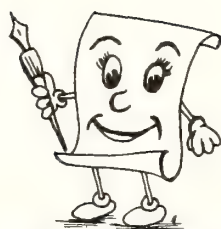
Life is the dreams once shared, now shattered.

All this is life, and I have God to share
it with me.

Do you?

—Sandra Whitley.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

When she finished washing windows and asked for the empty spray bottle, I naturally asked why. She wanted it to sprinkle clothes at the ironing board. With two girls in school, many mornings she just ironed what they would wear while they ate breakfast.

That turned out to be a No. 1 "household hint." It works beautifully! My bottle stays on the ironing board for the weekly wash, a quick press job, or sprinkling seams as I sew. Sometimes I spray my hair for a quick set, too. It's worth buying a bottle just for its spray attachment.

Sprinkles and sprays are fine for clothes, but what kind of spiritual blessings do we want? Sprinkles or showers? God has promised to "... pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10).

There's a stipulation before it, though. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, ..." is the first condition. Since Genesis 14:20 the tithe has belonged to God. The reason for bringing it is "that there may be meat in mine house." If all church members tithed, would there be charity rolls? starving children here or anywhere? underpaid ministers and missionaries? creaky old, dilapidated church buildings? places like Charlotte or Albemarle without a Free Will Baptist church?

After we've met God's condition, His promise surpasses our imagination. What might happen if He would "open the windows of heaven" so that we could see the great wealth there—not just riches—but peace, wisdom, eternal life, the angels, God's house, and His throne? The human heart really could not understand or receive all that at once. So God lets us experience a few blessings, then a

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few more, as our faith becomes stronger and our trust greater.

He allows us to choose whether we get "sprinkles" or "showers."

"... According to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29).

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Slander, that worst of poisons, ever finds
An easy entrance to ignoble minds.

—Translation of Juvenal.

A NEEDED KIND OF REVIVAL

A native of India, writing to a friend about a great revival they were having, said, "We are having a great rebirth here." The church needs to be reborn.—C. E. World.

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"It is better to look ahead and prepare
Than to look back and despair."

—Arnold Woodlief.

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February 15, 1972

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Church Finance Association, Inc. will be held at the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, Tuesday, February 15, 1972, at 10:30 a.m.

Each member is requested to be present. If you are unable to be present, please sign the proxy below and return to me, Box 336, Pinetops, North Carolina. The proxy will be used only if you are unable to be present.

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DEAD OR NOT?

DEAD OR NOT?

It was a drizzly, slightly foggy day. A beautiful bird (we later learned it was a yellow-bellied sapsucker) flew head on into one of the Press windows. He was either going somewhere very rapidly or coming from somewhere very rapidly.

Flying at several miles per hour for a bird (probably ten or fifteen), he hit the glass window with a shaking force, so much as to startle the industrious, hard-at-work illustrator. As the bird made impact with cold, hard glass, he fell to the ground.

The illustrator (a compassionate fellow) called to his aid a compassionate lady editorial assistant who loves birds, bees, grasshoppers, crickets (and even snails); and both of them hurried to the little bird's side with sympathizing groans and unutterable empathies.

Picking the little bird up and handling him as gently as big, burly hands would allow, the illustrator hastened to bring him inside to administer whatever first aid is appropriate for little birds. The woman helper was a registered nurse, but not well-versed in the treatment of bird injuries—yet she seemed to think whatever worked for little children should work for little birds. So she talked softly to it, administering soothing caresses and motherly sighs.

The bird looked dead. Even the nurse was inclined to believe that he was near death. There was no discernable breathing. His tongue hung out of his mouth to one side. A few drops of blood had oozed out of his nose and lay on his beak. His eyes were closed and his feet were curled up. He was completely motionless, all set it seemed for a bird-sized grave.

He was a pitiable creature: a beautifully-colored specimen of the bird world (nostalgic of stories told by a beloved minister friend)—a bird who had apparently met death needlessly and who probably would never see "Wingdom" again. Ooh's and ah's were heard left and right as others came on the scene.

After a few helpless moments and after much insistence from this writer, it was decided that the little creature should be taken outside where, if he were not really dead, he could die in familiar environs.

He was carried outside in the same burly hands that had brought him in and laid gently on the top of a close-branched bush that would cushion him and easily support his weight. As he was released from what could have been considered human bondage, the little bird flew away and fluttered to a nearby ditch bank.

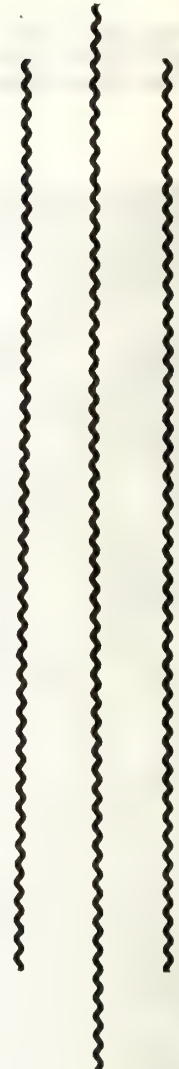
Conclusion: The little bird was not dead—only stunned, as had been the hope of this writer.

Comparison: Sometimes Christians fly into stunning windows, problems that for a moment knock their spiritual breath out of them. Sometimes, after such confrontations, Christians appear dead, unalive for Christ.

Advice: Be not so quick to judge. There is still a lot of life in many seemingly dead Christians. All they need is a little time to recuperate, to get over the shock. Prayers and moral support from us who have not yet flown into certain windows (or walls) or who have already done so and gotten over it will help.

Stunned birds or stunned Christians should never be wiped off as useless. They'll come around in time—hopefully.

That same little bird was singing this morning. That says something, doesn't it?



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You Prayed For Me

by Sharon Earle
Marion, Indiana

THE telephone rang shrilly. Turning down the burner under the meat dish I was preparing for the evening meal, I lifted the receiver from the wall telephone.

"Hello," came a masculine voice over the line. "This is Dr. Vander Laan."

Immediately I started to make some mental calculations. I had gone to the doctor's office for a routine physical checkup the week before, had submitted to several tests, and my physician had been very reassuring about my general state of health—so much so that I had not given it another thought. But now a sense of alarm passed over me. Something must be wrong, I thought.

His voice continued, "Would it be possible for you to come in tomorrow for a chest X ray? There seems to be no indication of infection, yet your temperature is elevated; therefore, I would like to do some further tests. Anytime in the morning will be all right."

"Yes," I answered weakly, "I'll be

there." Trembling, I placed the receiver back onto the hook.

Finishing the preparation of the evening meal, I called the family to the dining room and tried to appear calm; but before the meal was finished, I had revealed the fact that the doctor had called, and my concern must have been apparent for almost with one accord they said, "It's probably nothing at all." Vainly I tried to adopt this nonchalant attitude.

At 10 o'clock the next morning I was at the medical building for my chest X ray, where I was told that the doctor would be in touch with me later in the day, after the X rays had been studied.

The afternoon dragged on, but finally the phone rang and the doctor was telling me, "Your X ray indicates some abnormality in the lungs, but I do not feel that it is a serious condition; however, I do feel that a biopsy should be done in order to confirm our diagnosis. Could you come to the hospital on Monday evening? If so, I will schedule you for surgery at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning."

"As far as I know, I can check in at the hospital on Monday night, doctor," I said casually.

The following days passed uneventfully, but all the while there was building up in me an undue amount of concern over my pending surgery. I had seen the doctor and he assured me that this would be a simple procedure. Never having been one to be afraid as long as I knew the facts, I trusted my doctor. Logically then, I should have no cause for concern; yet it persisted—that nagging, intuitive feeling that all was not well.

When I tried to pray about it I felt powerless, for there seemed to be no real emergency—this was to be a routine biopsy. And it wasn't that I didn't know how to pray.

There came rushing to my mind the many times I had called upon God and knew that He had answered. I thought of World War II days—the weeks and months of loneliness, the many emergencies. With my husband overseas, I was left with two small daughters to care for by myself. One summer afternoon I lifted our younger daughter from her crib, and she cried out in pain. Quickly I observed that almost all of her joints were swollen and discolored. In desperation I finally got a doctor to respond, and his diagnosis after examining her was rheumatic fever. Sulfa drug was comparatively new to the general public

at the time, but the doctor prescribed it to be given day and night for several days. As I arose in the night to administer the drug, I prayed for my little daughter. As I cared for her during the day, I prayed. I prayed as I soothed her aching body. The swelling went down, and even though some symptoms remained for two years, she recovered—with no heart damage. This was a lonely battle, but I had felt a kinship with God through the bonds of prayer.

This was only one of the many instances when I felt especially drawn to God in prayer during times of trial and affliction and heartache. Yet here I was—confronted with an uneasiness and overwhelming concern for my physical well-being—and unable to bring my need to God in prayer.

Checking into the hospital in the early part of the evening, I went to my room with a heavy heart—seemingly incapable of communicating with God or anyone else. After submitting to a number of tests, I became weary and fell asleep.

The next morning at eight o'clock sharp I was wheeled into the operating room. I had awakened early and had plenty of time to think, but my attitude did not change—I felt numb in my soul. Watching the second hand sweep around the face of the big clock on the wall, I lapsed into unconsciousness until four hours later in the recovery room.

A nurse was gently prodding me to wake up and admonishing me to lie still. I glanced up at the bottle of red fluid hanging over my bed, then went back to sleep.

An hour and a half later I was back in my room and was roused from sleep by my husband who was bending over me.

"You had a rough time," he said, "but thank God, you made it."

I looked up at him questioningly, and he proceeded. "I talked to the doctor. He told me that after he got into the chest, complications developed—with heavy bleeding. Desperately needing another doctor to assist him, he placed a call for one—even though he seriously doubted that there would be another doctor in the hospital at the time. Within two minutes after the call had gone out, a surgeon appeared—all scrubbed for surgery (he had a patient waiting). The two of them worked together, stopped the bleeding, and completed the operation."

When my husband finished, I closed my eyes and thanked God.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

MENDING TROUSERS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 22:4

Two pastors' wives, alleges the *Western Christian Union*, were visiting together. One said: "I don't know what we shall do—my husband is so discouraged. Somehow his people do not care to hear him preach, and our salary is far behind. My husband feels so blue that he does not like to visit the people and pray with them, and so he sits around at home nearly all the time." The other sister said: "We are getting along fine. My husband spends much of his time visiting, and the people like to have him kneel and pray with them in their homes. Our congregations are always good, and our salary is paid up promptly."

While the two sisters were talking they were mending trousers. One was mending her husband's trousers at the *seat*, the other was mending her husband's trousers at the *knees*.—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Praying is always better than sitting, as is represented by the story above. Doing something is better than doing nothing. One's rewards are dependent upon his worthwhile activities.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

BARGES, SHIPS, OR LINERS

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:2

"There are three kinds of Christian workers," said someone with a very vivid imagination, "canal barges, sailing ships, and Atlantic liners." The canal barge needs to be dragged to work. Often they do wonderfully well, but on the whole one volunteer is worth three pressed men.

The sailing ship makes fine going as long as wind and tide are with them, but when things get hard, when "winds are contrary," when work is discouraging, they turn tail and sail away.

But give us the Atlantic liner type of worker, the man who can fight his way through wind and tempest, because within him there burns the hot throb of the mighty furnace of the love of Christ.—*Onward*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Perseverance is needed in the Christian

life. Only those who endure to the end will find a home in heaven. Are you able to press onward despite formidable obstacles?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

THE CHASTISEMENT OF LOVE

Scripture Reading—2 Samuel 7:14

A week ago the newspapers carried the story of a father and mother, who, finding their little girl had taken and eaten something from a cupboard, began to shake and slap the child. When the child became tired and sleepy, they did not let up, but continued their shaking and slapping for four hours. What cruel punishment for such a little offense! No! It was compelled by love. The child had swallowed ten sleeping tablets and the doctor said the only hope of saving the child's life was in keeping her awake. We do not always understand the path through which He leads us, but we may be certain His chastisement is always born of love.—*A. D. Hill*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Often one receives rebukes from earthly parents for his misdeeds. How thankful he should be for these loving reprimands! How much more thankful one should be for heavenly reprimands. God, the heavenly Father, chastises His Christian children in love also!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

WHEN THEY TITHED

Scripture Reading—Genesis 28:22

The Belmont Presbyterian Church, South, at Roanoke, Virginia, with a membership of 425, ascertained through unsigned slips dropped in the collection plate, that 137 of its members had a definite income averaging \$18 per week. The pastor challenged this group to tithe for a period of three months. One hundred and eighteen signed such an agreement. Immediately the weekly offering rose from \$50 to \$216 per week, amounting on one Sunday to \$450. At the end of three months the people who said in good, faith, "We cannot carry on," had contributed \$2,626. Many said, "As long as God gives me any kind of income, I am going to pay Him the tenth." "Bring ye the tithe . . . prove me . . . I will pour you out a blessing," saith the Lord.—*From a Presbyterian Church financial suggestion*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Tithing is God's plan for supporting the church. Are you a tither? If not, try it and see if God doesn't pour out blessings from heaven!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

THE CRIMES OF THE TONGUE

Scripture Reading—Leviticus 19:16; Psalm 50:20; Proverbs 11:13

There are pillows wet by sobs; there are noble hearts broken in the silence whence comes no cry of protest; there are gentle, sensitive natures seared and warped; there

are old-time friends separated and walk their lonely way with hope dead in memory but a pang; there are cruel misunderstandings that make all life look dark; these are but few of the sorrows that come from the crimes of the tongue.—*Willie George Jordan*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The tongue: a little member but how big a fire it can kindle! Harsh words have broken more hearts than the hardest slaps. Have you spoken sharply lately? Consider your own feelings also.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

WORRY, A DENIAL OF FAITH

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:11

Prayer is an acknowledgment of faith; worry is a denial of faith. Prayer is putting my hand in God's, trusting to His leading guidance; worry is withdrawing my hand, and denying His power to lead me. Prayer leads through the door of faith into the presence of God; worry leads through the door of anxiety into the darkness of loneliness and discouragement. If prayer rules the life victory results.—*Selected*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is human to worry; but with prayer and faith in God, worry can be conquered. Pray much; worry little!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 4:16

"Fronting my task, these things I ask:
To be true this whole day through;
To be content with honest work,
Fearing only lest I shirk;
To see and know and do what's right;
To come, unsullied, home at night."
—*Selected*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Making the right decision; doing one's best; living a good example before one's neighbors; being true to God in all situations: These make for continued happiness. Do you have it?

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The Editor

Religious Broadcasters Conclude In Washington! D. C.

NATIONAL Religious Broadcasters concluded a three and a half day conference today, January 26, at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D. C., exploring the theme "Communicating Christ to Every Creature."

Dr. Leighton Ford, associate evangelist, Hour of Decision, Minneapolis, Minnesota, banquet speaker at the closing session, described the current temper, "We're not religious; we're not church people; but we know that something is missing." Four certainties he listed for today—God's sovereignty and holiness as the basis for all morality, the priority of evangelism, the invincibility of the church as part of God's plan, and the finality of Jesus Christ as the basis for salvation.

By the sovereignty of God Dr. Ford stressed the whole of life under God's judgment, racism as well as adultery, hatred as well as drug addiction, as equally evil. He recommended the evangelism of love in action, such as the rehabilitating of the prisoner, to reach the totality of a person for Christ. He charged that adults stand with the youth that believe Jesus is the only one way to life.

Devotional leadership at the closing session, as at some earlier sessions, was given by Bishop A. W. Goodwin Hudson, London, England, of the Church of England.

Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, Whittier, California, was reelected president of NRB. Others elected were Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, Springfield, Missouri, first vice-president; E. Brendt Gustavson, Chicago, Illinois, second vice-president; Dr. Wilbur Nelson, Paramount, California, secretary; and the Rev. S. N. Whitnack, Kansas City, Missouri, treasurer.

National Religious Broadcasters, which represents 86 percent of total religious broadcasting, urged "the Congress, the President, and/or the Federal Communications Commission to take action to exempt, either by law or by interpretation, every educational and/or noncommercial radio and television station

which does not sell time to commercial sponsors, and which does not air any political broadcasts, from the requirement of S-382 to provide reasonable access to broadcast time by legally qualified candidates for federal elective office."

Bill S-382, the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, now on the President's desk for his signature, would require all radio and TV stations to permit access to candidates for federal elective office, and to charge no more than the lowest unit rate the station charges "for the same class and amount of time for the same period."

The NRB also urged the "Congress to amend the Communications Act to reestablish an orderly renewal procedure, and joined the National Association of Broadcasters in asking for "immediate hearings."

Governmental Participation

The 519 delegates attending the NRB Convention met daily with resource persons of government, broadcast media, and religious organizations, in workshops, plenary sessions, and experimental programs.

Dean Burch, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and FCC Commissioner Charlotte T. Reid addressed the Tuesday luncheon, when Burch was honored by NRB. Guest speaker was Richard E. Wiley, since September, 1970, the general counsel of the Federal Communications Commission and recently named FCC commissioner, who challenged the broadcasters to implement a "moral and spiritual renaissance." He called for the "remaking of men," who can "improve and remake the society" in which they "live and interact."

Mark O. Hatfield, U. S. Senator from Oregon, addressed the Wednesday afternoon plenary session, stating that Christianity is "not a code or dogma but a person." The heart of the gospel, he declared, is "loving, sharing an experience, compassion, relevance, and true commitment to God and man." Today's relevant

imperative is to "share the gospel in love."

Herbert Klein, director of communications for the White House, addressed the Congressional breakfast Tuesday, attended by 61 members of Congress. Klein pled for a rediscovery of trust in one another, in the church, government, and society as a whole, while exercising one's freedom.

Representatives of the U. S. Broadcast Bureau of the FCC who shared in the Monday presentation were Wallace E. Johnson, chief of the Broadcast Bureau; Martin I. Ivey, chief of Broadcast Facilities Division; Harold L. Kassens, chief of Rules and Standards Division; William B. Ray, chief of Complaints and Compliance Division; and Quentin Proctor, chief of License Division.

Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew received women delegates at a Tuesday afternoon reception at the Washington Hilton.

Secular Media

Participating from the broadcasting media were Maurie Webster, vice-president CBS Radio; John Broger, director of Armed Forces Network of the Pentagon; Vincent Wasilewski, president National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, D. C.; F. Gordon Fuqua, Charlotte, North Carolina, pioneer in Cable Antenna Television; and James Hayes, president American Management Association, New York City.

Workshops

Workshops, seminars, and individual colloquium sessions were held in a variety of specific areas: station owners and operators, radio programming, television broadcasting, missionary radio, youth programming, children's television programming, technical and engineering areas, issue-oriented areas, evangelistic programming, international broadcasting, audience building and follow-up, and "space" age broadcasting. Authorities in each field were assisted by resource persons and audience participation in each of the workshop areas.

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News & Notes of **DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST**

St. Paul Church Honors Man of the Year



Mr. Jimmy Raper, age 36, of Lexington Drive, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, was the recipient of many cards and gifts from the entire congregation of the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church when he was named "Man of the Year" for the church.

Jimmy is a member of the board of trustees of the church, a teacher of the Young Adult Sunday School Class, and on several occasions, in the absence of the pastor, has delivered the church message.

He headed the committee that was in charge of having the church air-conditioned this past year. He designed and made signs that have helped to advertise and promote the church's fish fries. With his help and leadership several of the Sunday school classrooms have been paneled and redecorated. He not only directed the Christmas play given by the church this year, but he also wrote it.

It is not unusual to drive by the church and find Jimmy (with a few spare moments) perched atop a ladder, making minor repairs here and there or replacing a broken pane of glass. Whenever there is work to be done or a committee needed, Jimmy is one of the first to volunteer his time and help.

Jimmy is employed by Radio Station WCNC and has done much for the church in the form of advertising forthcoming events. Once during last year he

Coming Events . . .

March 7—Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, 8 P.M.

March 18—Eastern District Youth Convention, Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

brought the morning devotions for the radio station and blessed many listeners with beautiful and inspiring poetry which he had written.

No one could be more deserving of this honor than Jimmy Raper. He has given his time and effort tirelessly to the church and surely in his service to the Lord. With a smile and a greeting for all, he had truly been an asset to the church, much loved and respected by the members, an inspiration to all who know him, and the church is proud to name him their "Man of the Year."

Since Jimmy received the honor of "Man of the Year," he has been placed on the board of deacons of the church.

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Young World Singers to Be At Gray Branch Church

The Young World Singers will visit the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina, Sunday night, February 27. This well-known youth group will have complete charge of the evening worship service, which begins at 7 p. m., with singing, testimonies, and the written Word. Everyone is cordially invited to attend what promises to be a real treat in Christian enjoyment.

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Owen's Chapel Church Schedules Revival

The Owen's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Elm City, North Carolina, will hold revival services beginning Monday evening, February 14, and con-

WE NEED EACH OTHER

by Taylor Hill

I read the life story of a man who was interested in living a productive life even at a very early age. He asked his father one day for advice concerning the basic principles of social and financial success. This was a prime opportunity for the father to teach his son a lesson that would later have a great importance in helping him to gain fame and fortune during his lifetime.

The father handed his son a small stick and told him to break it in half and the boy did so with ease. Then the father gathered up a bundle of sticks and bound them together and then asked his son to break the bundle in half. Of course, it was impossible for him to do so.

The father pointed out that those small sticks represented people, and that they are much stronger and less apt to break when they are banded together.

This young man grew up to become one of the richest and most respected Christian men of our day. His name was J. C. Penney. A reporter asked Mr. Penney, in his latter years, what he considered to be his greatest asset, and Mr. Penney answered without hesitation "Loyal employees."

Now, let us consider ourselves as free Will Baptists for a moment. Our greatest weakness has always come from division, remaining small in number, and not being able to work together as a team.

I sincerely believe that if all we ministers and lay leaders will put our hands to the plow and not look back, we will become stronger and a much more productive body than we have ever been before. Christ said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Our State Sunday School Convention will meet at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, April 15. We have a very important and inspiring program this year. I hope every Sunday school will be represented there.

Continuing through Saturday evening, February 19. The Rev. George Greene will be the guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Dallas Carter. Services will begin each evening at seven o'clock and will feature special music each evening. The pastor and the membership invite all who can to attend all these services possible.

HOW ANGRY ARE WE?

by Ray O. Jones

On an Egyptian tomb, when the first mummy was falling into ruins, some poor, disillusioned soul inscribed these words: "And no one was angry enough to speak out." This says something to the church. The modern church seemingly has lost that rare ability to possess anger, to "be . . . angry, and sin not; . . ." as Paul advised in Ephesians 4:1. Some time ago, a very popular and nationally known minister was interviewed. He warned the American public of the serious moral problems which confront our nation. He said our moral sickness is becoming worse with each passing month, worse this year than last.

We are reminded of the growing crime rate, deteriorating home life, rising divorce rate, deteriorating home life, rising divorce rate, racial turbulence, riots, draft-card burning, and antigovernment demonstrations. We are in trouble, to say the least. We have become so insensitive to evil that we no longer have the ability to blush. Things that once made us blush with shame have now come to be accepted.

The time is overdue for the church to speak out and be heard. But could it be that we have walked with the world and its ways for so long that the world sees nothing offensive in us and that we therefore cannot speak? Or perhaps our position is that of Kierkegaard's Pierrot: We have entertained the audience so well that when we desperately shout that "the theater is on fire," they only applaud. Maybe we're like Lot of old, who walked so long in the ways of Sodom that when finally he sounded the alarm, he was merely laughed at.

Jesus has told us to be ". . . the salt of the earth. . . ." (Matthew 5:13). Salt preserves. Salt irritates. Whatever hope there may be for us, it will come through the prayers and devotion of the people of God. May the church set an example of righteousness. Let the church sound the alarm. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

If the church fails to speak, someday, in the ashes of nuclear destruction, someone may crawl to a smoldering rock and feebly write, "And no one was angry enough to speak out."—Gospel Herald.

Marlboro's Oldest Member Honored by Son

The Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, is one hundred two years old. The new building, still under construction, but near completion, is expected to be occupied within sixty days.

Farmville Christian Church. Mr. Bundy has been well-known as an outstanding educator, having taught and been principal of the Farmville school for many years. He is a civic leader, farmer, church layman, and has quite a reputa-



Pictured above is Mrs. Hulda Bundy, the oldest member of the Marlboro church. Her pastor, the Rev. N. B. Barrow of Snow Hill, North Carolina, will not divulge Mrs. Bundy's age, but he remembers a good time of fellowship at her home sometime ago when she celebrated her ninetieth birthday. In the picture, Mrs. Bundy is looking at the place where a new organ will be placed in the sanctuary in honor of her and in memory of her late husband. The organ is being given by Mr. Sam Bundy, her son, who is the State Representative for Pitt County, and who is a member of the

tion for his humorous after-dinner speeches. He has entertained in various other capacities also.

Mr. Bundy is shown below presenting a check to Mr. Barrow.



Behind our lives the Weaver stands,
And works His wondrous will;
We leave it in His all-wise hands,
And trust His perfect skill.
—Selected.

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Mr. Barrow, as pastor of the church, wishes to express sincere appreciation to Mr. Bundy and other nonmembers who have contributed so liberally to the church.

The organ which will be given in honor of Mrs. Bundy and in memory of her husband is expected to be a real asset to the interior of the church and also to its musical program.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

ATTORNEY SAWYER PASSES AWAY

Funeral services were held in Hillsborough, North Carolina, for Attorney Bonner DuPree Sawyer, age 69, who died Tuesday, January 25, 1972, at Watts Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, officiated.



He is survived by his wife, Lethea Gaskins Sawyer of Hillsborough, a son, William Britton Sawyer, and a granddaughter, Christine Paige Sawyer, also of Hillsborough. Mr. Sawyer was the son of the late Walter Britton Sawyer and Effie Brinson Sawyer Jones of Pamlico County, his native home.

He and his wife, also a native of Pamlico County, attended the public schools there and were married October 31, 1926. Mr. Sawyer has been a member of the Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Pamlico County since childhood, and he taught Bible classes at the Hillsborough Methodist Church for many years.

He was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in which membership is extended only to those of outstanding legal ability. During his 46 years as a practicing attorney, he became president of the Orange County

Bar Association, the Fifteenth Judicial District Bar Association, and the North Carolina State Bar. He was also a permanent member of the Federal Judicial Conference of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, a member of the American Bar Association, and a member of the North Carolina Judicial Council. He is also listed in Who's Who of America. He attended the School of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a member of Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity.

He was a charter member of the Hillsborough Lions Club, a member of Eagle Lodge No. 19AF and AM, and in 1948 the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a member of the Orange County Board of Education for many years and at his death was serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the James M. Johnston Charitable Trust Fund and a member of the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College.

For forty years he served as attorney and director of the Hillsborough Savings and Loan Association, and served as its vice-president since 1963.

Pall bearers were Dalton H. Loftin, A. B. Coleman Jr., Lucius M. Cheshire, M. Marion Clark, Robert Nichols Jr., Gordon Liner, S. M. Gattis III, and Allen Lloyd. Honorary pallbearers were members of the North Carolina State Bar, the Board of Trustees of the James M. Johnston Charitable Trust Fund, the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College, and the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough Savings and Loan Association.

College Board to Meet

The Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College will hold its first quarterly meeting of 1972 on Tuesday, February 15, beginning at 10 a. m. in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection Room of Moye Library. Ralph A. Morris of New Bern is chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Sawyer Student Aid Fund

Friends of Bonner D. Sawyer are invited to make contributions in his memory to the Sawyer Student Aid Fund Mount Olive College. A number of friends made gifts to this fund in lieu of flowers and others may wish to express the appreciation for Mr. Sawyer's life and service by making a contribution in his memory. Gifts for this purpose should be sent to Mount Olive College earmarked "Sawyer Student Aid Fund."

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Mount Olive College Day

Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church in Craven County, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, February 13, as Mount Olive College Day. The pastor, the Rev. David Charles Hansley, has announced that President W. Burkette Raper will teach the young people's Sunday school class at 10 a. m., and preach at the morning worship service.

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Harrison to Speak At Sherron Acres

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, will be the guest minister at Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, on February 11 at 7:30 p.m.

A group of students from the College will accompany Mr. Harrison for a program of music and witness.

The Rev. Harold M. Wallace, pastor of the church, invites all interested persons to attend.

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Harrison to Be at Marsh Swamp

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, will supply at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina, at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, February 13.

Mr. Harrison and some students will represent Mount Olive College with a special program of music and witness at 7 p.m., February 13, at Pearsall's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, near Beulaville, North Carolina. The Rev. S. A. Smith is pastor.

MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

December, 1971, and January, 1972)
The following is a list of gifts given to the Moye Library, Mount Olive College, the months of December, 1971, and January, 1972. These gifts were given in memory of, in honor of, and just as a gift, and totaled \$491.50.

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Mr. E. G. Heath by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCoy Jr., Cove City, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Banks and Margaret Carol, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.

Mr. Willie M. Mitchell by the Ella Boyette Sunday School Class, Kenly.

Anson W. Sawyer by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Hill, Ayden, North Carolina.

Mr. Herbert A. Scott by Adult Bible Class, Pleasant Plain Church, Selma, North Carolina.

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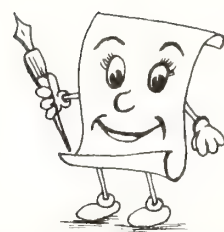
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GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Love is what makes your mother surprise you with your favorite pie when you haven't done anything special to deserve it. You needn't do anything in return, either, except eat it and enjoy it. She has already derived a great deal of satisfaction from cooking for you and anticipating your delight.

Love prompted three mighty men to risk their lives sneaking through the camp of the Philistines to bring David a drink from the well by the gate of Bethlehem (2 Samuel 23:15-17). The high-ranking army officials, renowned for their bravery, expected no reward from him. But realizing they could have been killed at any time, David chose not to drink the water but to offer it as a special sacrifice to God. The water was the same as their life's blood to him, and pouring it on the ground may have been symbolic of a blood sacrifice. He thought no less of the gift pouring it out, but rather showed his high esteem for it by giving it to God.

Legend has it that Valentine entered a monastery to spend his whole life serving God. But everyone had his duties previously assigned, and all that was left for him was watering and tending the flowers. "What can I do to serve God?" he was thinking, when a crippled child asked for a bloom. Valentine gave it gladly. Suddenly aware that he had neglected the garden while thinking of himself, he began tending it zealously and carried the blossoms to the sick and feeble in the village. He soon became known for his cheerful spirit and the happiness he brought with his flowers.

Love is kind, unselfish, and thoughtful. Love can be expressed by an act, a work, a gift, or a look.

Love is doing something for someone not because you have to, but because you want to, so that it will bring pleasure and joy to another person.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW

Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

Register Early For the General Youth Conference

by L. E. BALLARD

Again this year, the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention is sponsoring the General Youth Conference at Cragmont Assembly, which is the oldest of the Cragmont youth conferences, the first session having been held in 1953.

The time for the conference this year is June 12-17, and the director, elected last week by the executive board of the Sunday school convention, is the Rev. Willis Wilson, who has directed several conferences at Cragmont in the past. Again this year the General Youth Conference will be under the general supervision of the Rev. L. E. Ballard, field secretary of the convention. He will cooperate with the director in arranging for the conference, and, as in former years, will conduct Sunday school workshops at the conference.

Registrations for this conference will follow the simple plan of former years. Just send names, full mailing addresses, and give ages of all who plan to go from your church, and send along the \$7 deposit on the overall fee of \$37 required by action of the Cragmont board of directors. Send all applications, and make all checks payable to: L. E. Ballard, Registrar, 1225 South Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834. Applications will be promptly acknowledged.

The following rules were approved by the Sunday school convention board for registering this year:

(1) Names will be entered in the order received. (2) No reservations will be made to be held for unnamed persons unless deposits are sent in with request, and then only until May 1, with the exception of cases where church groups are holding contests to choose "campers," and contests run beyond May 1. (3) Registration lists will be closed as soon as limits set by Cragmont are reached.

ed. (4) Applications received after quota is reached will be carefully processed and an effort made to get applicants into other conferences. (5) Vacancies occurring because of cancellations received during last week before conference may be filled by registrar according to convenience in contacting deferred applicants without regard to dates of application.

EAKES TO SPEAK AT ARAPAHOE

by Nora Willis

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, publicity director for Cragmont Assembly, will be the guest speaker at the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church, Arapahoe, North Carolina, Wednesday night, February 16, at 7:30 p. m. While the name, "Cragmont," strikes a response in our minds, there are a very few of us that have ever been there. Mr. Eakes will have an informative and interesting talk lined up for us. We would like to invite you to

visit with us to hear Mr. Eakes tell about the important work at Cragmont, where so many of our young people have found Christ or learned to walk closer to Him.

THE GUIDING LIGHT

by John W. Beaman
Walstonburg, North Carolina

The winds of fate blow wild and strong
And all about me lies the dark;
As through the night so deep and long,
With feeble hand I steer my bark.

The waves mount up, the waves recede
The depths resound with sullen roar;
I seek for guidance in my need—
Some mark to point me to the shore.

On left, on right, false lights gleam out
To lure and beckon in the gloom;
The reefs encompass me about,
With searching hand they seek my doom.

But there is hope that hath sufficed,
With friendly light it gleameth sure;
A strong and steadfast faith in Christ—
Though earth shall pass it will endure.

So through the long and fearful night,
O'er tossing wave, mid flying foam,
I trust its never failing light;
I know that it will guide me home.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Who were the first Christians?

Answer: These were Jews from Palestine. However, the followers of Christ were designated as disciples, apostles, and friends, etc., and are not referred to as Christians until after Pentecost. "And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to pass, that whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26); "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian" (Acts 26:28); "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on his behalf" (1 Peter 4:16). As more and more followers of Christ needed to be distinguished from other religious sects, the designation Christian became more generally used as a means of identifying them.

The aged Simeon and Anna, godly people that had been looking for Jesus as the Jewish Messiah's arrival and by special divine revelation were able to identify Him as the special messenger of the Lord, were not referred to as Christians; neither were the magi, though they had been and been guided by the special star to come and worship Him. (See Matthew 2:1-5; Luke 2:15-17.) Perhaps neither the divine nature of the Master, nor His mission, was clearly comprehended until John the Baptist proclaimed Him as Messiah, pointing Him out as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. His disciples were actually the first Christians, being both believers and followers. The first Christians known as such by name were those of the church founded by Paul and Barnabas at Antioch around A.D. 34. The term "Christian" is said by what seems good secular authorities to have been first used at Antioch. This is in keeping with Acts 11:26.

Webster's Dictionary says a Christian is: "One who believes or professes or is assumed to believe in Jesus Christ and

the truth as taught by Him." It might be well and fitting to say here that all of this is true in a sense, but does not give too vivid a picture of what one is. The Bible says a lot more on this subject. He is one who has experienced the new birth (see John 3:3-5). He is one who has a new nature (see John 3:36). (See and compare 1 Corinthians 2:14 and Romans 10:9-11 which speaks in harmony with John 3:36 and Romans 10:9, 10, indicating that open confession goes with believing in one's heart and that this believing must be definite: "That God hath raised him from the dead.")

James tells us that the kind of believing that makes of us Christians makes workers of us (see James 1:22-25; 2:14-19) when one has become a Christian. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, And hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation: To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:17-19); "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:1-6).

Perhaps we should take seriously the words of the Negro spiritual that says, "Every body talking about heaven ain't going there." Jesus himself said: "Many

will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22, 23).

Every church member or professed believer who is not sure that he is the kind of Christian Paul was sure he was should not delay any longer, for God's invitation is timely throughout this brief life; and now Paul, when confronting others, says: "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12); "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (2 Timothy 4:18).

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ADVENTURE IN WITNESSING

Helen Good Brenneman

Did you know that you can be a missionary, in the real sense of the word, in the daily contacts you make in high school or college?

Marie has done a great deal of witnessing on the college campus. She related to me the following happy experience:

"Judith was a moody, sensitive, and amazingly perceptive girl who had been brought up in church tradition. An unhappy childhood, in which she had felt unwanted and unloved, had contributed to her moody personality, and this carried over into the area of her faith. When I first started working with her (we both had part-time jobs to earn money for college), she had just had several contacts with a small prayer and Bible study group and was immensely enthusiastic about these meetings. Several times at her invitation, I accompanied her to these meetings.

"Finally, I noticed she was losing interest, not only in the meetings, but also in things of the Spirit. In fact, she was making what seemed to me a deliberate attempt to deny the existence of God. Many times in our following work contacts, our conversation seemed to turn to talk of God and His love, and I couldn't help testifying to His great love in my life."—Gospel Herald.

STORIES

for our youth



VALENTINE HAPPINESS

by PAULINE ROTHRAUFF

JENNY sat at the dining-room table with crayons, construction paper, paste and cut-out magazine pictures before her.

Tomorrow was Valentine's Day, and there would be a Valentine Box at school. Miss Thatcher, her teacher, had said that the pupils should make their own valentines instead of buying them.

Jenny had cut a large heart from construction paper and was about to paste lace around the edges when a tear dropped on it.

"I can't help it," she murmured to herself. "I hate being teased about my red hair. And Stella is so mean."

Jenny could still hear Stella's sing-song chant on the way home from school.

"Redhead, Gingerbread,
Stumble over a cabbage head."

Jenny had turned around and stuck her tongue out at Stella. And Stella had giggled smugly, knowing that she had irritated Jenny.

"Why, Jenny, what's wrong?" asked her mother coming into the room and seeing the tears.

"Oh, Mother!" cried Jenny. "Stella teases me all the time. And she thinks she's smart because she has more spending money and nicer clothes than anyone else. I hate her. I'm going to make a nasty valentine to send to her."

"Don't do that, Jenny," sighed her mother. "No matter how much Stella torments you, be kind to her. Instead of hating her, you should try to love her."

Jenny stared at her mother, exclaim-

ing, "Mother! How can I love her when she's mean?"

"Don't you remember the words of Jesus that you learned in Sunday school the other week? Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). Try taking Jesus' advice and see what happens."

As Jenny continued working on the large heart, decorated with lace and pictures of flowers, she mused, "I wonder what would happen if I sent this heart to Stella instead of to my friend Alice? I wonder if that's what Jesus would do?"

Jenny turned the matter over in her mind until bedtime. And then, when she gathered up all her valentines to take to school the next morning, she wrote "Stella" on the envelope containing the beautiful heart that had "With love, from Jenny" printed on it.

The next day, Jenny was nervous when she dropped the valentines in the Valentine Box. Maybe Stella would be all the meaner because she was trying to be friendly with her. Maybe she'd laugh at the heart or tear it up.

Jenny was uneasy all day and trembled when the box was opened and Miss Thatcher began reading the names on the envelopes.

The pupils rose and went forward and claimed their valentines as their names were called.

One of the first valentines Jenny received was a picture of a little red-haired girl with this verse written under it:

"Your hair's on fire,
You're all ablaze,
You'll be a cinder
One of these days!"

There wasn't any signature but Jenny felt sure that Stella had sent it. She choked back the tears and waited fear-

fully for Stella to receive the envelope with the heart in it.

When Miss Thatcher handed the envelope to Stella, Jenny watched out of the corner of her eye as Stella opened it.

Stella read the message, gazed at the heart for a long time, and then laid it down on her desk with her other valentines. After a few minutes, she picked it up and looked at it again.

When it came time for school to be dismissed, Jenny wished she could think of some excuse for not leaving immediately. How would she be able to face Stella? What did Stella think of her for sending the heart?

Jenny took an extra-long time to put on her coat and scarf and hat so that she could walk at the end of the line. That way Stella would have a head start and be down the street when she got out.

But no. When Jenny opened the school door, Stella was waiting for her.

"Hello, Jenny," she said softly.

Jenny just gulped and nodded.

"That was a lovely valentine you sent me, and I want to thank you. I'm sorry about the one I sent you. I won't tease you about your hair any more. You see it's just that your hair is so pretty and bright, and I wish I had red hair, too. That's why I've been so horrible."

Jenny gasped. "You mean that you think my hair is pretty?"

Stella nodded. "When the sun shines on it, it glistens like red gold."

"Your hair is very nice, too," replied Jenny. "I love the way it curls around your face."

Stella beamed.

Then the two girls walked down the street, arm in arm.—Gospel Herald.

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| Religious Contributions Received | 1971 | 1970 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 618.45 | \$ 1,140.02 | \$(521.57) |
| Blue Ridge Association | 11.25 | | 11.25 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 1,229.34 | 1,430.44 | (201.10) |
| Central Conference | 3,587.09 | 5,365.35 | (1,778.26) |
| Eastern Conference | 3,584.76 | 5,621.62 | (2,036.86) |
| Pee Dee Association | 265.00 | 519.05 | (254.05) |
| Piedmont Conference | 451.65 | 436.59 | 15.06 |
| Western Conference | 4,727.44 | 4,273.32 | 454.12 |
| Other States | 100.00 | 121.71 | (21.71) |
| Other Religious | 456.00 | | 456.00 |
| Total Religious Contributions | 15,030.98 | 18,908.10 | (3,877.12) |
| Parents and Relatives | 473.03 | 298.28 | 174.75 |
| Friends and Others | 1,114.00 | 2,413.04 | (1,299.04) |
| Refunds | 109.01 | 26.74 | 82.27 |
| Legacies and Bequests | 175.00 | 100.00 | 75.00 |
| Farm Income | 377.60 | 5.50 | 372.10 |
| Canteen Sales | 112.00 | 106.00 | 6.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 936.96 | 963.25 | (26.29) |
| Total Other Income | 3,297.60 | 3,912.81 | (615.21) |
| Total Income for Month | \$18,328.58 | \$22,820.91 | \$(4,492.33) |

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| Albemarle Conference | | Black Jack | 696.98 |
| Malachi's Chapel | \$100.00 | Elm Grove | 315.20 |
| Sidney | 100.00 | Hickory Grove | 100.00 |
| Hickory Chapel | 102.50 | Free Union | 116.02 |
| | | Little Creek | 125.00 |
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| Johnston Union | \$200.00 | Sweet Gum Grove | 240.00 |
| Goldsboro | 165.00 | Aspen Grove | 166.00 |
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| St. Mary's Grove | 250.00 | | |
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| | | Christian Chapel | \$100.00 |
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| Community | \$147.24 | Gethsemane | 146.65 |
| Winterville | 191.39 | Pearsall's Chapel | 312.11 |
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| Saratoga | 230.70 | Pilgrim's Home | 328.36 |
| | | Kinston | 510.00 |

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| Holly Springs | 113.63 |
| Spring Hope | 100.00 |
| Bethlehem | 169.68 |
| Core Creek | 116.17 |

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| Pee Dee Association | |
| Beaver Dam | \$225.00 |

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| Piedmont Conference | |
| East Rockingham | \$264.50 |

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| Western Conference | |
| Piney Grove | \$244.75 |
| Pleasant Grove | 817.12 |
| Wilson | 648.51 |
| Marsh Swamp | 153.65 |
| Selma | 100.00 |
| Little Rock | 413.54 |
| New Sandy Hill | 235.46 |
| Sherron Acres | 225.00 |
| Pleasant Plain | 179.64 |
| Holly Springs | 126.41 |
| Branch Chapel | 125.75 |
| Mt. Zion | 196.96 |
| Pine Level | 178.00 |
| Everett's Chapel | 475.76 |
| Free Union | 141.00 |

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| Other Religious | |
| Durham Church | \$225.00 |
| Lakeside Sunday School | 200.00 |
| Franklin County (Ohio Assembly) | 100.00 |

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30th Anniversary Banquet to Highlight NAE Convention

A Thirtieth Anniversary Banquet featuring Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, president of Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Seminary, as speaker will highlight a historic meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals in Saint Louis, Missouri, April 11-13.

Ockenga, then pastor of Park Street Church in Boston, gave one of the major addresses at NAE's first meeting in Saint Louis, April 7-9, 1942. The three-million-member organization returns to that city to commemorate three decades of service, convening under the theme, "By My Spirit."

Since 1942, NAE has become the parent organization of four national affiliates and eleven commissions, serving an estimated 10 to 11 million evangelicals. It has offices in six regions of the nation, an Office of Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., and headquarters in Wheaton, Illinois. More than 200 local and area associations have been established.

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR FEBRUARY 20



The Death That Changes Lives

Lesson Text: Luke 23:39-53

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:16

I. INTRODUCTION

Our memory verse really depicts what is meant by the title of this lesson. "The Death That Changes Lives." To Christ, the Garden of Gethsemane was a place of final commitment to His Father's will. From this place He would go forth to a mock trial and then death on the Cross. Although Easter is not until the first Sunday in April, this lesson is closely associated with it because the events took place so close together.

The life of Christ was not taken from Him, but rather He laid down His life for us. The Bible teaches that there is no greater love than this. In speaking of His life, Jesus said, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father" (John 10:18). Christ could have called for a legion of angels to protect Him from those who came to take His life. If this had happened, however, the very purpose of God would have been defeated.

Jesus had a cross to bear. As a man He was tempted to shun it, just as we are tempted to shun our cross, whatever it may be. It may be a form of self-denial, persecution, etc., but the fact remains that all Christians are required to bear the cross for Jesus' sake; for He suffered the Cross of Calvary for our salvation.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The death of Jesus was voluntary.
2. The death of Jesus was vicarious.
3. The death of Jesus was victorious.

B. The Two Malefactors (Luke 23:39-43)

1. The impenitent malefactor.
2. The penitent malefactor.

3. The penitent malefactor's conversation with Jesus.

C. The Three Hours of Darkness (Luke 23:44, 45)

1. The miracle of the darkness.
2. The mystery of the darkness.
3. The message of the darkness.

D. Jesus Died (Luke 23:46-49)

1. Jesus spoke to the Father.
2. The reaction of the people to Jesus' death.
 - a. The centurion.
 - b. The mass of the people.
 - c. The friends of Jesus.

E. The Burial of Jesus (Luke 23:50-53)

1. Joseph of Arimathea.
2. He asks Pilate for the body of Jesus.
3. Joseph buries the body of Jesus in his own tomb.
4. The burial of Jesus fulfills prophecy (see Isaiah 53:9).

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Matthew Arnold, strolling home after the last Lord's Day of his life, remarked to a friend, 'Those words we just sang are the finest in the English language.' Mahatma Gandhi asked some missionaries who visited him during a fast to sing a hymn for him. 'What hymn?' they inquired. 'The hymn that expresses all that is deepest in your faith,' he said. Arnold and Gandhi were both speaking of the incomparably greatest of hymns, 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.' The whole meaning of life is contained in these lines.

"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small:
Love so amazing, so Divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all." —Selected.

B. The cross has become the most familiar of all Christian symbols. Ladies

wear small crosses on chains about their necks, and men pin crosses to their lapels or ties. Crosses are engraved upon rings, brooches, and belt buckles. They decorate church steeples and cemetery monuments. Huge replicas of the cross have been erected in concrete, wood, and stone as landmarks and sight-seeing attractions.

For many, this emblem of Christianity has become commonplace and meaningless. Some people have unconsciously worshiped the cross instead of the Christ. They admire the images created in gold, wood, and masonry, without giving thought to the life-changing event that took place there.

Without the broken body and shed blood of Christ, the cross becomes little more than a trinket. Though the cross is often rejected as morbid or even idolatrous, it can have value as a visual reminder of the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf. We would no more wish that all replicas of the cross be destroyed than that the cross become the object of worship. We do not worship a dead Christ; we **do** worship the Christ who died and rose again.—Standard Commentary.

C. A little boy heard the story of the crucifixion for the first time, his uncle giving out from the pulpit the terrible news, no doubt because there were so many people there who might at once rush to receive help. The boy wept at the rending tale of that kind, brave man so cruelly hurt and even now feeling the pain; but the people around him seemed so strangely tranquil; when they left the church they walked away as though nothing had happened. Can you look at Calvary and walk away as though nothing had happened?—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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Religious Broadcasters Conclude In Washington, D. C.

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Religious Leaders

Dr. Joel Nederhood, Chicago, Illinois, on the Back to God Hour, brought the note address Monday afternoon. Bob Brington, chaplain of Bourbon Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, addressed the Monday morning. Dr. J. P. Allen of the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission, Fort Worth, Texas, addressed the NRB Monday evening. Dr. J. A. O. Bus, president of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, was the Tuesday afternoon speaker; and Dr. George Sweeting, president Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, was the Tuesday evening speaker. Dr. E. R. Bertermann, NRB president, gave his address Tuesday evening. Theodore A. Raedeke, Saint Louis, executive director of Key '73 Evangelism Trust, spoke Wednesday morning. Overseas leaders, in addition to Bishop Edson, included Canon Herbert Aarowith, former secretary for British and Foreign Bible Societies in Australia, who addressed the convention Wednesday morning; and resource persons Ron Frae, Monrovia, Liberia; Harry Yoeman, Ecuador; Dr. Robert Kellum, Burundi, Africa; Edwin S. Walker, Haiti; Bor Hall, Panama; Billy Kim, Suwon, Korea; Hans von Meyenn, Bielefeld, West Germany; and Norman Olsen, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles.

Other representatives included the Rev. Denis Daly, S. J., Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Program, Saint Louis, Missouri; and devotional leaders, the Rev. Stanley N. Whitcanack, Kansas City, Missouri; the Rev. Quentin Everest, South Bend, Indiana; the Rev. D. Reginald Thomas, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Dr. Eugene Sterner, Anderson, Indiana; Dr. Charles Leaming, Saint Petersburg, Florida; Dr. Hans Evans, Coatesville, Pennsylvania; Dr. Nathan Baley, New York City; Twila Duncan, Abilene, Texas; Dr. James DeForest Murch and Dr. Theodore Elsner, Abington, Pennsylvania. Chaplains Dr. Edward L. R. Elson and Dr. Edward G. Latch were present from the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives respectively. Bob Norris, Lutheran Church of America, manager of Press, Radio, and Television, conducted seminars.

Musical artists for the convention included the Back to the Bible Quartet, Lincoln, Nebraska; Jerome Hines of the

Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center, New York City; Doug Oldham of the Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia; Bill Pearce, Chicago, Illinois; and Janet Nelson, Knoxville, Tennessee, "Miss Knoxville" and finalist in the Miss Tennessee contest.

The Haven of Rest broadcast, Hollywood, California, received the annual award of Merit citation. Dr. Glen Tingley, Birmingham, Alabama, received the citation for the longest daily radio religious broadcast in America.

Journalist John Sherrill, and editor of **Guideposts** magazine, was one of the radio programming leaders. Dr. Ave Van Der Puy and the Rev. Ray De La Haye were leaders in the missionary radio workshops. Tommy Thompson, media director for the Lutheran Hour, Saint Louis, Missouri, was a convention resource leader. Other resource leaders were James Birkett, Ashland, Virginia; Dr. Clyde Taylor, general director National Association of Evangelicals; Roger Booth, Seattle, Washington; Cornelius Keur, Roseville, Minnesota; Clinton Fowler, Long Beach, California; Bob Neff, Chicago, Illinois; Dick Jensen, Black Mountain, North Carolina; Brandt Gustavson, Chicago; J. Thomas Bissett, Baltimore, Maryland; Carl Auel, Sacramento, California; Scott Ross, Freeville, New York; Warren Stitt, Hollywood, California; the Rev. M. G. Robertson, Portsmouth, Virginia; Don Lyon, Rockford, Illinois; Dr. Arden Albrecht, Saint Louis, Missouri; Dr. Robert Bowman, Whittier, California; Dr. Theodore Epp, Lincoln, Nebraska; Con Robinson, Launga Niguil, California; and Dean Sippel, East Moline, Illinois.

A Show and Tell session nightly gave live TV productions, excerpts from audio-visual aids, and demonstrated the latest equipment in communication. The press room equipment included electronic equipment which permitted delegates to contact live broadcasts to their home radio stations.

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YOU PRAYED FOR ME

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Within a few days the doctor informed me that my lung disease was chronic but not serious, and I was allowed to go home to convalesce.

The get-well cards started pouring in from all over—from people I had not heard from in years. One afternoon while resting and reading some of the cards that had arrived in the day's mail, there settled into my consciousness a

thought. Quickly I gathered from the drawer of the nightstand all the cards and notes I had received during the week. As I read and reread the messages, I was struck with one undeniable fact—these people had prayed for me.

"In our ladies' prayer meeting this morning we felt an unusual burden of prayer for you," one had written. Another had said, "I prayed for you while you were in surgery." An old acquaintance had stated that he was in the home of friends in another state and together they had been drawn to pray for me.

Tears streamed down my face as the significance of the happenings of the past week fully dawned upon me. When I had been unable to take my need to God in prayer, He in loving-kindness had laid my burden on the hearts of others.

Lines from a poem I had once read came to my mind:

"God's messengers of love to earth
He sends,
They're angels, but we know it not
and call them 'friends.'"

Humbly I bowed my head and thanked God for my friends.

From that experience I gained a new awareness of God's loving care for His own. Resting now in His care, I am less anxious about myself. I have not ceased praying, but my praying has changed. My constant prayer now is that I will be kept in His will, for there I know I can safely abide.

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lished by members of the national body which serves the local interests of 38,000 member churches.

NAE's Anniversary Convention will feature seven major speakers, including: Dr. Harold J. Ockenga; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, general director of NAE and international secretary of the World Evangelical Fellowship; Dr. Hudson T. Armerding, president of NAE and Wheaton College; the Rev. Cecil B. Knight, assistant general overseer of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee; the Rev. David Wilkerson of David Wilkerson Crusades and author of **The Cross and the Switchblade**; the Honorable Robert N. Thompson, member of Parliament of Canada and president of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada; and Dr. George Sweeting, president of Moody Bible Institute.

More than 60 commission sessions and workshops will offer the expected 1,500 delegates a wide range of resources for learning and fellowship in addition to business sessions of the general body. Several commissions and affiliates will host special luncheons during the three-day affair, featuring such speakers as the Rev. Bob Harrington, "Chaplain of Bourbon Street," and the Rev. A. H. Orthner who will report on recent revivals in Canada.

The meeting will attract some 62 exhibitors representing the total spectrum of Christian ministries, including publishers, educators, missions agencies, and many independent organizations.

The Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, NAE's missions affiliate, will hold its annual convention in conjunction with the NAE meeting. Dr. Peter Beyerhaus, professor of missions at Tubingen University (Germany) and architect of the Frankfurt Declaration, will speak to EFMA delegates on Tuesday. Dr. Ted Engstrom of World Vision, International, also will address the missions group.

Three outstanding choirs will highlight evening services. Presenting 30 minutes of music each night will be Greenville College A Capella Choir,

Greenville, Illinois; Concordia Seminary Chorus, Saint Louis, Missouri; and Revivaltime Choir, Springfield, Missouri.

Also meeting concurrently with the convention will be the Women's Fellowship of NAE, featuring as speaker Mrs. Billie Davis, professor, University of Miami.

Some 150 to 200 college and seminary students will be on hand to participate in seminar sessions.

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DARE WE LOVE THE LONELY

DARE WE LOVE THE LONELY

Guest editorial by Margo Mangum

Loneliness, by definition, is a state of being lonely.

A single tree stands in the middle of a bare field. A bird wings its way across a cloudless sky. A horse grazes in a fenced-in pasture. A man waits on a street corner. Are they lonely?

A letter comes from a long unheard of relative. He is recuperating from burns in a hospital a long way from home. A message is sent from a former neighbor saying that her husband is no longer with her—taken from her by death. A telephone call comes from a friend informing one that their only child—several hundred miles away—is dying of leukemia. A brief note from a lost relative says in terse tones on paper that her husband has had a complete mental breakdown. Are they lonely?

What morbidity! What you do mean, "Are they lonely?" Can't you think cheerful thoughts? You haven't seen this much driving to work in one morning, you say? You haven't heard that much bad news in years—much less one week—have you? There's more? You could go on and on?

This writer is a born optimist. To live and not see and hear the loneliness of the people around us would be less than human. Let's face it. Loneliness is a terrible thing. In all the afore-mentioned places—they're just a few. There are so many more in cold shacks, warm houses, in private hospitals, in institutions—in crowds there is loneliness.

Is there a way out? A faraway look in the dear eyes of a tormented soul—it looks hopeless. Is everyone lonely—in all this clutterment? People are hurrying—they're going places; they're coming from places. Have they been lonely? Are they going to be lonely? A child's face appears. Do you see stamped on the dear innocent little face a look of loneliness? Look closely.

There's a cure for the morbidity of this writer. Let's take another look. Trees overlap as one enters a driveway. A flock of birds soar through the air. A mare and her colt watch as you drive by. Two men converse as they stand on a street corner. They're not lonely. A letter comes from a long unheard of relative saying, "Let's have a family reunion." A message from a neighbor says that his wife is going to be well again. A telephone call from a friend says that the little one has arrived and all is well. A note from a sister says that having the boys is making it a lot easier for her during her husband's illness. There's a precious child, head thrown back, laughter coming from way down inside, causing hiccups. They're not lonely.

Do these comparisons counteract each other? Far be it from me to say that they do. I only say that for one lonely there are ten unlonely. Are these statistics? Is it that I'm hopelessly optimistic? Take a good close look; examine. Hasn't this much happened to you in a week's time? Much more? Sure it has.

What we do about it is another thing. Do you know what it's like to be lonely? If you do, there will be fewer lonely people just by your passing their way.

God help us to pass their way.

(Mrs. Mangum is an editorial assistant at the Press.)

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Love Covers All

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

THE weather was very dreary as we drove into the yard of this new home. The rain was really coming down and the coldness could be felt clear to the bone. As my friend and I hurried into the home carrying baskets of fruit, I did not take time to notice the yard. The warmth of this home was welcomed. Oh! everything looked so nice, and you could even smell the newness of this home. The surroundings seem to say, "Come in, stay awhile, and let's visit." But I missed the "Hi" and "How are you?"

Yes, we had come into a convalescent center. The season of the year was near Christmas. We were visiting the center to learn if there were any patients there who were members of our church family. We wanted to let them know that they, as part of our church family, were loved and we missed them.

As we visited the members of our church family in their rooms, again you could see and feel the newness of every-

thing. As we talked and related to them news from the church, someone broke into the middle of a sentence, "I miss the privacy of my home and the interesting friends." To close oneself away from the world is not good, but to be able to have moments alone is a privilege I hope I never lose.

As my friend talked on, I gazed out the window. The rain was still falling softly against the windowpanes and my mind wandered back to my childhood. As a child, oh how I loved to run in the rain and splash in the mudholes; it was so much fun! Then on into my teen-age years and my first love; we didn't even know it was raining, only that we were much alive.

Later in life when I became a responsible woman, the rain meant much more to me: lovely flowers, good crops, and the many other needs we have fulfilled through the God-given rains upon this earth. Then my mind drifted back to where I was and my surroundings. Then I heard my friend say, "We are planning a Christmas treat—a ride and entertainment—if the weather is not too bad."

Maybe a convalescent center is not all we want it to be (the family is missing, home is gone, no privacy) just to name a few; but let me give you a few good things we find in a convalescent center. I once knew a mother who had sacrificed much for her family, not because she had to, but because she loved her family. There was a daughter in this home with a small son who had to work and the boy was left home with his grandmother. I visited the home a few times during the winter months and would find the doors standing open, not because the boy meant to leave them open, but remember, he was just a small boy. Sometimes the wood heater would be cold and other times too hot. The grandmother was very sickly and under these conditions soon passed away. Now in a convalescent center there is always warmth, good food, good beds, doctors, and nurses. Would this grandmother have fared better in a center like this?

I have heard more than once children who say how much they love their mother and father. Yet when you are in their company they are saying, "I would do this or go to church more often if it wasn't for Mother or Dad. I have so much to do!" I wonder if we could look back a few years when Mother and Daddy were young and see how they would have liked to have done certain things but because maybe we were sick, or in a play at school, or something else

they sacrificed the things they would have liked to have done for our wants to come first. They did this because "Love Covers All." Just remember friends, sometimes God removes this excuse, "If it wasn't for Mother or Dad." Are you guilty of making this excuse? Heaven forbid!

As for myself, I had much rather be in a convalescent home than to feel that I was in the way of my family doing the things they would like to do. But on the other hand, do we as parents (elderly parents) do our part to get along with the family? Remember they have their own families and have responsibilities to them.

Let us weigh the good and bad of our convalescent centers for our loved ones. I believe there are a lot of people in these centers who are loved by their families, but the families know that this is the best place for them. Circumstances cause a lot of heartaches sometime. The next time we are tempted to say that no one should be placed in a convalescent home, ask yourself, "Suppose there were no such centers?" Every one does not have a family. God grant us the knowledge and wisdom to do what we know is best for our own loved ones.

May I say with the words of Oscar E. Feucht:

The family is like a book, the children
are the leaves,
The parents are the cover which protective
beauty gives;
Love is the little golden clasp that
bindeth up the trust,
Oh! break it not, lest all the leaves be
scattered and are lost.

Coming Events . . .

March 7—Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, 8 P.M.

March 11—Piedmont District Youth Rally and Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina

March 18—Eastern District Youth Convention, Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina

March 19—The New World Singers, Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina

March 25—Central Conference Youth Fellowship Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

WHY THE DOG LOOKED SAD

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:3

A preacher of the gospel, traveling in the Alps, was greatly interested in the St. Bernard dogs. One day the dogs were sent out in a storm to seek travelers who might be lost. One dog returned in the late afternoon, wearied from fighting his way through the drifts. The dog went to his kennel, lay down in a corner, and acted thoroughly despondent despite the effort of the master to encourage him. Was he sick? No, said the master, the dog was not sick in body, but in heart. He had failed to find anybody to help, and had come back ashamed. Oh, does that apply to us individually as bearers of good news?—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

As "bearers of good news" would our countenances change? Feeling good inside just naturally makes you feel good outside. Now doesn't it?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

TESTIFYING WITHOUT WORDS

Scripture Reading—Exodus 15:2

In a mission station there was a convert who could hear and read, but not speak. He was proposed for baptism, but the pastor and brethren hesitated, feeling it impossible to gain from his speechless lips adequate proof that he was sincere and ready for church membership. He was brought before the church, however, and asked this question: "What is the ground of your belief that there is salvation for you in Christ?" He instantly arose and proceeded to answer by signs. He put his hands on his breast with a gesture of loathing, then stepped forward and looked down as into a pit, from which he shrank back in terror; drawing near again, he seemed to see something just beyond; then he made the sign of the Cross—Jesus was there! Again he looked into the pit and smiled, then pointed to heaven with a smile of ecstasy. Jesus had died for his sins, and was risen forever to make intercession for him.—*Indian Witness*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Surely this man was a Christian. Does

one need to express himself audibly to let us know? If we know we are Christians, everyone else will know. Do we know?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

THE SHAMROCK HECKLER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 47:8

A street preacher in London was preaching to a crowd that had gathered around him. It was at the time of the Shamrock races, and everyone was talking of the event. A ruffian on the edge of the crowd thought he would have a little fun, so he called in, "Mr. Preacher! What do you know about the Shamrock?" The preacher never paused, but went right on. A second time the disturber called in, "I say, Mr. Preacher, what do you know about the Shamrock?" Still the preacher paid no heed, but preached right on. Finally the third time, not to be silenced, the ruffian called again, "Mr. Preacher! I'm asking you what you know about the Shamrock!" This time the preacher paused. The crowd became very still. Pointing upward with one hand, he said, so clearly and distinctly that everyone could hear him, "On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other rocks are—sham rocks!"—*Young People's Delight*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we all take a firm stand in our beliefs. There will always be someone who will tend to "sway us," but we as Christians should "stand firm." How do you stand?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

DAVID LIVINGSTONE SAID . . .

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:7

"I will set no value upon anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of that kingdom it shall be given away or kept according as to whether the giving or keeping it will promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all my hopes for time and eternity."—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What has a man profited if he has gained the whole world and lost his soul? What a question! How will you answer?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

WHEN GOD SPOKE TO LOCUSTS

Scripture Reading—Psalm 28:6

A plague of locusts had come to a Chinese village. The people surrounded their fields with small flags used in the worship of a god who would destroy locusts. One Chinese Christian refused to pray to the locust god, though his neighbors urged him. "No," he said stoutly, "that god cannot hear. My God can hear. I pray to Him," and earnestly he besought the Lord to save His little field from destruction. And the Lord did. This poor man cried and the Lord delivered him. The locusts destroyed every green thing round about, but never touched his field.—*The Presbyterian*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Faith can and does work miracles. Just think what faith and prayer can do. Let us pray more and have more faith.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

FULLY FOLLOWING

Scripture Reading—Matthew 24:14

A lad was hurrying along a London street to meet another boy for a Sunday evening on the street. On his way he met the wife of the master who was teaching him a trade. "Where are you going?" she asked. When he told her she said, "That would be the wrong way to spend the Sabbath. Come to chapel with me." The lad went. The minister talked about the words of Jesus, "What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" It came like a loud knock on the heart of the lad. He opened and let the Saviour into his life. Jesus led him to go to the South Sea Islands with the good news. He lost his earthly life there, following Jesus, but Williams the brave missionary gained eternal life.—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How tragic! The young man had to lose his earthly life. In so doing, and for such a wonderful cause, he will live eternally. How wonderful!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

BRAINERD:

Scripture Reading—Psalm 91:9

"Oh, that I were a flame of fire in my Master's cause!"

Brainerd had such intense compassion for souls, and was so earnest for their salvation that he said, "I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls to Christ. While I was asleep, I dreamed of these things, and when I awoke the first thing I thought of was this great work. And my desire was for the conversion of the heathen, and all my hope was in God."

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we strive to be "flames of fire for God's cause." May we have that love within us for our fellowman. Do we?

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THE WARMTH OF THE HAND

"Don't forget that the warmth of the hand will increase the diameter of the shaft," is one of the "don'ts" published in a little book for mechanics. If the touch of the human hand can move cold iron or steel, what may we not expect when it touches the hand of another human being?—*Record of Christian Work*.

Could Vietnam and the United States Be the "Sodom and Gomorrah" of Our Day?

by the Rev. Robert May
Pastor of Hickory Chapel Free Will
Baptist Church
Ahoskie, North Carolina

THE news of the Vietnam war has long been the talk of the world: one of the longest wars on record and still in progress. While the shape of the Paris Peace Table was being decided, thousands of our prime young men died on the battle field of a regretful and purposeless war.

Wars are costly and no one knows this better than the parents of those young men who gave so valiantly of their lives. These young men will never return home. Yet, man may kill the body, but the souls of our young heroes will live on.



Mr. May

Today our minds are turned somewhat from the battle of bullets on that foreign soil, where even some we are trying to help, turn against us. With the war winding down it seems there is another war that is raging. Our young men are subjected to the prostitutes who have been allowed by the leaders of the United States Army to parade outside the walls of the camp or camps to seduce men to buy of their services. These women are searched for deadly weapons only to go free into the camps to sin and cause others to sin. Where have the morals of

our leaders gone? "Where there is no vision, the people perish: . . ." (Proverbs 29:18); "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, Adultery, fornication, . . ." (Galatians 5:19).

This will without doubt be another scourge to one already malignant. Venereal disease will be on the rise—to affect the present victims and cripple even the yet unborn in Vietnam and the United States. Those who will be affected by disease will join the untold numbers that will be born illegitimate.

I ask you to pray that God will somehow burn away the dross of sin that is hanging upon the countries of Vietnam and the United States; not only the sin that affects the youth of our day, but sin wherever it is found.

The cities of old, Sodom and Gomorrah, is a picture of our present-day Vietnam and United States which were destroyed because of the sin that God saw as He looked down upon them. The sin that He saw was grievous. Are we any less guilty if we sit idly by without getting involved while our policies at home and abroad are conducive to sin?

"When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:18).

"Our county, right or wrong: when right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be put right." If we fail to get involved in putting the wrong right, we will live to regret it. Pray that God in this elec-

tion year will, by our help, put God-fearing men in office.

Is it any wonder then we ask, "Where is God?" We look on the right and left and we see inflation rather than progress, unemployment on the rise, humans starving rather than being filled, dope and liquor addiction rather than the filling of the Spirit, beer made available more readily to our service boys than gospel tracts, and youth encouraged to rebel against being drafted in an undeclared war. All the while leaders pray at "prayer breakfasts" that God will do something about the conditions of our day when they themselves allow gross sins of which they are responsible to go on making indelible marks.

"Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness" (Isaiah 59:1-3).

"Redeeming the time (buying up every chance to do good), because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16).

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BETTER THAN GOOD MIXES

We often hear someone say, when speaking of his pastor, "He's such a good mixer!" Commenting on this statement, an evangelist said: "You don't need a mixer; you need a separator!"—Selected.

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A SIAMESE DEFINITION

A certain Siamese teacher is remembered by a former missionary chiefly because of his unique definitions of English words. For instance, among his picturesque definitions was this: "Whiskey—sin water." That's what whiskey really is.—Sunday School Times.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

COURSE ON THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College is currently teaching a course on "The Free Will Baptist Church: Its Beliefs, History, and Government." The course meets each Monday at 7 p.m. in the Henderson Building on the new campus and is open to anyone who would like to attend.

The first unit of the course is a study of the "Beliefs of Free Will Baptists," and this unit will end February 21. The second unit will be on the "Government and Denominational Program of the Free Will Baptist Church" and will begin February 28. Any interested persons are invited to attend without charge any classes they choose. No registration is necessary.

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"The Oriental Experience"

The Rev. Frank Harrison and a group of students known as "The Oriental Experience" will be at Lee's Chapel church, Sampson County, North Carolina, February 20, at 7 p. m. for a program of music and worship. The Rev. Henry Armstrong is pastor.

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Bryan Scholar Students

Twenty-five students have received appointments as Bryan Scholars at Mount Olive College for the spring semester.

The announcement came today from Dr. I. R. Swords, academic dean of the college, who works closely with the faculty adviser, Kenneth Dilda, in directing and encouraging the scholars.

This group of students is selected by a faculty committee in recognition of their academic potential, leadership ability, character, and personality. Sophomores are selected on the basis of their

first-year records and activities at Mount Olive College.

Bryan Scholars take a special one-hour seminar in a subject of their choosing and they meet periodically for discussions.

The James E. and Mary Zealey Bryan Foundation, administered by the College Foundation, Incorporated of Raleigh, North Carolina, underwrites the scholar's program at Mount Olive College. Some students receive scholarships under the program while others hold honorary positions.

MOUNT OLIVE SINGERS AT HICKORY CHAPEL



Hickory Chapel church near Ahoskie, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, February 20, as "Mount Olive College Day." The Rev. Robert May, pastor, has announced that President W. Burkette Raper, will speak at the morning worship service and that music will be provided by the 'Mount Olive Singers.'

The choral group is composed of (left to right): Gilda Avery, LaGrange; Wanda

Students named receiving appointments: Jackie Turner Arthur, daughter of Mrs. Underhill; James M. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Davis; Elizabeth Grimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grimes; Suzanne Lewis Hinsco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lewis; Rose Edwards Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Edwards; William Preston Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis O. Parker; Wanda Faye Pate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pate; Julia A. Semaske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Semaske, all of Mount Olive.

Vickie Lou Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Perkins; Susan Rile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burton C. Rile; Betty Davor Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Robbins, all of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Beth Ann Jernigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Jernigan of Dudley, North Carolina; James R. Lambert, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lambert Jr. of Calypso, North Carolina; Janet Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown Sr. of Beul

Jenkins, Wilson; Charlotte Proctor, Rocky Mount; Lawanna Taylor, Deep Run; and Nyra Hill, Deep Run.

Second row (left to right): Derle Fields, Goldsboro; Eddie McDaris, Kenly; Dennis Jones, Goldsboro; and Jeffrey Jarvis, Ayden.

(Seated): Mrs. Viola Hilton, chairman of the Department of Music at Mount Olive College.

ve, North Carolina; Joy Bundy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Bundy of Farmville, North Carolina; Lewis Eddie Ditton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Ditton of Peachland, North Carolina; Piny Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Edwards; and Michael Allen Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Neal, both of Wilson, North Carolina; Cynthia Lou Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Everett of Kinston, North Carolina; Deborah Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hart of Ayden, North Carolina; Dennis R. Lawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lawson of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Marilyn Michele Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ottis J. Miller of Kenansville, North Carolina; Peter Brent Sumner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sumner of Pink Hill, North Carolina; and Arlinda Gail Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson of New Bern, North Carolina.

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Mount Olive Bus Trip To Student Evangelism Conference

Students at Mount Olive College are making plans to attend what is expected to be "one of the most strategic student conventions in history," Explo '72 in Dallas, Texas, June 12-17.

Sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ International with Billy Graham serving as honorary chairman, Explo '72 anticipates an attendance of 100,000 high school and college students, along with interested laymen.

The week-long program will be an International Student Congress on Evangelism designed to train students "how to share their faith with their fellow students." Those who attend Explo '72 will return to their campuses to participate in "Operation Penetration" for the training of other students to help carry out the Great Commission of our Lord to share the gospel with mankind everywhere.

The Mount Olive College trip will be by chartered bus and is being sponsored in cooperation with the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship. The bus is expected to leave Mount Olive on the morning of Saturday, June 10, and with overnight stops in Columbus, Georgia, and New Orleans, Louisiana, and arrive in Dallas on June 12. Leaving Dallas on June 17 with two overnight stops, Memphis and Knoxville, Tennessee, on the return trip,

the bus will arrive back in Mount Olive on the evening of June 19.

In endorsing the trip, President W. Burkette Raper, declared, "We believe that Explo '72 will be a spiritual highlight in the life of each person who attends, and we further believe that the training these students will receive will uniquely prepare them for effective Christian leadership on our campus. If the highest goal of human life is to have a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ, then we must spare no effort to help our students to have this experience. Nothing else in life could possibly be that important."

"The trip will be expensive," President Raper added, "but the cost cannot be compared with the potential value of strengthening the spiritual climate of Mount Olive College and enriching our Christian ministry to the Free Will Baptist Church and the world. For this reason, students who evidence a genuine commitment to Christian service will be given financial assistance to attend Explo '72 to the extent that funds can be

secured. We plan to invite churches, denominational organizations, and individual Free Will Baptists to make gifts to assist students who otherwise could not attend."

High school students and students in other colleges who wish to travel on the bus chartered by the College are welcome and are invited to write Miss Jean Fillingame, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, for additional information. Preliminary applications are due by March 1.

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Harrison at Marsh Swamp

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain and director of Denominational Services at Mount Olive College, will be guest speaker at Marsh Swamp church, Sims, North Carolina, at 11 a. m. on Sunday, February 20.

GENERAL BOARD MEETS

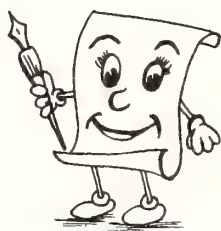


The General Board of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met recently at Mount Olive College to plan the program for the 1972 annual session to be held in West Virginia.

Seated (left to right): The Revs. Bobby G. Bazen, pastor of Shady Grove church, Dunn, North Carolina; Walter Carter, pastor of East Rockingham church, Rocking-

ham, North Carolina; Johnnie Bullman, pastor of Hearon Circle church, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Standing (left to right): The Revs. Clyde Cox, pastor Saint Mary's church, New Bern, North Carolina; and J. B. Starnes, pastor of Holly Springs church, Newport, North Carolina.



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Some things happen only once in a lifetime: like being 16 on the 16th; or 12 on the 12th; or 21 on the 21st.

A few birthdays have more significance than others. Six is leaving babyhood and ready for school. Eighteen is graduating and deciding what to do next. Twelve is when most girls begin to wear heels, hose, and cosmetics.

Sixteen is a milestone birthday too. That age is serious, thoughtful, maturely considering its own future and the future of the world, deciding its own place in it. Sixteen is old enough to stand alone but young enough to lean on the family. It is independent and dependable, ready to get a driver's license and begin going places alone. Probably better informed on politics, current events, and world affairs than Mother and Daddy. Sixteen is at the threshold of the future.

It seems natural to celebrate a birthday. But how would you feel if you got an invitation to celebrate a friend's "15th Born-Again Day"? Nobody does that. Few people remember the date. And we don't have clearly defined stages of development, either, so we wouldn't know how to celebrate or act at different times.

The only guidelines for Christian growth we have are "grow in grace" or to "be perfect as our Father is perfect."

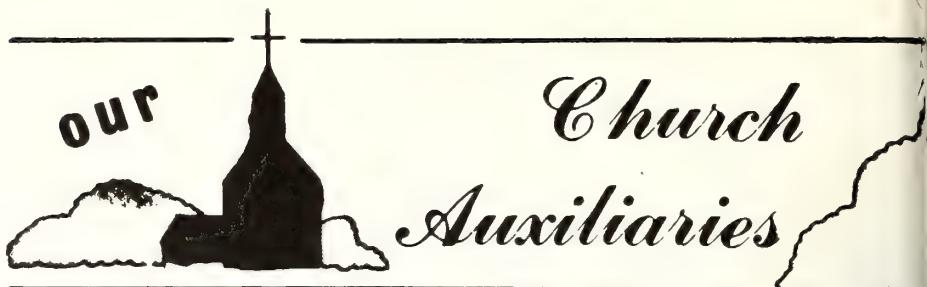
One knows what to expect from a three-year-old child, but what should one expect from a three-year-old Christian? How quickly should one mature?

Since we don't know, it's easy to ignore our Christian birthdays. Besides, it would be embarrassing to say, "I've been a Christian forty years and I'm still feeding on the milk of the Word. I haven't grown a bit!"

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EMERSON SAID:

"The human race is divided into two classes—those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire why it was done in that way instead of another."



NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

(Treasurer's Report—End of Third Quarter—January 31, 1972)

Balance in Bank October 31, 1971 \$1,629.4

| Receipts | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$ 12.00 |
| Interest | 39.07 |
| Promotional (CSF) | 158.77 |
| Denominational Enterprises | 4,808.58 |
| Total Receipts | 5,018.4 |

Total For Which to Account \$6,647.8

| Disbursements | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Convention Expenses and Allocations | \$ 117.76 |
| Denominational Enterprises | 4,808.58 |
| Total Disbursed | 4,926.3 |

Balance in Bank January 31, 1972 \$1,721.5

| Summary of Bank Balances | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | \$1,415.4 |
| Interest | 306.0 |
| Total | \$1,721.5 |

| Banks | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company | \$ 915.4 |
| Tarboro Savings and Loan | 806.0 |
| Total | \$1,721.5 |

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES REPORT

| | Itemize | Received | Disbursed |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Home Missions | \$ | \$ 221.89 | \$ 221.89 |
| Foreign Missions | | 201.55 | 201.55 |
| Missions (Designated): | | | |
| Mexico | 96.58 | | |
| Mexican Missionary Salary | 180.00 | | |
| Timmons | 8.80 | | |
| Kim Whitley Fund | 14.00 | 299.38 | 299.38 |
| Central Conference Missions | | 121.00 | 121.00 |
| Harold Jones | | 113.70 | 113.70 |
| Faye Barrow | | 736.19 | 736.19 |
| Mount Olive College: | | | |
| General Fund | 211.89 | | |
| Alice E. Lupton Scholarship | 66.00 | | |
| J. C. Griffin Scholarship | 19.00 | | |
| John Winfield Scholarship | 5.00 | | |
| Memorial Organ Fund | 160.96 | | |
| Books | 25.00 | 487.85 | 487.85 |

Free Will Baptist Children's Home:

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|--|----------|------------|------------|
| General Fund | 1,006.31 | | |
| Clothing | 125.00 | | |
| Van | 186.25 | | |
| Allowance | 32.00 | | |
| Bedspreads | 66.65 | | |
| Bed Springs | 16.00 | | |
| Cottage Furnishings | 21.00 | | |
| Repairs | 30.00 | 1,483.21 | 1,483.21 |
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| Superannuation: | | | |
| General Fund | 270.71 | | |
| Adopted Widows and Ministers | 12.00 | 282.71 | 282.71 |
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| Cragmont Assembly, Inc. | | 134.00 | 134.00 |
| Life Membership Fees (Children's Home) | | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Anna Phillips Loan Fund | | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Temp Vandemere | | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| U Fellowship | | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Church Finance Association | | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Christian Service Fund: | | | |
| Mount Olive College | 158.78 | | |
| Missions | 158.78 | | |
| Children's Home | 119.08 | | |
| Cragmont | 119.08 | | |
| Superannuation | 79.38 | 635.10 | 635.10 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Total Receipts | | \$4,808.58 | \$4,808.58 |

20% Christian Service Fund retained for promotional—see receipts, \$158.78.

District League Convention

The Union District League Convention sword Drill of the Eastern Conference will be held Saturday, February 19, beginning at 10 a.m., in the Assembly building located on the highway between Seulaville and Pink Hill, North Carolina. Anyone desiring copies of the Sword Drill may get them by writing Mrs. Mike Conner, Route 2, Deep Run, North Carolina 28535. Please take note of this date and make your plans now to attend.

Attention Youth Chairman and Sponsors of Central District

The spring convention of the Central Conference Youth Fellowship will be held with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, Saturday, March 25, at 10 a. m.

I trust that you are encouraging your young people to enter the essay and declamation contests. The topics are the same as last year: Essay, "The Greatest Deed of Our Church"; Declamation, "Is Old-Time Religion for Modern Youth?"

The rules for the contest have previously been published in "The Free Will Baptist" and are also found in the youth program books.

Please send all declamations and essays to District Youth Chairman Mrs. Ruth Taylor, 1719 South Elm Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, not later than March 11.

Be sure also, to bring to the convention your contribution for the State Project, Cragmont Assembly.

Mrs. Ruth Taylor

Piedmont Youth Chairman and Sponsors

The Piedmont District Youth Rally and Convention will be held on Saturday, March 11, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. Please don't forget your donations!

This is the time of the year for the runoff between the churches for the "Bible Bowl Quiz" on the Book of Mark. Be sure to bring as many of your youth as possible and make sure your 13-19 year olds are ready to participate in the quiz. You should have the runoff in your church prior to this time.

Chairmen and sponsors, get your youth started now! The winner of the contest on March 11 will represent the district at the annual State Youth Fellowship Convention in the spring.

Mrs. O. B. Jones, Chairman
421 Idlewood
Durham, North Carolina 27703



By Margo Mangum

The Sunday school teacher was a very conscientious young woman. She wanted so much to instill as much knowledge from the Bible into the minds and hearts of her young charges as possible. They had learned the twenty-third Psalm, John 3:16, and now they were studying the four Gospels.

The little girl was so excited! "Mrs. Jones, may I say the four Gospels? I've learned them real good, may I please?"

"Of course Mary." The teacher waited with a smile as the little girl began to recite.

"Matthew, Mark, Luke, and—and—Henry," she finished lamely. A moment passed. The little girl's face brightened. "That last one is John Henry."

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From the lips of little children comes innocent laughter which enhances our own.

NEWS NOTES

Cragmont Assembly's Treasurer's Report for January, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of January, 1972:

Balance January 1, 1972 \$7,917.54

| Receipts | |
|----------------|------------|
| Churches | \$1,033.47 |
| Unions | 22.76 |
| Sunday Schools | 42.30 |

Total Receipts 1,098.53

Total to Account For \$9,016.07

| Disbursements | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Operating Expenses | \$ 242.34 |
| CPA | 235.00 |
| Principal Paid on Loan | 5,500.00 |

Total Disbursements 5,977.34

Balance February 1, 1972
(checking account) \$3,038.73
On Savings (earmarked funds) 2,262.17

Grand Balance February 1, 1972 \$5,300.90

THE 1972 N. C. STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

by L. E. BALLARD

The time set for the annual sessions of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention was established by the convention some years ago as Saturday before the third Sunday in April. This year the date is April 15, and the morning session will begin at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Clyde Cox, president, and Mr. Loomis Crocker, vice-president, will preside over the convention as arranged between them. The Rev. Harry Jones, recording secretary, will receive all reports from Sunday schools and keep records of the proceedings. As has been the custom for a number of years, the field secretary will act as coordinating officer behind the scenes to see that registrations are properly made, keep the president informed of the arrival of members and prospective members, of convention committees, and see that reports and items of information reach the proper persons during the convention.

The place for the convention was agreed upon last year by the convention. The meeting will be held with the Gum Swamp church, a few miles out from Greenville and near the little town of Belvoir. It is suggested that those coming in through Wilson take Highways 42 and 43 through Falkland, taking the Belvoir road just south of the town. Persons coming through Greenville will find the Belvoir road turning off of Highway 13 left from the north bypass. Those coming through Tarboro can take the Penny Hill road just south off of Highway 64 which will take them to Belvoir. Signs at Belvoir will direct to the church.

Some things need to be noted in advance by the Sunday schools planning to represent in the convention.

First, this is to be an "open convention," by virtue of a resolution passed two years ago. It is still, however, a Sunday school convention, which means that to qualify for voting in the convention one must be a member of a North Carolina Original Free Will Baptist Sunday school. Only those who are from some other state, some other denomination, or who are not affiliated with a Sunday school will be registered as attendants at the convention as "visitors."

Second, while all who attend from a school will have equal rights in the convention, there will be nothing wrong with a school designating one among

those attending as a spokesman for the group and to be responsible for making any reports required from the school.

Third, it is urged that special effort be made to get as many as possible of the officers and teachers of the school to attend, since the institute work in connection with the convention will be of special value to them.

Fourth, reports from the school to the convention should be sent in advance to the recording secretary, the Rev. Harry Jones, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, on blanks which will go out soon from the office of the field secretary. Reports should be filled out as carefully as possible with as accurate information as can be obtained on all points.

Fifth, all officers of the conventions (both state and district) and all ministers of the gospel are automatically members of the convention and are urged to attend.

Sixth, the conditions for getting on the convention's honor roll are: (1) Either the pastor or superintendent or both must attend; (2) there must be two or more teachers attending; (3) there must be at least one pupil who is not an officer or teacher in attendance; (4) the school must send a donation of \$10 or more to the convention with their report.

Seventh, there will be a special youth

program in the afternoon prepared and directed by Mrs. Mattie Lou Link and presenting the young people of Community Free Will Baptist Church at Weldon. Because of this, schools are urged to make a special effort to get their young people to attend the convention.

Now, with this information in hand let us begin right now getting ready to go in full force to Gum Swamp church on Saturday, April 15, for the 1972 North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention.

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Questions & Answers

Question: Why was Judas chosen as a disciple?

Answer: He was attracted by the teaching of John the Baptist as the others were and probably by his own messianic hope. It may be too, that his zeal and enthusiasm and faith were fostered by baser motives. There is no doubt, however, but that he possessed some favorable qualifications, probably desirability; and he may have also exceeded the other disciples in business ability. Then again, he may have joined the other eleven apostles in all sincerity and yielded to temptations only when the handling of money made him covetous. Jesus evidently knew from the time he chose him what he would do. "But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him" (John 6:64). There have been volumes written in an effort to give the reason why Christ chose Judas as one of His twelve disciples. I doubt that anyone living here knows all the reasons. The Bible seems to indicate that it needed to be done in order that the Scriptures should be fulfilled. That should be sufficient for me.

It is interesting to note in Matthew 10:1-11:1, that Jesus calls the 12 to Himself and commissions them, making what appears to be no distinction among them. In 10:1 He gives, so it appears, all of them power against "unclean spirits" and the ability to cast them out and the ability to "heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases." Then He condemns all that fail to receive them, Judas included. In Verse 16 He compares them all to sheep, a figure the Bible does not apply to traitors or enemies of God. In Verse 19 He warns them to beware of men because they will betray and deliver you up to the council—the very thing Judas finally did to Jesus.

In Verse 20 He tells them, including Judas, that it is not they but the Spirit that speaks in them when they are apprehended and hindered in His work.

Then in Verse 22, after He has told them they are to be hated by all men for His name sake then He says, "... but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Then after admonishing them not to fear in several statements He tells them: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Verses 32, 33). Then after saying that like He, they must cope with ill treatments from the world while they perform the task He has assigned them, He states: "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me" (Verses 38-40).

Then we might note, "Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve" (Luke 22:3). (Read Verses 1-6 and John 13:2, 27.) Compare, "This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein" (John 12:6). Now compare, "Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve" (John 6:70, 71).

Jesus was and is the "very God" and knows all things. He is the living Word and has given us the written Word that we may know all of everything we need to know to make us the best and happiest Christians while here on earth; but like the questions about so many things that might arouse our curiosity, there may be many questions in the minds of Christians that will go unanswered until we know the Word, include rightly dividing it or interpreting it better, and still others that will not be answered fully and to our final satisfaction until we have glorified bodies such as that He

now has and until we see Him as He is. So let us keep studying, meditating on the Word, and praying until He comes in that new revelation and then: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2); "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12); "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39); "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

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Question: Please tell me why some men's names in the Bible appear differently in one chapter to that found in another. I want to know especially about why the name Abram first appears and then he is called Abraham.

Answer: This name Abram found in Genesis 11:26 is changed to Abraham as is seen in: "As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham: for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee" (Genesis 17:4-6).

We read in Luther's commentary, Page 290: "That God changed the name of Abraham was not without significance. Up to this time he had been known as 'Abram'; that is, a high or distinguished father. Now God gave him the name 'Abraham,' which means a 'father of great multitudes, or of many nations.'"—Martin Luther.

Jacob, the second son born to Isaac and Rebecca as twin brother to Esau, had his name given to him by his parents, which means "he supplanteth or supplanter." (See Genesis 25:22-26.) "And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel" (Genesis 35:10). This name Israel means "the prince having power with God." Davis' Bible Dictionary gives another definition: "He striveth with God or God striveth." This name was given to him of God just before he was to meet Esau, his brother (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



RUNAWAY RESCUE

CAROLYN FREDRICKSON

A WIND-BLOWN sagebrush startled Terry's horse, Silver, into a brisk trot. Almost automatically, she pulled him to a halt. As she sat on the horse, she gazed at the late-afternoon sun, wondering how to approach her companion.

With her dark hair streaming, Juanita bounced up and down as her horse, Star, galloped along. "What's the matter?" she asked.

"Nothing, really," responded Terry. "I—"

"That's good," laughed Juanita. You looked so solemn that you almost scared me."

"I was thinking of asking you to go to Sunday school with me."

Juanita rolled her eyes and gave Terry an angry look. "Not again! Don't you ever give up?"

"If at first you don't succeed, try again," answered Terry. Then she added seriously, "Won't you come with me this Sunday and at least see what it's all about?"

Juanita slapped the reins nervously against the neck of her horse. "I—I really don't think I can come this Sunday."

"Why not?"

"Why should I?" said Juanita, becoming more upset.

Terry replied quietly, "Because I want you to know about Jesus as I do."

Suddenly Juanita turned angrily to Terry, "I'm not interested in finding out about Jesus!" With that, she kicked Star into a reckless gallop.

Sorrowfully, Terry watched Juanita ride away. "Oh, Lord," she breathed, "I didn't mean to make her angry."

At that moment, Terry's eye glimpsed a cottontail shooting out from the underbrush in front of Star. Horrified, she watched as Star jumped to one side, jerking the reins out of Juanita's hands. Juanita, thrown off balance, held on to Star's mane in a desperate attempt to stay on her horse.

Star, panicked by Juanita's frantic struggle, abruptly turned and bolted down the path at breakneck speed.

Oh, Terry thought, I must stop Star. Juanita's safety depends upon it. But can I? He has a big lead. She dug her heels into Silver, wondering whether she would be able to stop him.

She soon realized that the situation was hopeless. If I can just find a short cut . . . head Star off. It's the only chance, she thought.

Suddenly Star stumbled. Juanita screamed. Star's legs buckled under him, and he went down, throwing Juanita to the ground.

"Come on, Silver!" cried Terry, urging her horse to reach her companion. "Hurry, Silver! Juanita may be hurt!"

Fearfully, Terry halted her horse beside the girl and slid to the ground. "Are you hurt?" asked Terry.

Juanita shook her head, rising slowly. She pressed her hand to her forehead. "No, I'm not hurt, just a little dizzy. But—" she choked, trying to hold back the tears. "Star won't get up."

Terry and Juanita knelt beside Star. Together they tried to encourage the struggling horse.

"Come on, Star!" commanded Juanita tearfully. "You can do it!"

Unexpectedly, Terry's horse neighed. Terry gestured toward Silver. "See, even Silver thinks you can do it! So do I!" she added.

Star struggled to get to his feet; his sides heaved with the effort. Already

exhausted, he had no strength left; a moment he fell back down again.

"Oh, Star!" cried Juanita, putting her arms around his neck.

"He doesn't seem to be in any pain," Terry said, trying to calm the distressed girl. "I don't think he's hurt too badly."

"He can't get up," moaned Juanita. "If he's hurt badly—oh, what will we do?" She hugged Star and burst in tears.

"Maybe we should pray," suggested Terry.

Scornfully, Juanita answered, "Pray? Then in hopeful desperation she finished, 'Would it do any good?'"

Terry smiled sympathetically. "You can't do any harm. There's a verse in the Book of Psalms that says, 'He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: he will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him' (Psalm 91:15)."

"What has that got to do with Star?" protested Juanita.

"God can show us a way to help him," answered Terry.

"Are you sure? How do you know?" asked Juanita, sounding more hopeful.

"God says that if we ask Him for anything, He will answer."

Skeptically, Juanita asked, "But we can't even see God! How can He answer us?"

"In many ways," said Terry. "We can't know how He will answer, but He always does."

"Does He want to help us?"

"Of course."

"No, He won't!" said Juanita, sounding sad.

Surprised, Terry inquired, "Why not?"

Juanita burst out, "Sometimes I've hated you when you've tried to tell me about God. I thought that I was good enough just as I was, but I'm not!" Sobbing, she finished, "He won't help me when I've been so awful."

"Yes, He will," stated Terry firmly. "He wants to help you, if you will only let Him. Otherwise He wouldn't have put that verse I quoted in the Bible! If you admit that you have sinned and if you come to Him asking Him to come into your heart, no matter how bad you've been, He will answer your prayer and make you His child."

Together the two girls bowed their heads.

"Dear Jesus," prayed Juanita, "I know I'm a sinner, and I haven't any right to ask you to help me; but . . . Lord," she

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INFORMATION ABOUT **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

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 ide painting that needs to be done
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 erefore, we appeal to our people across
 state to help us during these cold,
 t, winter days by volunteering to give
 least one day to come on campus and
 int. If you can use a paint brush we
 ed you! Those who can help are urg-
 to contact Superintendent Cedric D.
 erce Jr. at Bailey 235-0761. Perhaps
 ere are some Sunday school classes,
 xiliaries, laymen's leagues, etc., or
 en individuals who can assist us either
 yscally or financially. We have had
 ght much paint donated—will you help
 s use it?

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REPORT—JANUARY, 1972

1. Appreciation: Thank you very kindly
 for continuing to stand with us as
 we serve our children. For your
 support in every way, we are most
 grateful! Please pray with us that
 we may fulfill God's Will as we re-
 spond to the challenges of child care!

2. Christmas, 1971:

a. The Christmas season was very
 joyful on our campus as we were
 entertained by various groups in
 a number of Christmas parties.
 Santa Claus visited the campus
 twice—during the Woodmen of
 the World Christmas party on
 Monday night, December 13; and
 during the Family Christmas par-
 ty on Thursday night, December
 16. The children presented a
 special Christmas program as a
 part of the Family Christmas par-
 ty which was enjoyed very much
 by everyone.

b. We would like to express our
 very sincere appreciation to each

and everyone who had a part in
 making Christmas, 1971, such an
 outstanding success on our cam-
 pus. No matter how great or
 small your contribution may have
 been, we thank you from the
 depths of our heart.

3. Child Receives Honor: One of our
 children, Charles Warren, has re-
 ceived the honor of being tapped in-
 to the National Beta Club. Charles
 is a junior at Southern Nash Senior
 High School.

4. Our Children: We have cared for a
 total of 606 children since the first
 were admitted on May 23, 1920.
 Presently, there are 71 in our care
 as follows:

- Sixty-seven (67) are on campus.
- One child is completing require-
 ments for graduation with the
 Vocational Rehabilitation Pro-
 gram in Kinston.
- We have one girl in our care who
 is studying at Mitchell's Hair Styl-
 ing Academy in Raleigh and two
 in college at East Carolina Uni-
 versity in Greenville.

5. Staff Resignations: Mr. James T. Pul-
 ly, director of campus life; and Mrs.
 Thelma Carter, director of food ser-
 vices, both resigned their positions
 with the Children's Home, effective
 December 31, 1971.

**6. New Director of Food Services (Die-
 tition):** The Home is pleased to an-
 nounce the promotion of Mrs. Erma
 Patterson to the position of director
 of food services. Mrs. Patterson has
 been employed by the Home for near-
 ly a year and has worked very close-
 ly with the former director of food
 services.

7. New Director of Campus Life: The
 Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey has re-
 signed the pastorate of the First
 Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield,
 North Carolina, to become the Direc-
 tor of Campus Life at the Free Will

Baptist Children's Home. He will
 assume his new position on February
 15, 1972. The Home will be very
 fortunate to have the Rev. Mr. Hum-
 phrey on its staff.

8. Help Needed: The Home is much in
 need of additional staff to fill vacan-
 cies created by resignations. Inter-
 ested persons should contact Super-
 intendent Cedric D. Pierce Jr. at
 235-0761 (Bailey).

9. Building Program:

- The new residence for the direc-
 tor of campus life has been com-
 pleted except for landscaping.
 The fall rains delayed the comple-
 tion date. A complete report on
 this new building will be forth-
 coming.
- The painting of Memorial Chapel
 church, located on our campus,
 has been completed on the out-
 side.
- Formerly, the dean's cottage,
 Smith cottage, office building,
 and superintendent's home have
 been painted on the outside and
 covered with new roofs.
- Thanks to everyone who helped
 make the above repairs and im-
 provements possible.

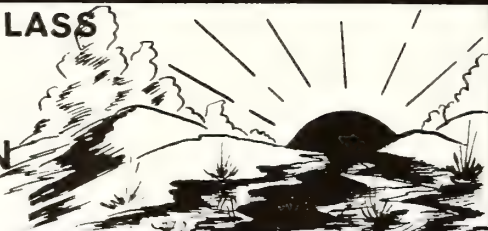
10. Special Recognitions: Beginning with
 January 1, 1972, the Children's
 Home will recognize either through
The Free Will Baptist or a newsletter
 all memorial gifts, commodity gifts,
 and legacies and bequests in addition
 to the traditional honor roll for gifts
 of \$100 or more.

11. Red Letter Dates:

- May Is Children's Home Month:**
 Again this year, the month of
 May has been designated as "Chil-
 dren's Home Month" by the North
 Carolina State Convention.
- Children's Home Day:** Mother's
 Day, May 14, 1972, has been de-
 signated as Children's Home Day.
- Founder's Day:** We will celebrate
 our fifty-second anniversary on
 Founder's Day, May 20, 1972. We
 urge all Free Will Baptists and our
 friends everywhere to plan now
 to attend to make this the big-
 gest event ever on our campus.
 More information will be forth-
 coming.
- Honor Roll:** We urge each church
 and other organizations to give at
 least \$1 per member as a "Special
 Love Offering" to the Home dur-
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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR FEBRUARY 27



WALKING WITH THE LIVING CHRIST

Lesson Text: Luke 24:13-16, 27-35

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:7

I. INTRODUCTION

The greatest privilege man has ever had was walking with the living Christ. This fact takes on greater significance when we realize that none of us is worthy of so marvelous a privilege. We were once dead in sins and trespasses but now, because of the risen Christ and our faith in Him, we are alive with Him forevermore.

Our lesson teaches us that even in sorrow walking with Jesus can be and is a joyous experience. He is closer to us in such times than we think. He is at our elbow whenever we need Him. He is able to help us bear our problems and take us through every circumstance we may be forced to go. When we understand this truth fully we receive encouragement and strength to follow through, much as Paul did when Jesus told him that he must bear the "thorn in the flesh." Christ's grace is sufficient for us all along the way.

Great is our joy as we realize that Jesus is by our side. But we are not to keep Him all to ourselves; we must share Him with others. Every time we do so our joy multiplies. Thus we can believe that the more we tell of Jesus' love the more we receive joy in it.

We come to the close of our series of lessons from Luke's Gospel. Jesus is risen from the tomb and makes His several appearances to His disciples. One of the tenderest conversations He had with them was the one with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Let's look at it first.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. There were ten appearances of Jesus over a period of forty days after the resurrection.

2. Five of these appearances occurred on Easter Sunday. We study the fourth one of these.

3. Emmaus was a village located about seven miles northwest of Jerusalem.

B. The Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13-16)

1. Evidently, these two unnamed disciples lived in Emmaus.
2. They were walking home discussing the things of the Lord.
3. Jesus appeared to them, but they did not recognize Him.

C. Jesus Expounded the Scriptures (Luke 24:27)

1. What a marvelous teacher Jesus must have been.
2. How clearly He must have expounded the Old Testament Scriptures.

D. Jesus Accepts an Invitation (Luke 24:28-32)

1. When the disciples arrived home, they invited Jesus to stop with them.
2. Jesus accepted their invitation; He accepts our invitation to come into our homes today.
3. It was not until they were eating supper that they recognized Jesus.
4. Then Jesus vanished immediately.

E. The Disciples Return to Jerusalem (Luke 24:33-45)

1. These disciples return to the eleven apostles.
2. The apostles greeted them with the news of Jesus' resurrection.
3. The Emmaus road disciples relate their experience with Jesus.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Walking with Jesus means traveling the road as He did, stepping in His footprints. This is a difficult commitment. Following in Jesus' steps may take one through trying and frightening circumstances.

One of the first places Jesus walked was to the temple. For us, the temple experience represents witnessing, for

that is what Jesus did among the scribes.

When temptation arises, we can assure that Jesus knows our weakness and our trouble. He once walked the way Himself, in the wilderness. Having overcome the world, Christ promises victory too.

Footprints of Jesus were also left up the road to Calvary. We too must walk the "valley of the shadow of death." But Jesus overcame death too and walked again with His disciples. Thus we have assurance of our own resurrection and of an eternal walk with Him.—Star and Commentary.

B. "Mr. and Mrs. Fredricks were taking a world tour. Before they left America they read many books about different countries. When they reached Italy they decided to go directly to Rome. There were so many things they wanted to see, but they had only thirty-six hours to spend in Rome.

"At first they made a list of all the places they wanted to visit. The list grew bigger and bigger, and they knew that they would not have time for all of them. As their list of interesting places grew longer, they decided that they must do something if they were going to see the city of Rome as quickly as possible. They hired a guide. This guide knew the best way to see the most places, and he took them around several short cuts, showed them buildings and historic places, and kept them from wasting time and becoming lost.

"Christians need a guide too. Our time on earth is limited, and we must be careful to use it in the best possible way. If we try to run our own lives, we may hit danger spots; but if we ask Jesus to be our Guide, He will direct us safely away from injury and harm. We will not get mixed up, for He will lead us to the right places. Then when our trip on earth is ended, we will go to live with Him in heaven forever."—Devotional I for the Family.

C. A happy Christian one day met an Irish peddler, and said to him, "It's a grand thing to be saved." "Aye," said the peddler, "it is. But I know something that is better than that." "Better than being saved?" asked the other. "What can you possibly know better than being saved?" "The companionship of the Man who has saved me." The companionship of Jesus—we may all have it.—Selected.

D. Have you ever walked across a railroad trestle spanning a river? Did you (continued on page fifteen)

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Wiped back her tears, "will you please help Star?"

Terry added her prayer to Juanita's. "Lord, please show Juanita that you do love her and want to make her your friend. Please show us a way to help Star. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Slowly the girls raised their heads. Terry smiled thoughtfully at Juanita. "While I was praying, I suddenly thought of something. I once heard that sometimes a horse can't get up again either because a leg is twisted under him or because he's lying on the opposite side from the one he usually gets up on. Maybe that's what happened to Star."

"Do you suppose God helped you to think of that? Is that the way He answered our prayers?" asked Juanita.

"I'm sure of it. Let's roll Star over to his other side. Maybe then he can get to his feet."

Quickly, Juanita walked to the opposite side of Star and tried to push him onto his other side. "Come and help me," she panted.

Fearfully, Star began to struggle, tripping Terry and sending her sprawling to the ground.

"Are you hurt?" Juanita rushed to help Terry to her feet.

"No," Terry dusted herself off. "But I wonder—" She knelt to examine Star's forelegs.

"What are you looking at?" said Juanita, kneeling beside Terry.

Terry answered in a surprised voice. "Oh, Juanita, look! Star can't get up! He's caught! His hoof is wrapped in this partly buried wire." She bent over Star, tugging gently at his front hoof.

"Here, let me help you." Juanita reached over to help Terry.

"You try to hold Star still. I'll get the wire," Terry told her.

"Can you get it?"

"Just a minute!" Quickly, Terry uncoiled the wire from Star's leg and flung it into the ditch.

Realizing that he was free, Star drew his legs under himself and lurched to a stand. He shook off his dusty coat.

"Hey, cut it out!" Terry sneezed.

Juanita anxiously felt his leg, "Do you think he's all right?"

"Walk him," suggested Terry. "If he doesn't limp, he's probably O.K."

Juanita walked Star a few paces. "I guess he's all right."

Later, as the two girls neared home, Juanita turned to Terry. "You know,

I'm almost glad that Star had that fall."

Surprised, Terry asked, "Why?"

"Well," said Juanita thoughtfully, "because I found out that God answers prayer when you call on Him. He surely answered our prayers."

Terry grinned and said, "He certainly did!"

"I think I need to learn about Him." Juanita glanced at Terry. "What time can you pick me up for Sunday school tomorrow?"—My Pleasure.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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look down between the ties at the swirling waters below? Most likely it will make you dizzy. Looking up is the only way for you to keep your balance, to maintain an even keel. Just so, as we walk along the way of life, let us keep looking up to Jesus and He will sustain us at all times.—Selected.

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Questions & Answers

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whom he had sinned against and whom he feared to see, as he returned from Mesopotamia. (See Genesis 32:22-32.)

Daniel had two names: that given to him by his parents in Jerusalem and also the one given by Nebuchadnezzar to symbolize his position in the court of Babylon. Daniel means God is my judge. His other name, Beltshazzar, favored by Bell was heathen.

Paul and Peter each had two names. Peter's name was Simon. His Lord named him Peter, meaning rock, to match or symbolize his character. "And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone" (John 1:42); "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Paul's name as persecutor of the church was Saul, but Paul after he was converted. Unger's Bible Dictionary says of Paul: "(Saul) The Hebrew name of the apostle Paul. Why he changed his name is not mentioned, but perhaps the most probable reason was that the name Paul was given to the apostle as a memorial of the conversion of Sergius Paulus effected by him."

Mount Olive News

A Course on the F W B Church

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, announced today that he will be conducting a special four-week course dealing with the structure and organization of the Free Will Baptist Church. An examination of the duties of church officers as listed in the "Discipline" will also be made.

Harrison said the course will meet each Tuesday night from 7:30—9:30, beginning March 7, for the duration of the month. Classes will be held at Verona Free Will Baptist Church near Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The cost of the full course is \$5 per person.

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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During the month of May, an honor roll of all organizations who send this amount during the month will be published in **The Free Will Baptist**. Please start making plans now for your church, Sunday school, or other church auxiliary to be included in this honor roll.

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SEALED ORDERS

Sometime, I know not when or how,
All things will be revealed;
And until then content am I
To sail with orders sealed.

—Selected.

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To a severely afflicted man the question was put, "Do you see any special reason for this sore trial?" He answered immediately, "No, but I am as well satisfied as if I saw a thousand, for my Father's will is the perfection of reason."
—G. H. Knight.

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ANTICIPATING TROUBLE

I have lived a long life and seen lots of trouble, but most of it didn't happen. Jacob prepared for a trouble that didn't happen.

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop—
At late or early hours.
Now is the only time you own;
So live, love, toil with a will;
Do not depend upon tomorrow, for
The clock may then be still.

—Rev. B. Meyer.

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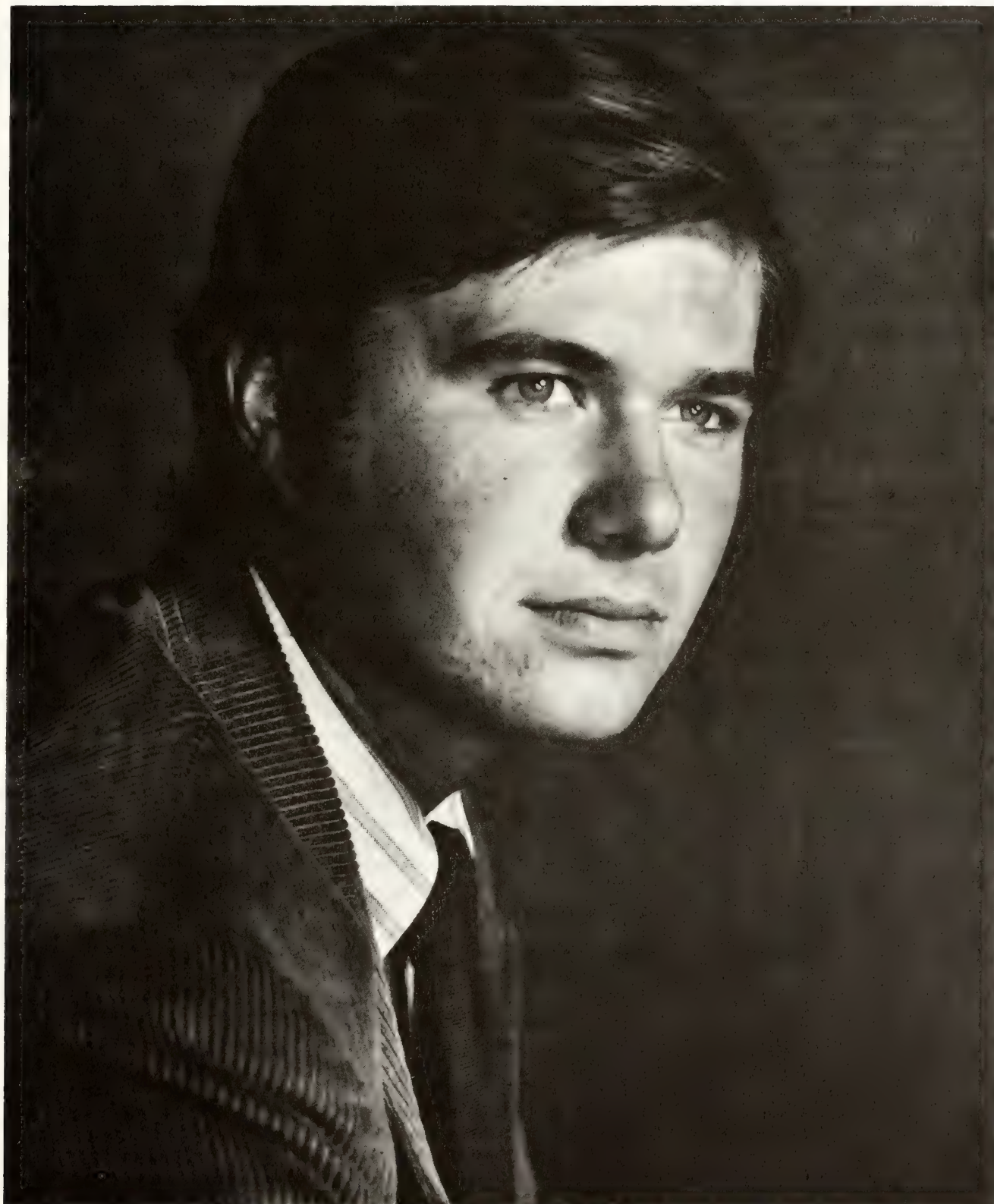
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ARE YOU LISTENING?

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Guest editorial by Margo Mangum

Are you listening to the latest world news reports?
There are problems in the Middle East.
There is troubled Northern Ireland.
There is a coal crisis in London, England.
There is this "autobiography" of Howard Hughes.
You do hear about these things?
Are you listening to the latest local news reports?
There are crimes still being committed.
There are horrible automobile accidents being reported.
There is still much unrest in our schools.
There are sick people in the hospitals.
There are deaths of our state leaders and our loved ones being reported.
There are babies being born in this "overpopulated world."
You do hear about these things?
Are you listening to the latest farm news, social events, the weather?
You do hear about these things?
Are you listening to the latest country singers: Glenn Campbell, Charlie Pride, and Jerry Reed?
You do hear them?

A senior class was asked by their teacher to write a short story on "Sounds One Hears in the Night." One young man finished his story and handed it in. It read thusly:

"I hear a refrigerator motor running.

"I hear my father snoring.

"I hear trucks stopping and starting.

"I hear the dripping of water from a spigot.

"These are the sounds I hear in the night."

Are you listening to the works of Mendelssohn, Brahms, Bach—George Beverly Shea, Ernie Ford, Perry Como?

You do hear them?

Are you listening to the everyday sounds around you?

To the rustling wind in the trees?

To the sad cry of a troubled soul beside you?

To the beautiful song of a bird from a nearby tree?

To the muffled moans of the very sick near you?

To the gentle rain as it falls upon the rooftop?

To the inaudible voice of a friend in deep distress?

To the uninhibited laughter of a precious child in someone's arms?

You do hear them?

Are you listening to the still small voice of God?

He speaks to you in hours of sorrow.

He speaks to you in moments of joy.

He speaks to you when He answers your most humble prayer.

You do hear this voice?

Are you listening?

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The Family Who Live In the Pines

by

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BEGIN this true story with the personal acknowledgment that — like many other mothers—I am a sentimental at heart. Fran and Woody are my daughter and son (I do not call him my son-in-law). I realize that there are few rural pockets in America where a life like theirs prevails and meets a need. I am not suggesting that all of us close own the host of apartments, homes, businesses, and other modern conveniences we are accustomed to and move to the country and live like Fran and Woody. What I am calling for is an awareness that our attachment to "money" is not enough to warrant its priority over everything else. What I am calling for is an awareness of our natural environment and of God.

What is different about Fran and Woody Ked from most young couples? In the first place, their motivation is different. Their goal is not to make money. Their goal is: peace on earth. And to them this means living at peace with the earth—and giving up things they once thought they couldn't live without. It's an old-fashioned way of life that many young couples would not be interested in, but for Woody and Fran Ked the life they now lead is the only life.

Three years ago, they moved from Columbia, South Carolina, to Pomaria—seven miles from a village, in the timber-farming countryside of South Carolina. The village is inhabited by people who are more or less integrated by a common set of values, including faith in God. It serves as a basic unit of social, religious, and business organization. The village church is something which demands the relationship of belonging. The Keds are just as much members when

they sit in their home as when they sit in the pew of the church. The point is, the relationship of the church is real, is continuous, regardless of time and place. The Keds respond to public worship with the enthusiasm and devotion which they feel watching a baseball game on TV. They attend meetings, volunteer their time. Such a philosophy of busyness is widespread in the life of all the villagers and country people from the surrounding areas.

Woody and Fran were determined to live in harmony with the earth. To do this they had to break with their past—both had attended college and come from middle-class families. But today they work with their hands, have little or no money, and are content with a secondhand car and homemade clothes. The problem of social status is not one with which they have to wrestle. Their lives are simple, old-fashioned, self-sufficient, and reflect a wish, shared by many young people, to live in a more natural relationship with the land.

It is not that the Keds think the values that the middle and upper classes pursue are bad or evil. They think education, economic security, comfortable homes, attractive neighborhoods, and vacations are good rather than evil. The problems as far as the Keds are concerned, is not that some people have access to these things; rather, it is that most of the world's people are deprived of them, and even of the barest necessities of life. The Keds believe that as a conse-

quence of this fact, the affluent who possess these goods are separated from the people who do not possess them.

The Keds manage happily on little money because they are more than willing to do without most of the extras money can buy. They don't own anything they don't need, and they think they don't need many things most young couples regard as essential.

They don't waste anything. On Fran's back porch there is a waste receptacle for organic materials like potato peelings, egg shells, etc. for the garden. The waste in the can gets put to use—to enrich the soil of their vegetable garden or to feed the dogs and chickens and twenty wild alley cats that were living on the porches and in the basement of the house when they bought it.

The Keds would like to have more furniture in their large farmhouse, much of which was left over from the past owner, with the exception of a few pieces Woody bought from a secondhand store. But they wouldn't adjust any of their priorities to do so. They don't even want a new car, though Woody needs transportation to work in another village 50 miles away.

They try to minimize their dependence on the consumer economy. "I like to grow my chickens, have my own eggs instead of buying them," Woody said. The Keds have a single rooster and nine hens that now produce the eggs they use. And they have to work long and hard on their land to get a good vegetable garden.

"We'll have a big garden eventually. Fran likes to freeze and can everything we grow," Woody said. "And I am renting a lot of my cleared land to other farmers."

"And the car," Fran added. "A lot of people would not use this car. But it's more economical to keep this going as long as we can."

Woody replaces small parts on the car himself. And both he and Fran read a lot of books that tell them how to do things. In fact, when they decided to become farmers, they began learning to farm entirely by reading and asking farmers in the area questions.

Curiosity, if nothing else, should move us to wonder how the Keds are responding to this life between adventure and insecurity. This would be a scary life for a good many people, but not for the Keds. They are prime examples of young people who choose to maintain a balance between the energies devoted to their

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

HOW YOUNG CYRUS HAMLIN SETTLED IT

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:23, 24

When Cyrus Hamlin was ten years old, his mother gave him seven cents to celebrate a great holiday. The money was for gingerbread, buns, etc. "Perhaps, Cyrus," said she, "you will put a cent or two into the missionary box at Mrs. Farrar's." As he trudged along, he began to ask: "Shall I put in one cent or two? I wish she had not said one or two." He decided on two. Then conscience said: "What, five cents for your stomach and two for the heathen! Five for gingerbread and two for souls!" So he said, "Four for gingerbread and three for souls." But presently he felt it must be three for gingerbread and four for souls. When he came to the box he dumped in the whole seven, to have no more bother about it. When he went home, hungry as a bear, he explained to his mother his unreasonable hunger. And, smiling through tears, she gave him an overflowing bowl of bread and milk. And he pathetically asks: "What is the meaning of my mother's tears?"—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Just reading the above brings tears to ones' eyes—it is touching. Decisions are still being made. People still give their all. Do we?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

THE GREAT FACE CHANGER

Scripture Reading—Job 8:21

It takes more than food and clothes to put joy in the heart and a smile upon the face. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the great face changer of the ages.

Marcus Dodds, the famous globe trotter, once said as nearly as we can quote from memory:

"I have been in every land on which the sun shines and never have I anywhere seen a single happy hopeful face among women where the gospel of Jesus Christ has not been preached."—*The Brethren Missionary Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To know God is to love Him. Let us take a look at our countenances. What do

we see—at the very first glance? Look closely. Do we need to know Him better?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

TOUCHING GOD

Scripture Reading—Genesis 1:2

An inert substance or a living body may become so surcharged and transformed with another force foreign to itself, that when we touch it we feel only the foreign force which fills. Galvanize a pail of water, and then put your hand into it. You touch the water, but you feel only the electricity which pervades it. Take a bar of iron and put it into the fire. Soon the fire enters it, and takes possession of every atom of which it is composed. If you touch it while red hot you will scarcely feel the iron, but you will certainly feel the fire. So it is with a man when he is filled with God. Come near to him and touch him, and as you touch the man you feel God.—*Dr. F. E. Marsh*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Giving the above some serious thought brings to mind a serious question. How many people do we know who identify with this man? There are some. Are we among them?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

GROWTH IN TROUBLE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 84:7

Ten thousand saints are ready to testify that their periods of most rapid and unmistakable spiritual growth have been their periods of trouble. The winter accomplishes more than the summer for the soul's development and advance. The valley of weeping is a well of living waters, and the barren heights a dewy and pleasant field. And grace prepares trial—the grace of our Saviour, our Leader, our Lover. He has been in the cold and frost before us, and He will take care that our winter is not nearly so keen as His. His made His heart bleed; it slew Him outright; ours, through His wise and tender tuition, will instruct us, brace us, ripen us into His own likeness.—*Alexander Smellie*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What comparisons! May we keep in mind when we have problems, they could be worse. Too, just maybe something far better will be because of it. May we never question His wisdom.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

BETTER THAN SEEKING

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 11:1

There is something better than seeking God—even better than seeking Him with our whole heart. For as long as we seek we are unsatisfied; and God has something better for us than that. The Keswick Calendar gives an incident of the great Scottish scholar, Professor Duncan, known to his students as "Rabbi Duncan" because of his Oriental scholarship. A friend overheard him talking to a poor old woman, and this is what the great scholar was say-

ing: "Now, you have promised to seek; oh, remember, seeking won't save you. But you seek, you will find, and finding will save you." Finding is infinitely better than seeking. The only purpose of seeking is finding, and unless the finding comes the seeking has been a failure.—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Our Bible says, "Seek and ye shall find." Do we need more? We've been told. It is so simple. May we strive to find.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

CHOOSE THOU FOR ME

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 3:11

I dare not choose my lot;

I would not if I might;

Choose thou for me, my God,

So shall I walk aright.

The kingdom that I seek

Is thine; so let the way

That leads to it be thine,

Else surely I might stray.

Take thou my cup, and it

With joy or sorrow fill;

As best to thee may seem,

Choose thou my good and ill.

Choose thou for me my friends,

My sickness or my health;

Choose thou my cares for me,

My poverty or wealth.

Not mine—not mine the choice,

In things of great or small

Be thou my Guide, my Strength,

My Wisdom and my All!

—*Horatius Bonar*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to know that we have someone to take care of us forever and ever? Ours for the asking! How thankful we should be. Are we?

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

PRAYER TO BEAR PAIN

Scripture Reading—Psalm 127:3

In a Northern hospital a little girl was to undergo a dangerous operation. She was placed upon the table and the surgeon was about to give her ether.

"Before we can make you well, we must put you to sleep."

She spoke up sweetly, and said, "Oh, you are going to put me to sleep, I must say my prayers first."

So she got on her knees and said the child's prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

Afterwards, the surgeon said, he himself prayed that night for the first time in thirty years. No one can tell what power a little child has, even on those who are older years.—*Selected*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Who could watch a child pray and not pray? Could there possibly be one anywhere? God forbid!

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MY SOUL CRIED TO GOD

ANONYMOUS

WAS in the place in the world where I could be alone to pray, read the Bible, and regain my perspective. In this place I could spend hour after hour, sitting by myself and looking at the horizon, crying to God.

The little cottage was as close to God as it could be, on the very top of Catawba Mountain near Salem, Virginia. I had felt the necessity of retreating to the mountains and had driven here to live in this cottage for the summer. I needed to feel near to God in a natural setting. This solitude would be a needed antidote for my grief and a refreshing release from my heartaches.

I parked my car and sat down on the steps of the front porch, relieved that the long drive was over. There seemed to be nothing but the mountains and the sky and God.

I thought that I could see Jesus' face high above those mountains, keeping a watchful eye on me and my sorrow. The mountains formed a green outline on the horizon, lending a peaceful background to my thoughts.

The rolling clouds, a suspended mass of fleecy white, were barely visible in the haze. The billowy overcast that came that first day seemed almost intended to shut God out. A deep mist settled over the mountains. How somber was the sky! How murky the atmosphere! The lingering grayness uniting the sky and the mountains portrayed my soul's sadness.

My grief reached up for Jesus' embrace. My melancholy blended with the overcast skies. Could I find peace here? **This was the day that I had put my husband in a mental institution.** I went back over the many long years that he had been ill. I remembered the warnings of the doctors, even twenty years

before, that I hadn't taken seriously. Someday as he grew older, they had said, the emotional breakdowns that he periodically had would terminate in a complete mental breakdown. **He would never recover.**

There were the many times I had put him in rehabilitation centers for "emotional instability," as the doctors called it. But the suicidal tendency had lingered; the background of emotional disorders in his early life had acted against him.

Each time, I had prayed for strength to rear our children—two little girls—and had asked God to guide me in making the decisions that circumstances forced upon us.

Finally, the day had arrived that brought the crisis I had dreaded for years. The only recourse had been to take him to a mental institution. I was told by doctors that this was the final trip and that from now on I would have to learn to live my life without him. I could live it for the children and for the service I might be to others, they suggested.

It is strange how one clings to an afflicted person, especially an older person, rather than to the young and strong. I had been holding him up, and I dreaded in my **heart** to let him go, although I knew in my **head** that his departure was better for our children. I was told a mentally ill husband does not provide the best atmosphere in which to rear children. I rationalized that it would be better for them to have **no** father than **half** a father—that perhaps it was better for him to go than live with us as a "vegetable," an object of pity for his children to look upon as long as he lived. I prayed diligently about the decision I had to make, **but I still clung to my husband.**

Finally I had turned him over to a psychiatrist and had come here to our little cottage. At first I just mulled over the events of the day, repeatedly rehearsing those terrible last moments when I kissed him good-by and seeing again and again those dreadful last glimpses of him being taken away by attendants.

I studied the outline of the mountain, pausing in my reflections. Somehow God seemed near. He was in this environment, and I needed Him. Here was a place where I could get down on my knees and ask Jesus for help and strength.

How pleasant it was to be in a sanctuary of prayer! I decided to write someday about my sorrows in order to help other souls with similar heartaches. I could tell how soothing it is at such a time just to reflect upon the serenity of God's world at the top of a mountain!

Suddenly the sound of a rippling, gurgling mountain stream drew me forward irresistibly. I pushed my way through the brush beside the house and watched, fascinated, as the water tumbled over the rocks. It looked so cool and inviting that I couldn't resist the temptation to take off my shoes and socks and wade. God cleared my mind then of the events of the day. Instead of a wife brooding over the last farewell to her husband, I was a little girl sneaking off from Grandfather's house to wade in a stream. What a happy time I had! What a carefree life it had been! How glorious it was to wade in the creek and pick red and white wild flowers from the bank! I forgot time. I forgot heartaches! Then when a slight rain began to fall, the "little girl" picked up her shoes and socks and ran into the house.

The excursion into the distant past was over. Feeling exhausted, I stretched out to rest on the couch. But the patter of the rain on the tin roof continued to be music to my ears, and the rustle of the wind through the trees became a melody that delighted my soul.

As I relaxed, I prayed for my sick husband whom I had told good-by only hours before. Somehow those hours seemed to have lengthened so that I was on the other side of a great chasm. Vaguely now I recalled kissing his quivering lips and wiping the tears from his frightened eyes.

"Would it have been better if he had died?" I asked God.

I determined to put my heartaches in-
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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Tarboro Church Presented a Brass Altar Set



On Sunday morning, January 23, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, North Carolina, was presented a beautiful brass altar set. On the back of the 24 inch cross was the inscription: "Given in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Sasser by the Howard Evans family, 1972."

In accepting the gift for the church, Mr. Sasser stated, "This is a gift of lasting beauty, adding dignity and inspiring reverence. The letters of the cross 'IHS' stand for the Latin words, 'In Hac Signo' meaning, 'By His sign we will conquer.' With the cross ever before us we too can, and should, be conquerors."

In making the presentation, Mr. Evans stated, "Our family has not been a member of this church very long. The dedication of the pastor and his wife has meant much to us. We wanted to express our appreciation in a tangible way through this gift, trusting that it will be a source of inspiration to all who worship here, and as a constant reminder of their service and devotion to our church."

Cedric D. Pierce to Speak at Gum Swamp Church

The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Chil-

dren's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker for the Sunday evening message at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Belvoir, North Carolina, February 27. Mr. Pierce will bring greetings from the Children's Home along with the message at seven o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, along with the church membership, invites the public to attend.

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Writers' Workshop Held at Free Will Baptist Press

A writers' workshop was held in the conference room at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, Monday, February 7, hosted by the manager, the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

Those attending this one-day seminar were the writers of the Sunday school literature, the league literature, the YFA, AFC, Devotional, and vacation Bible school, along with the editorial department, headed by the editor, Mr. Tommy Manning. He very ably led in a very informative discussion concerning writing and what could be done in helping each other as writers and as staff members. Each writer's manuscript was literally torn apart and constructively criticized by everyone.

Sometime ago the Press had its lit-

erature program evaluated by the Syracuse University School of Journalism and Ira L. Baker of the Journalism department of East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. These analyses were read.

A leaflet, "Aid to Preparing Manuscripts," was composed by Mr. Ralph Bowen of the editorial department and each person was given one. We feel this will be especially beneficial to all writers.

Next on the agenda, individual sessions for the writers with the editorial staff in his own department were held. There the writers from the editor's desk to the artist's studio saw how the manuscripts were "worked over." Then a tour from the composing room to the shipping department, a "Show-and-Tell Session," with Mr. Reynolds leading the group was enjoyed.

The meeting was highlighted by a delicious supper at Parkers Barbecue Restaurant in Greenville, North Carolina. Following the meal, a Free Will Baptist authoress, Joyce Proctor Beaman, was the featured speaker. Mrs. Beaman discussed her recent book, *BROKEN ACRES* and gave some very interesting and helpful hints on writing and presenting your manuscript for publication. This was enjoyed by all.

Those in attendance were: the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Reynolds, the Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Hansley, the Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Glenn, the Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Dawson.

Coming Events . . .

March 7—Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, 8 P.M.

March 11—Piedmont District Youth Rally and Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina

March 18—Eastern District Youth Convention, Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina

March 19—The New World Singers, Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina

March 25—Central Conference Youth Fellowship Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

Mrs. Alice Barrow, Mrs. Jane Gainey, Mrs. Minnie Chandler, the Rev. L. E. Ball, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, Mr. Tommy Manning, Mr. Ralph A. Bowen, Mr. Carl Lucas, Mrs. Margo Mangum, and Mrs. Sharon Little.

The workshop was regarded as being highly successful and beneficial to all and hopefully there will be others from time to time.

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Revival Services at East Rockingham Church

The Rev. A. B. Chandler will be the guest evangelist for revival services at the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, the week of February 28—March 4, beginning each evening at seven o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Walter Carter, will assist in the services.



Mr. Chandler is pastor of the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church near Winterville, North Carolina, and the writer of two Sunday school quarterlies at the Free Will Baptist Press: the Senior Class quarterly and the Teen-Age Teacher.

The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to all who possibly can to attend these services.

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Cragmont Rally at Core Creek Church

Wednesday evening, March 1, there will be a Cragmont Rally at the Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, beginning at seven o'clock. The Rev. Carol B. Hansley is the host pastor. The Rev. De Wayne Stokes, publicity director for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, will be present to present a question and answer program and show slides of Cragmont. Also on the pro-

gram will be a message on the subject, "Reaching the Youth," the speaker will be announced later. All the churches in the Fifth Eastern District are urged to be represented and others are welcome.

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Calvary Church Promotes Sunday School Membership Drive

To promote a Sunday school membership drive, the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, has divided its Sunday school into two teams: a "red" team and a "blue" team. The red team is headed by the Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Larry Pittman; and the blue team is headed by the assistant superintendent, Mr. J. C. Jomp. The team that brings in the most new members to the Sunday school during a three-month period, which began the first Sunday in February, will be given a picnic by the losing team.

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Pitt County FWB Ministers' Fellowship

On Monday, February 28, all Original Free Will Baptist ministers living in Pitt County, North Carolina, or pastoring Original Free Will Baptist churches in Pitt County, are urged to meet in the Board Room of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation building in Ayden for the purpose of organizing a Ministers' Fellowship. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m., with all future meetings being held the fourth Monday of each month. Please keep this date in mind and plan to be present!

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A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to express my thanks to everyone for the cards, gifts, and money sent me during the Christmas holidays. May God richly bless each of you for your every deed of kindness.

A sister in Christ,
Mrs. Nellie C. Lancaster
Widow of the late
Rev. W. H. Lancaster

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Life is a sheet of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night.
Greatly begin! Though thou hast time
But for a line, be that sublime.
Not failure, but low aim is crime.

—Lowell.

MY SOUL CRIED TO GOD

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to God's hands. I would let God look after him, for I must live on. I must see tragedy from God's viewpoint and keep the faith in Jesus I had tried to practice all these years. Praying, I fell asleep.

When I awoke, the rain was falling harder and the thunder was loud and fierce. I peered from the window, and my tears came almost as freely as the rain outside. My heart was heavy with grief and regret.

"Dear God, please help!" was all I could pray, over and over.

After a while, the rain and my tears subsided. Again I considered all the possibilities of this lonely spot. Yes, it was the place I needed to refill my soul with spiritual strength from God's Word, the spot I needed to replace the fatigue that my husband's illness and the many problems it had incurred had brought upon me.

Here I could meditate and renew my spiritual strength to overcome the trials and hardships ahead. Yes, the God who revealed Himself in Jesus Christ had reached out His hand and had taken mine. He had given me blessed peace, the peace and quiet I had found here through faith in Him.—Gospel Herald.

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Dissolved

Incidentally it might be mentioned that the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism has gone into liquidation. Its members lack sufficient "consecration" for the cause to keep it going.—Pentecostal Evangel.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press
* Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:

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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

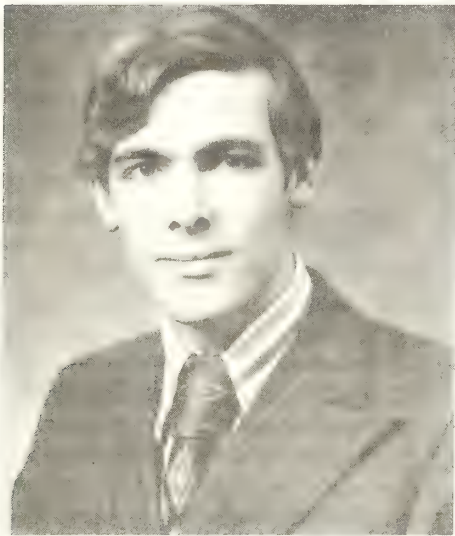
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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Student Plans to Attend Explo '72



Explo '72 is an evangelistic training session for 100,000 college and high school students. It will all take place in Dallas, Texas, June 12-17, 1972. These students will be in classes where they will be trained to witness about our Lord Jesus Christ. Witnessing is something that many Christian young people do not know how to do. But I want to talk to you about why some of the students from Mount Olive College should go.

Many of you know the impact that students had upon the College upon returning from our Spiritual Life Retreat at Oriental, North Carolina. The impact from Explo '72 could be even greater, not only upon Mount Olive College, but also upon the churches in our denomination. Many of the students will move on to other college campuses. There they can also be a great witness to the unsaved. This can also be an answer to drugs and many other problems. All of the above is being backed up by much prayer, and prayer is very important.

If we do not pray, we can forget about Explo solving the drug and many other problems confronting young people, and witnessing, because it will not work. I am looking forward to going. I want

my faith to grow much more than it is now. I want Christ to become more real to me and my life. I have no desire to stay on my present plane, I want higher ground.

John Williams, President
Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship

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Smith at Black Jack Church

Tom Smith, admissions officer for Mount Olive College, will be at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina, on Thursday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m.

He will present a program on the advantages of Mount Olive College to all high school juniors and seniors who have an interest in attending college.

The woman's auxiliary of the church will provide free refreshments.

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Historical Commission Met

The Historical Commission of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists met recently at Mount Olive College.

The commission, made up of the Rev. L. E. Ballard, Dr. Michael Pelt, and Gary Barefoot, discussed a move to preserve local church records within the collection.

The commission urges individuals having access to historical documents to contact any member or write directly to the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, Moye Library, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

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"The Bible has lost hold, but nothing has arisen to take its place. That is the gravest aspect of the matter. It was the cement with which our Western communities were built and by which they were held together."—H. G. Wells.

Baker Gave a Science Lecture

There was a special science lecture at the Mount Olive College Auditorium Thursday, February 17, at 6 p. m.

F. Brent Baker, an alumnus of Mount Olive College and an employee of the Goddard Space Flight Center, was guest speaker.

Baker was selected for the 1971 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America" on the basis of his editorial contributions to leading trade journals during 1970 and for his work associated with his industry's contract with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

A native of Beulaville, North Carolina, Baker now makes his home in Washington, D. C. He works at Goddard as an Information Analyst which involves close coordination with management, business administrative, and project personnel preparing project plan documentation.

Baker has also been closely associated with the NASA Worldwide Communications Network (NASCOM). NASCOM is the primary link of communications between orbiting satellites and other space missions including the first moon landing for which Baker received an Apollo Achievement Award for participation and contributions toward the first lunar landing mission.

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Harrison to Visit Oak Grove

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, will be the guest of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Bladenboro, North Carolina on Sunday, February 26, at 7:30 p.m. The church is pastored by the Rev. James B. Hardee.

A group of students will accompany Mr. Harrison for a program of music and witnessing. All churches of the Pee Dee Association are cordially invited to attend this special service.

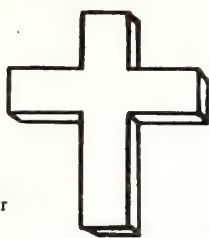
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HOW TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

S—eriously (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15)
E—arnestly (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:10)
A—nxiously (John 20:31; Psalm 119:5)
R—egularly (Acts 17:11; Psalm 1:2)
C—arefully (Luke 24:27; 2 Timothy 3:17)
H—umbly (Luke 24:45; James 1:22).

—The P. H. Advocate

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

BIBLES FOR MISSIONS

For sometime many of our Sunday school classes have been asking, "What project can we take to help in missions?" Now that it is impossible for many of you to support a full-time missionary. Maybe you cannot take some large goal before you on a continuing basis, but I believe that God is opening the door for you to take an eternal missionary to some person that does not have the Word of God.



Pastor Ortego teaching Sunday school to children who have no Bible.

Thus, we are beginning a campaign named, "Share a New Testament." This will be asking each of you to provide funds for the purchase of a New Testament in Spanish to be shared with a person in Mexico, and possibly the Philippines. We have a source that will provide New Testaments in Spanish for a price of only 25 cents per copy. This is within reach of every person in your Sunday school. Just think, for the price of a pack of cigarettes or a soft drink and nab, you can help to put the eternal Word of God in the hand of a person who does not have a Bible.

We are asking that you involve your Sunday school class and entire Sunday school in this project. March is "Missions Month" and we are asking you to help us to put the Word of God in the



What would a New Testament mean to these children?

hands of a Mexican by making Sunday, March 5, 1972, Bible Sunday in your church.

Just think, some soul might spend eternity in heaven because you gave up a pack of cigarettes or a soft drink and nab for them to have a Bible! Earmark all funds received for this purpose, **Bibles for Missions**, and send them to Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

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MISSIONS AND THE BIBLE

by
MRS. G. E. GRAY
Eastern District Missions Chairman

What does your Bible mean to you?
If your Bible could write a diary would it read like the following tract, "From the Diary of the Bible"?

January 15—I've been resting quietly for a week. The first few nights after New Year's Day my owner read me regularly. But now I guess I've been forgotten.

February 2—Clean-up day! I was dusted along with some other things—but was put back on the shelf.

February 24—Owner used me for a short time after dinner. Looked up a few verses. Went to Sunday school.

April 10—I was dusted today and put on the center table in the sitting room. Special company was here, but now I'm back on the shelf again.

May 12—Busy day. My owner had to lead a devotional lesson and had to look up some references. Had quite a time finding me, and then hunted and hunted to find those references.

June 5—I'm here in Grandma's lap. She's here on a visit. She let a tear fall on Colossians 2:5-7.

June 6—In Grandma's lap again. She has spent most of her time reading 1 Corinthians 13 and the last four verses of the fifteenth chapter.

June 7, 8, 9—I've been in Grandma's lap each afternoon. It is such a comfort to be appreciated and loved. She reads me part of the time, and then just sits and talks to me.

June 10—Grandma is gone and I'm back in the same old place. She kissed me before she left.

July 4—Had a couple of four-leaf clovers stuck in me today.

August 1—Packed in a suitcase with clothes. Off on a vacation, I guess.

August 7—Still in the suitcase.

August 12—Still in the suitcase although everything else has been in and out many times. Other things first I guess.

August 15—Home again and on the shelf. Quite a journey. Can't see why I went.

September 3—Rather stuffy and hot. Two magazines, a novel, and an old hat are on top of me.

October 18—Used by Mary a few minutes today.

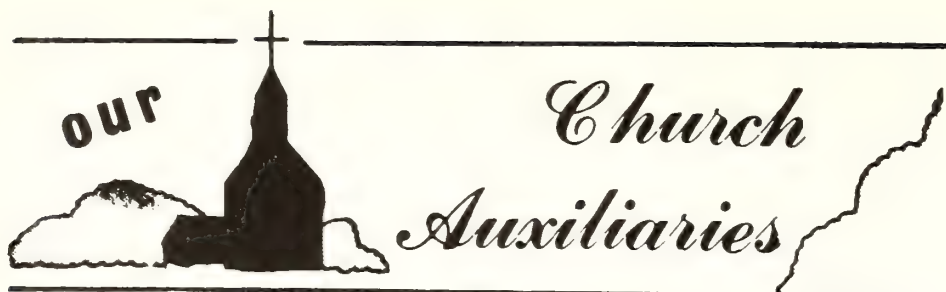
November 10—Was carried to church today and held up to be counted.

December 16—Dusted again. I'm lonesome. Wish Grandma would come and visit again.

December 31—Tomorrow I expect to have a knife run into me by each member of the family blindfolded in turn and then a finger placed on a "good-luck" verse. (Suppose a finger rests on John 5:39; Matthew 4:4; or Hosea 4:6!)

—Faith, Prayer, and Tract League.

I had the opportunity of a lifetime last (continued on page thirteen)



Valentine Banquet At Saint Mary's Grove Church

The Young Woman's Circle of Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, celebrated Valentine's Day with a banquet at the church Friday evening, February 11, at 7:30.

Miss Tina Lowery presided as mistress of ceremony. After the invocation by the pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, the group enjoyed a meal consisting of southern fried chicken, potato salad, green beans, spiced apples, hot rolls, and a dessert of red velvet cake.

Miss Lowery recognized the following special guest: Pastor Jackson and Mrs. Jackson; Mr. George E. Coates, chairman of the board of deacons, and Mrs. Coates; Mr. John W. Floyd, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Mrs. Floyd.

The speaker for the evening, Mr. Joe Hobbs, spoke briefly on the subject, "The Heart," with emphasis on the Christian heart.

Those assisting with serving the tables were Miss Pansy Byrd, Miss Gena Cobb, and Mrs. Percy Adams.

Other guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Byrd, Mrs. and Mrs. Jerry Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sorrell, Mr. and Mrs. James Coates, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Langdon, Mrs. Joe Hobbs, Miss Vickie Hobbs, Mr. Danny Ashman, Miss Beth Cobb, Mr. Bobby Norris, and Miss Diana Barbour.

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Arapahoe Auxiliary In Charge of Evening Service

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church, Arapahoe, North Carolina, was in charge of the Sunday evening worship service, February 13. A special offering was received for missions with the following ladies of

the auxiliary acting as ushers: Mrs. Tony Murray, Mrs. Thurston Lupton, Mrs. Lennie Harris, and Mrs. Herbert Willis.

The adult choir rendered a special in song, "Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart," with Mrs. Keith Bennett as soloist, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Roy Taylor and organist Mrs. George Lupton Jr.

Mrs. Charles Salter began the program by reading Scripture from John 14:1-16. She then introduced Mr. Tommy Murray, narrator for the program, "My Heart Is Jesus' Home"; and Mr. Tony Murray, portraying the voice of our Lord. The theme of the story concerned Jesus' being invited into the rooms of our hearts and how we accept Him and make Him and ourselves feel at home. At an appropriate time in the story, Mrs. Roland Humphrey Jr., Mrs. Linda Bercaw, and Mr. Tommy Murray sang "I Surrender All." Mrs. Thomas Holt, auxiliary president, gave the invitation while Miss Kay Bennett sang, "What Will You Do with Jesus?" Not a child of God present could deny that he had not received a blessing by being present.

All you ladies of our churches who do not belong to the woman's auxiliary should come out and get involved. That is a sure way of being interested! The purpose of the woman's auxiliary is "Women working together in Christian service." The watchword is "I can do all things through Christ." I encourage you ladies, "Join Today!"

The Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina State Mission Program, will be at the Arapahoe church Sunday evening, February 27, and bring the message at seven o'clock. Maybe you are a potential missionary, but do not know just which way to turn. Come and hear Mr. Ingram; he will be glad of the opportunity to talk with you.

—Mrs. Herbert Willis

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GARDEN MEMORIES

In a garden Satan conquered, and in a garden he was conquered. Never walk in a garden without thinking of God our Saviour.—Graham Scroggie.

NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to say thanks to all the auxiliaries of the various churches of the denomination for the many cards and gifts received during the Christmas season and on my eighty eighth birthday, February 8, 1972. Also thanks to the superannuation board for its help. As you know it would be impossible for me to thank each of you personally, so please accept this as a personal "thank you." May God bless all of you and keep you in His care. Please remember me in your prayers.

Mrs. Duffy Toler
131 N. Eastern Street
Greenville, N. C. 27834

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A commercial traveler, who was also a Gideon, and who made a practice of reading his pocket Bible while on his railroad trips, was asked by an unbelieving fellow traveler why he spent so much time reading a Book which everybody criticized so much these days. "My main object," replied the Gideon drummer, "is not to criticize the Bible, but to let it criticize me."—Selected.

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Questions & Answers

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Question: While here on earth as a baby was Jesus like other ordinary babies or did He then know all things?

Answer: He was not nor under any circumstances could He have been just simply an ordinary baby. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1).

Christ, the living "Word," preexisted with God the Father for He was, is, and always shall be the Son of God. His being born of a virgin made Him none the less divine. He just simply emptied Himself in the incarnation. It is said of Him: "... he is before all things, ..." (Colossians 1:17); "... The everlasting Father, ..." (Isaiah 9:6); "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last" (Revelation 22:13). Jesus himself says, "... Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58); "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:5); "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8); "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Philippians 2:6, 7).

An ordinary baby would have been born in sin, or if you like it better, with a sinful nature. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5); "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Jesus Christ was born with a divine nature and a human nature, but not a fallen or depraved nature. God was His Father and the virgin Mary His mother. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. ... No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:14, 18).

It amazed Mary when the heavenly minister, the angel, told her of the coming birth of Christ and here is how the angel described it: "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Again in Matthew we read: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 1:18). When Joseph was thinking about this, for not he, but only Mary, had been visited by the angel; the angel called on him and said: "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. ... Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS" (Matthew 1:20, 21, 24, 25).

The fact that we are told that Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, gives us to understand He had a human nature. "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. ... And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:40, 52). (Compare these with Luke 2:47-51.)

It is rather difficult if not impossible for us to comprehend the union of the divine and the human in Christ's nature. He could not have been an ordinary baby, for the divine nature without doubt was potent in Him. But that He was not limited in secular knowledge may not be affirmed in accuracy since the Scrip-

ture tells us that He was limited in this. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

Jesus admitted a lack of knowledge concerning His second advent: "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mark 13:32). He took on Himself our sinful likeness and was tempted in all points as we are tempted that He might win for us the right to be His and one with Himself as well as being one with all saints. Therefore, we shall never be tempted above that we are able; but He with the temptation through the Word, will show us Himself as being the Way to escape.

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A People of the Book

John Richard Geen begins his second volume of A SHORT HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH PEOPLE with these words: "No greater moral change ever passed over a nation than passed over England during the years which parted the middle of the reign of Elizabeth from the meeting of the Long Parliament. England became the people of a book, and that Book was the Bible."—The Chaplain.

STORIES

for our youth



KING OF THE BEE

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS

THERE was plenty of excitement in the air that Friday morning. Students silently roamed the halls, but their eyes darted anxiously from one to the other. A person could feel the tension and strain.

Larry backed off into a corner and tried to collect his thoughts. He had been waiting for this day, but now that it was here, well—

He ran his hand nervously through his hair. He had thought about wearing a tie, but his mother had decided that his Sunday pants and a sweater would look just fine.

He jumped when someone suddenly shouted, "Hi, Larry! Ready to show them who the real champion is?" It was against Richard's nature to speak softly.

"I'm as ready as I'll ever be, I guess."

"Don't worry! You can do it! You know every word in that book." Richard took the book from his friend. It was called **Words for Champion Spellers**. The edges were ragged, and the corners were dogeared.

"But that's just a guide. They might call words that are not in there. That's what I'm worried about."

"Well, don't worry! We're friends, aren't we? You just keep your eye on me. I won't let you down."

Before Larry could protest, the bell rang. On the way to his room, his thoughts were flying every which way. This was the day of the county spelling bee. Every fifth grader was eligible to enter. The winner would represent this county and go on to the state contest. How exciting it would be to be known as the best speller in the state!

The contestants went to the auditorium first. They met Mr. Hartley from the board of education who would be giving the words. Each speller selected a numbered card with a string and tied it around his neck. Larry was number fourteen.

Sprinkled throughout the audience were the parents of the contestants. Larry could see his mother sitting about halfway back. She looked calm, but his sister, Alice, was sitting on the edge of her seat. Then his eyes searched the crowd for Richard. There he was, right in front! He held up two fingers in a victory sign. Larry quickly looked away.

Mr. Hartley gave the rules and started right in. At first, the words were easy. Each student knew how to spell his word when it was his turn. It went like this for several rounds.

Number seven was the first to sit down. She missed the word "totality." It passed to number eight, a tall girl with thick glasses. She spelled it correctly without batting an eye. Larry knew that she was the one he had to worry about.

He was surprised that he felt so calm. It was number twenty-four who was nervous. His next word was "humiliation." The boy tried to pronounce it but had to clear his throat several times. After licking his lips and putting his hands first in front and then in back of him, he stumbled through it and was called wrong. The word passed to number twenty-five. She missed it, too, and had to leave the stage.

When six contestants were left, Mr. Hartley stopped. "You students are fine spellers. I've gone through almost all of the books that I brought and I don't think that I can stump you." He smiled approvingly and picked up a small book. "Now," he continued, "if you spell the

words in this book correctly, I'm afraid we'll have six winners!"

The audience laughed. Larry looked at his mother again. She was sitting quietly. Alice was nudging her and whispering. He didn't dare look at Richard.

The contest resumed. "Sanitarium," said Mr. Hartley.

"Sanitarium, s-a-n-i-t-a-r-i-u-m, sanitarium," number six spelled the word.

Number eight received "characteristic" and spelled it as easy as "cat." Mr. Hartley looked at number twelve. "Rheumatism," he said. But number twelve could not spell it. Number thirteen also missed it, so the word passed to Larry. He took his time and pronounced the letters clearly.

"Well!" beamed Mr. Hartley and turned to give another contestant a word. "Hippopotamus."

Larry felt sorry for him. He gave a good try but missed. Number six was successful.

There were three contestants left. Mr. Hartley turned to the audience. "Friend, one of these students will represent your county in the state spelling bee next month. I have never met such excellent spellers. You can well be proud of them. But to tell you the truth, I have just about run out of words." Again the wave of laughter eased the tension.

Word after word was called. Larry wondered how much longer he would last. Number six missed "standardization," and just as he thought, the tall girl with the thick glasses had no trouble spelling it. Back and forth she and Larry battled it out. The words were getting more difficult.

"Availability, a-v-a-i-l-a-b-i-l-i-t-y."

"Dexterity, d-e-x-t-e-r-i-t-y."

"Recognition, r-e-c-o-g-n-i-t-i-o-n."

Then, "Gladiolus." Larry swallowed hard. He knew it was a flower, for his mother had some; but he knew he couldn't spell it. Yet he had to try. "G-l-a-d," he began. Was it i or e? He tried to keep his eyes focused on Mr. Hartley. He was getting tired. "G-l-a-d," Larry began again and then glanced toward his mother. Like Alice, she was leaning forward.

From the corner of his eye, he could see a commotion down front. He knew that it was Richard.

The boy was doing everything to make Larry look his way. He sat on the edge of the seat and shuffled his feet. He was slapping both hands on his thighs and bouncing around in his seat. If he could make Larry look, he meant

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S HOME PROJECTS

The Rev. Taylor Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Eastwood Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina, has divided his people into two very successful projects for the benefit of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. The first event took place during vacation Bible school last summer and was sponsored primarily by the youth of the church. Basically, the young people did two things: First, they collected and sold soft drink bottles. One young lady, Miss Laurie Ann Devone, sold more than 500 bottles and contributed \$11.05 to the project. Second, the youth sponsored a little folks rummage sale during which they sold some of their toys and other personal belongings. Thus, more than \$200 was raised for the Children's Home.

Getting an idea from the young people, the adults sponsored the second project—an antique rummage sale—in the fall. This sale was an outstanding success, netting more than \$600, which was given to the Children's Home. Mr. Hill expressed his appreciation to their friends of Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, and others for helping to supply articles for sale.

A group of ladies was champion of the cause! Circle No. 2 of the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, set as its goal to raise \$600 for the Children's Home during a four-month period this fall. Every member was optimistic and the group went beyond its goal to send the Home a total of \$620 during that period of time. The Rev. Walter Carter is pastor of the church.

The Children's Home expresses its sincere gratefulness to these groups for their wonderful vision and marvelous contributions. It is hoped that these projects will prove to be challenges to other groups to undertake similar activities to help the Children's Home through

this critical period. Any persons or groups needing information about the Home are urged to contact the superintendent.

MISSIONS

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November when I visited the mission fields in Mexico.

Bibles, what few they have, are very precious to them. Some of them are even wrapped in plastic and paper to protect them.

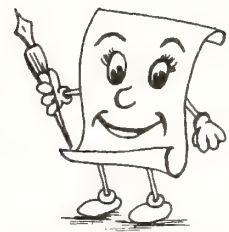
In one of the services I attended there was a little girl who kept looking at me and then at my Bible. Occasionally she would reach her little hand over and rub or pat my Bible tenderly. It almost tore my heart out. Had my Bible not been a gift to me I would have been tempted to leave it with her. Even though the little girl could not read English, she knew the Bible was God's Word. Possibly she thought she would never own one.

I wish each of you could visit our mission fields personally and know the blessings which have been mine. But if you can't go personally, if you really love God, and if you really care you can be a missionary at home. There are many ways to do this, but the one I am so excited about right now is the golden opportunity to "go ye into all the world" with the gospel.

The North Carolina State Mission Board has ordered 1,500 New Testaments written in Spanish for only 25 cents each. This is less than many spend on a coffee break. Won't you please help me get the gospel to my little friend and to all of our Mexican friends? Only eternity will reveal the results of your sacrifice and efforts.

Please send your money for missions earmarked for Bibles to The North Carolina State Mission Board, P.O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

The piano lesson was over, but she stopped at the door.

"May I ask you a question?"

I expected something like, How long should she practice; or, Could she learn some extra pieces. But I was unprepared for her query:

"Can you play the piano?"

In six or eight lessons she hadn't learned to play very much, and she had never heard me play. But I assured her that I started lessons when I was about her age, and she seemed satisfied when I promised to play for her at the next lesson.

She wondered if I was what I said I was: a piano teacher. And I began to wonder if the people I meet day after day question if I'm what I say I am: a Christian.

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Another version states, "... your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and give praise to your Father in heaven" (TEV).

Now, good works alone can get us in trouble. They are the means to an end, and not the end itself. We can become so busy with the good works of visiting the sick, writing letters and cards, and attending church, that we may neglect prayer, Bible study, and true worship. But ordinarily all of these things are an outward demonstration of the fact that the Spirit of God dwells in us. We do them because we love Him and want people to see the light of Christ in our lives.

Yet, there is a thin line between doing good deeds for our satisfaction and doing them for God's glory.

I often think of my little student and the lesson she taught me that day. I don't want to do my work in a way that will give the wrong impression.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 5



THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

Lesson Text: Ephesians 2:19-22; Matthew 16:13-20

Memory Verse: Isaiah 28:16

I. INTRODUCTION

Though the church became a living organism with the giving of the Spirit at Pentecost, it had existed in embryo, in type, and in mystery from the foundation of the world. It finds its heritage in the prophecy and promise of the Old Testament; it feels its relationship to the various covenants which God has established with Israel and with the sons of men; and most important of all, it recognizes that its origin is of God and that it is to Him that service must be rendered.

The New Testament Church is built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, with Christ as the chief Cornerstone, and the membership is cemented and framed together by a mutual and common belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that through Him they can find deliverance from sin and death and become recipients of eternal life.—The Senior Class Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. This is an introductory lesson on a series on the church.
2. The people should be careful how they belittle the church.
3. The Epistle to the Ephesians is pre-eminently an epistle of the church.
4. The Gospel of Matthew is called the "Gospel of the Church."

B. The Family of God (Ephesians 2:19)

1. Every Christian becomes a part of the church and the family of God.
2. This means that other Christians are his brothers and sisters in Christ.
3. This means that every Christian has some family responsibilities in the church.

C. The Building of God (Ephesians 2:20-22)

1. The church is God's building, built on the foundation of Christ himself.
2. The church is the habitation of God as was the tabernacle and the temple.
3. Every member of the church is indwelt and has a function to perform in the church.

D. What Men Say About Jesus (Matthew 16:13, 14)

1. Jesus knew the answer, but He was asking this question for a purpose.
2. The disciples gave Him a complimentary answer; they did not tell Him the bad things men were saying about Him.
3. The answers of these men show that Jesus was thought of as a great character in history.

E. What Do You Say About Jesus? (Matthew 16:15-20)

1. This was a personal question to the disciples.
2. Peter volunteered to answer.
3. Peter's answer affirmed that He was the Messiah, the Son of God.
4. Jesus told Peter that He would build His church upon the Rock which is Christ himself.
5. The keys to the kingdom was the ability to understand the Word of God and preach it.
6. The disciples were to tell no one that Jesus was the Messiah because He had more work to do.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Many kinds of stones have been suggested for use as a foundation for the church. Let's look at some of them.

In early church history, some were determined to make the law of Moses the basis of the church. They would have compelled all would-be Christians to accept first the laws of the Jews. But the Prophet Jeremiah had disclosed that the old covenant would be nullified and a new law would take its place. (See Jeremiah 31:31-34.) The old law could

not provide an adequate undergirding God's new relationship with man.

Today, liberal preaching and teaching have led many to think that man is foundation. But today's social upheavals, wars, and the tragically divided church bear stark witness to the results of relying on the wisdom of man. Certainly all will agree that such a weak "stone" cannot serve capably as church's foundation.

The world must read, understand, and accept the Word of God. "Behold, I am laying a foundation in Zion, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation" (Isaiah 28:16). Peter said, "Thou art the Christ." Then Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:16-18). Christ has done it. He said, and His church will stand. Standard Commentary.

B. It is not our church. It is Christ's church. Many years ago an infidel delivered a blistering speech against God, the Bible, and the Christian church. He swore that he would destroy the Bible and that the Christian church would die a slow and painful death. Has his prediction come true? No, a thousand times no. In fact, from the very beginning in which he made his vicious attack on God, the Bible, and the church, millions of copies of the Bible have been printed and read by people in churches all over the world. Jesus' prophecy is true: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).—R. O. Jones.

C. A tourist traveling in Germany went to a famous church to see its famous windows. The building was not much to look at on the outside and was also disappointing on the inside. But the sexton came over and said to the man, "Follow me, sir." And he led him to a certain spot and pointed to a certain window. The sun was rising in the East and there the man saw Christ among the learned men. This was the glory of Christ. The sexton then said, "Come back at noon and I will show you something else." When the man went back the sexton took him to another window where he saw Jesus walking on the water. This was the power of Christ. Then the sexton said, "Come back at sundown and I will show you something else." The man went back at sundown and the sexton showed him the most glorious picture of all, Christ dying on Calvary. This was the redeeming love of Christ.

You can never see all the glory and
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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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blink his eye. That would be the clue the letter was i.

Larry began again. "G-l-a-d—" He saw Richard was waiting to help him, but he also knew what was right. And that made all the difference. Knowing he was right, he just had to do it.

Finally, Larry said, "I'm sorry, Mr. Hartley, I can't spell the word." Larry looked at number eight. She was the champion speller! He hated to lose, but he had to admit that she was a fine win-

ner. The applause for the winner was deafening. The audience could not hear what was taking place on stage. The girl looked at Larry and said she was sorry that he couldn't win, too. Mr. Hartley wiped the loser's hand. "I'm sorry, Larry. But I congratulate you. You have been a champion contestant!"

In two seconds Richard was by his side. "Why didn't you look? All you had to do was look my way. I could have helped you."

"That would have been wrong, Richard."

"No, it wouldn't have!" argued Richard. "You knew what the letters were. You just weren't sure whether it was an i or an e. I could have helped you!" he repeated.

"You know something, Richard? I almost looked! It was the hardest thing I've ever done. But when you know what's right, well, you have to do it!"

"Well, I guess you know what you're doing," Richard said. He never could understand Larry's way of thinking. "Maybe next year you'll win."

"Maybe so," agreed Larry. But then Larry decided that in a way he had won this year, for he had won the battle against yielding to temptation.—My measure.

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St. Claire Bible Class

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power and love of Christ while you are in and outside of His church. Come in, put your trust in Christ, join His church, give her your best. Then Christ will seem more real, life will have more meaning, and hope will shine much brighter.—Simple Sermons from the Gospel of Matthew by W. Herschel Ford.

THE FAMILY WHO LIVE IN THE PINES

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own security and the energies devoted to the accomplishment of their purpose: to have peace and freedom.

And when these bright-eyed young people talk enthusiastically about a free way to live, older people may perceive this "free life" as a demand to give up "money." Or this new approach to live might signify to the average person an insecure disciplined life with which he cannot begin to identify.

How do the Keds feel about it? Let's see:

Woody lost his job as clerk recently because he was the last man hired and the company had to cut down the payroll. For five consecutive full weeks he didn't have a job and he didn't know when he would get another, although he was job hunting in all the neighboring communities all the time.

"We weren't prepared for unemployment," he said. "We were having our third child and needed the money for hospital bills."

But he found a job and things turned out fine before little Christy was born. Judged by standards that really matter, health and vigor, they were not really in need: they had freedom and peace. And they had their self-respect: unemployment didn't take that away from them.

God's Spirit is at work in a special way in the Ked home. They are living a life in which all forms and traditions are superseded by new and dynamic patterns of Christian family life. Thus interpretations of what a Christian life should be, may be questioned by some, but it cannot be denied that the Spirit is at work in the Keds' lives. Woody is on firm ground in his view that they are entering a new and promising future.

The Keds are a part of a new society of young people taking shape before our eyes. This is a society full of promise: signifying the possibility of life on a truly democratic and Christian basis. The freedom movement stirring within them may be as radical in some ways as any we have known. But they have the emotional support and opportunity of individual expression, hence personal significance, which derives from close identity with each other as a family.

Woody, 26, talkative and soft-spoken, describes himself as an intellectual. Slight but muscular, with short, blond

hair, he stomps into the kitchen in jeans and work boots at the end of a Saturday of working on the farm. And he brings to his chosen profession of farming a BA degree in history from the University of South Carolina and the beginnings of a doctorate that might possibly have led him to the presidency of a university someday.

Fran, 24, is animated and beautiful. Small boned, five feet five, with lively blue eyes and long blond hair, she radiates serenity and efficiency. The youngest daughter of a sales executive, she attended East Carolina College. She dropped out of college in her junior year and married Woody when he too was a student. Fran considers herself a country girl—even though the country she grew up in was a fashionable suburb in Virginia.

In the Keds' kitchen, over pot after pot of coffee, Fran jumps up every so often to tend to her five-year-old Tammie, her two-year-old Melany, and to the six-month-old Christy. And in the Game-Cock Room, where they usually sit after dinner in their comfortable chairs, Woody and Fran speak to visitors about how their philosophy and way of life began.

When Woody first saw Columbia as a GI, he decided he'd like to live there. The day he was inducted into service he was stationed at Fort Jackson, where he and Fran got an apartment. He was fortunate to be able to live at home and work in the camp. Several years later, and a civilian again, Woody graduated from the University of South Carolina and began looking for a job. So they decided to move to the country, hoping that living in harmony with nature would bring them peace and happiness.

After spending three years rebuilding their lives, the Keds find they've accepted some of the old, middle-class values they had discarded—such as belief in private ownership, productive activity, and a profound belief in God.

"It's working for us," says Woody, "and it makes us happy."

When the Keds first arrived in Po-maria, they knew no one in the little village. So all they had to do for entertainment was to spend evenings reading about what had to be done the next day. This is the way Woody learned how to remodel the big house. He's been reading and working on it ever since.

The Keds paid \$28,000 for this spacious 12-room house and 250 acres of the largest pine forest in the county.

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THE FAMILY WHO LIVE IN THE PINES

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Considering the age and bad condition of the house, as well as the small income of the couple, no ordinary bank would give them a mortgage. They couldn't have bought the house if they hadn't been able to get the money from a government land bank and borrow the down payment from a relative.

Living in the Keds' house is a little like living back in history. On clear days the view is one of treetops and sky; on foggy days it's like being inside a cloud. Fran couldn't take down the curtains that were already up in order to clean them because they didn't have a ladder tall enough to reach the windows. The house is built on level ground, with a porch all around the house, both upstairs and down.

For a monthly payment that couldn't rent a five room apartment in the city, the Keds live in the middle of a pine forest, wild strawberry, bushes, and sword ferns. Their windows and porches overlook the serene and unpolluted countryside of South Carolina.

The white-framed house wasn't a palace when they bought it, and it's not exactly a palace now. It had been occupied by an elderly woman whose father had built the house; mildew was clinging to the woodwork. Painting and re-wiring cost \$800. This took care of all the money they had borrowed. The foundation of the house still needs underpinning, the roof leaks a little, some gutters need replacing, and the whole house needs more closers. The property taxes plus insurance makes the monthly cost of the loan nearly \$250. But they budget carefully, buying all the staple food at a discount supermarket in the village.

The Keds' ideas have all but disappeared from modern American life. Fran buys no baked goods except bread (and she makes that when she has time); she bakes pies, cakes, cookies—from scratch.

One thing they don't do is buy clothes. "The children and I wear clothes I've made," Fran said. "And Woody wears suits only to work. He wears jeans around the farm." They keep things until they wear out, mending them sev-

eral times before declaring them dust-rags or using them for quilts.

The Keds have not returned to visit Columbia since they moved, and they don't miss it. Any city, as they think of it, is a limited area characterized by neighborliness and no sense of belonging. They see no beauty in the spreading suburbs, the squalor of inner cities, the luxury of multistoried buildings, the smog of sprawling industrial complexes, the polluted air, the crawling lines of endless traffic, and the crowded airports.

The Keds are fiercely independent; yet they have a strong urge toward co-

operation in their family as well as their church. They are describing imaginatively as possible in action a words their commitment to their choice of culture. Thus, for them, they are playing a role in a healthy Christian culture.

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INSEPARABLE PARTNERS

These hath God married
And no man shall part,
Dust on the Bible
And drought in the heart.
—Record of Christian Work.

APPLICATION FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE BUS TRIP TO EXPO '72

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HE LOVES ME;
HE LOVES ME NOT



HE LOVES ME; HE LOVES ME NOT

She was a pretty little girl—one of the prettiest imaginable, with shiny blonde hair and inquiring liquid green eyes. She was the kind of little girl that would bring a lump to every throat and cause her mother's face to beam and her father's chest to swell with pride.

Her satin cheeks boasted a healthy, rosy glow and her dimpled chin compelled a finger touch. Her little voice was mellow and sweet and questioning, even when making statements about which she had no doubt.

As is the custom of little girls sometimes, she was plucking at the petals of a daisy while reciting the little verse, "He loves me; he loves me not. He loves me; he loves me not." One by one the petals fell as they were pulled by her little fingers. Sometimes a few were stubborn and could not be removed easily, but with a little added effort each one would come loose in response to her pulling and accompanied by her recitation, "He loves me; he loves me not . . ."

With pride she set out to complete her task. Some of the petals lay on the skirt of her jumper; others lay on the grass beside her, each one bespeaking her determination and the accomplishment of her task.

Some time passed, and only two petals remained on the stem. She pulled one: "He loves me not." And as she pulled the last one, with exuberant joy she shouted in her little girlish voice and giggled excitedly, "Oh, he loves me!"

Her disconcerted friend who sat nearby, but who did not share the little girl's enthusiasm for the game, looked up indifferently at her exclamation and said, somewhat sarcastically, "Oh, I could have told you that."

A hurt look came into her big green eyes. "Then why didn't you tell me?" she asked her companion. No answer came. Her little friend just shrugged her shoulders.

The little girl looked away across the green meadow, wondering why she hadn't been told, nevertheless feeling content inside that the daisy had assured her that "he" did indeed love her. Now a clover bed attracted her attention. Perhaps she could find a four-leafed one. She had been so lucky with the daisy.

A strong parallel can be drawn here—something more serious than the little girl's game with the daisy flower or the clover bed. It causes us to wonder why we have hesitated so often to speak of love, that most important of emotions. There is no weakness in love—only strength; and those who are ashamed to have it or to express it are pitiful indeed.

God is love. We've known that for as long as we can remember, but somehow we have neglected to tell others about it as often as we should. And, when we have been able to muster enough courage to tell some soul that God does love him, we have sometimes found ourselves rebuked severely by the unresponsive individual. This happened recently to this writer in an out-of-state hospital when he was attempting to speak to a sick man about his relationship to the heavenly Father. "No one cares about me," cried the man. "God loves you," this writer replied. A deluge of curses were the next uttered words. Still (with apologies to the poet) it is better to have tried and failed than not to have tried at all.

Men and women, boys and girls, even animals crave love. We who have it to give should share it, and share it freely. Love grows in the giving. Love is the only thing that when given away it comes back to you. So many wayward souls, even innocent, unlearned, unknowing souls need to be told about love and have it expressed to them and for them. Every living person needs God, and God provides the ultimate in love—love of a divine nature.

Look at the beautiful little girl on the cover. Wouldn't you just love to tell her that God loves her? In her case, she knows it already; for we are well acquainted with her mother—and her mother made sure long ago that this little girl knew the real meaning of the word, "Love."



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The Converted Store

LE MILLER GESNER

NAT HALSTEAD put the last of the cans of peaches on the shelf, then pressed his hands to his aching temples. The wetness was a relief. The last-minute shoppers had left, he had locked the door, and checked the cash register. Finally he straightened his aching back. Betsy was right, and Edna, too—time for him to give up the business. He peered out the front window, across the narrow street, to the pile of bricks and debris, from whence the noise had been driving him to distraction the past two weeks. They had worked fast. Nearly the whole block opposite was demolished. Only one wall of the church remained—his old church, and his mother's and father's before him. His faded blue eyes welled with tears.

Nat and Edna Halstead had voted along with the rest of the members to build a new church nearer the residential area. But Nat and Edna could remember when Rice, Bill, Arlene, Henry, the Swans, Abbotts, and Mannings had all lived in the neighborhood and attended that church. But the neighborhood had changed. The once stately homes had undergone many renovations. Numerous apartments had been made out of each house and a new class of people had moved in: people who were noisy with their cars and their doors; children who shrieked and ran wild in the street, who were too old with strangers, and were sometimes unkind to elderly people. The Rices and Bills had moved out, to retire-ment in new homes across the city.

Nat sighed as he locked the back door, and then labored up the steep stairs to his boyhood home above the store. A late model station wagon pulled into the driveway.

"Hi, Dad." It was his daughter, Betsy, lovely and young looking at 35. Sixteen-year-old Dick was driving.

"Hi, children," Nat called over the railing. "Coming up, aren't you?" he asked a little breathless from the climb.

"Yes, sure," Betsy responded, as both she and Dick climbed out and raced each other, laughing, up the stairs. "Just stopped for a minute, Dad."

At the top of the stairs Edna Halstead welcomed her daughter and grandson.

"We can't stop, Mother. That—that house we told you about, the man has another party interested in it. Can't you both come over tonight? We'll take you over. Mr. Bryan can show it to us at eight. Oh, Mother and Dad! It's just the ideal place for you. No more stairs to climb and right in our block. You owe it to yourselves to give up the store, and get a decent home and neighbors! Why, your church friends would be living all around you!"

Nat looked at Edna. "Well-I-I." They had talked about it the night before. "I suppose—we could at least look at it," Nat answered, and he noticed Edna was beaming.

Betsy did not attempt to conceal the relief and joy in her voice as she called Mr. Bryan much later that night. "They've decided to buy it," she said eagerly. "Dad will stop by tomorrow with a down payment, and he'll go ahead as you planned—just as soon as he can sell the business."

It was a pretty sure thing that Mr. Taylor would buy the building. He had liked the looks of the neat store, and

the volume of business done the previous year. So Mr. Bryan was glad to hold the house for them.

Nat left Edna in charge of the store the next morning, and set out for the bank. He stepped out into the street in order to get past a group of boys sprawled on the sidewalk playing cards. Further down the street another group of younger boys played marbles and argued fiercely. After he passed he turned and saw two of the boys pounding each other with tight fists, seriously and grimly.

Nat sighed. Boys hadn't changed much since he was a boy here, only years ago they had the park in the next block in which to play. The city had taken it for a parking lot. There was nowhere but the street for the children.

Across the street men shouted, dump trucks carted off rubbish and the sporadic pounding of the wrecking crew was already filling the heavy air with its nerve-racking sound. From a side entrance of an apartment house a thin little girl, carrying a battered doll, emerged. Nat recognized her as the little girl who had come into the store yesterday. She had come in quietly, her huge brown eyes sober and unfathomable. She had pressed her nose against the small, old-fashioned candy case Nat still maintained for the neighborhood children. Penny candy. They still went big for it. Only the little girl had no penny. She had turned to go as silently as she came.

"Wait a minute, little girl," Nat called. "You were looking at the licorice sticks. You know, they were my favorite when I was your size. Here. Have one."

Nat held out the long stick to her. Slowly, her eyes filled with wonder and disbelief, she had reached out to him. Then she had smiled. The smile changed her whole face. She was really pretty. Then she turned and ran out.

She came down the walk now, her eyes dark and serious still. She looked up into Nat's face, and again the slow smile appeared. Nat stopped.

"I never found out your name, little girl. Mine's Uncle Nat. What's yours?"

"Sue."

"You just moved here, didn't you?" Sue nodded, but was silent.

"How old are you?"

"Five."

"You have brothers and sisters?" Again a nod.

"How many?"

A shrug.

"Several maybe?" It was safe to
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5

WHO HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY?

Scripture Reading—Romans 12:1

Are you willing to be a highway over which Jesus Christ shall come to your town and into the lives of your friends and neighbors? Right of way costs something. When President Garfield was shot, he was taken to an isolated home where he could have absolute quiet and rest in his fight for life, and a special railway was constructed to facilitate the bringing of doctors, nurses, and loved ones to his bedside. The engineers laid out the line to cross a farmer's front yard, but he refused to grant the right of way until they explained that it was for the President, when he exclaimed, "That is different. Why, if that railroad is for the President, you can run it right through my house." Are you willing to give Him right of way across your front yard? It may run right through some of your plans, or social engagements, or business appointments. But will you give Him the right of way?—*Michigan Christian Advocate*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Does He have the right of way to our hearts? Help us to let Him know, without any doubt, that He does!

MONDAY, MARCH 6

THE GUARD OF PRAYER

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:17, 18

The morning is the gate of the day,
But ere you enter there,
See that you set to guard it well
The sentinel of prayer.

So shall God's grace your steps attend,
But nothing else pass through
Save what can give the countersign:
The Father's will for you.

When you have reached the end of day,
Where night and sleep await,
Set there the sentinel again,
To guard the evening gate.

So shall no fear disturb your rest,
No danger and no care;
For only peace and pardon pass
The watchful guard of prayer.

—Anonymous.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To compare the sentinel guarding the

gate to our own lives is unique, isn't it? But so true. Prayer can work miracles. Do we know how to pray? We should learn!

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

GIVE IT TO HIM

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:9

A miner worked very hard everyday in the mines for a living. The overseer of the mine said to him one day, "Thomas, I've got an easier berth for you, where there is not much hard work, and where you will get better wages. Will you accept it?" Most men would have jumped at such an offer. But what did this noble fellow do? He said to the overseer: "Captain, there's our poor brother Tregony: he has a sickly body, and not able to do hard work as I can. I am afraid his work will shorten his life and then what will his poor family do? Won't you please let him have this easier berth? I can go on working as I have done." The overseer was wonderfully pleased with Thomas' generous spirit. He was a faithful friend.—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How many of us would do what this man did? Is there one anywhere? May we work toward such a goal!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

A RUNNER WHO HONORED GOD

Scripture Reading—Exodus 16:5, 23

It is told of Eric Liddell, who won the four hundred meters race at the Olympic games in Paris, that when he found his race was to be run on the Lord's Day he refused to compete, saying, "I object to Sunday sports in toto," and thus counted himself out. The sporting press of Europe derided him; he was gibed and criticized on all sides, even by the papers of his own country. But the stand taken by such a noted athlete had its effect, and the race was not run until later in the week. He says: "I remember that when I was about to run in the finals the trainer handed me a little note. I opened it and read the words, 'Them that honor me will I honor.' It was God's promise. He helped me, and I won." And the public that had condemned him changed its opinion and gave him great applause.—*Youth's Companion*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would that all of us would "stand by our guns" on this issue. How one spends the Lord's Day—to each his own—as long as it satisfies us and God! Does it?

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

"THE DOVE MAN"

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 4:18

There is a guide in the deserts of Arabia who is said never to lose his way. He carries in his breast a homing-pigeon with a very fine cord attached to one leg. When in any doubt as to which path to take the guide throws the bird in the air. The pigeon quickly strains at the cord to fly in

the direction of home and so leads, master unerringly. They call that guide "The dove man." The Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, is willing and able to lead us if we will only allow him to do so. "Unknown Christian," in *This Is the Way*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we are in doubt, we don't need anyone to point the way. We know—do we? God is our Way!

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

THE DIFFERENCE

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 16:1

A country squire, rich but godless, heard of the triumphant death of an aged Christian who had been associated with him in early life. "Yes, yes," said he, "you wonder that I cannot be as quiet and happy, too. But think of the difference! He is going to his treasure, and I—I must leave all mine behind!" Treasure in heaven more to be desired than all the treasures of earth.—*The British Weekly*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To go through this short life one way and eternity the other—all we need to do is measure the time. One is so short—the other forever. Which will you choose?

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

WORKING FOR ARTERIOSCLEROSIS

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 5:10

A rich man makes a confession in *Confessions*: "Sometimes it seems to me," he says, "that I have worked all these years just to gain hardening of the arteries, and a few houses I don't want to live in. I am more at home in my garden than I am in Central Park. And one of these days I shall die and all that will be left of me will be an estate for someone to spend or squander over." How different his life would have been had he spent his wasted life in the service of God!—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

While our arteries are hardening (it is a natural process), may we soften the work for others and ourselves. Couldn't that be a natural process too?

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"UNFOLDED" LEGS

Samuel Johnson paid a high, though unintended compliment to John Wesley: "His conversation is good, but he is never at leisure. He always has to go to at a certain hour. This is very disagreeable to a man who loves to fold his legs and have his talk out as I do." John Wesley's legs were "unfolded" most of his ninety years. He had felt his Master's passion for souls, and sought to save the lost.—*Free Churchman*.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Buddy or Parent?

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

Mrs. Bowen is an active member of the
Fedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church
near Winterville.)

WHEREVER we go we hear, "Oh! How
I wish we could have peace!"
"We"? Why not "I"? Let us think
about the peace of the home and each
one therein.

Mother: A woman in authority; source;
origin; maternal tenderness or affection.

Father: A man who has begotten a
child; to accept responsibility for; origin.

Child: Product or result of parent; hav-
ing a specified ancestor; derived from its
origin.

Parent: One that begets or brings
forth offspring; source of something.

Do we as parents have authority in
our homes, or do we as some say, "Let's
be a buddy to our children—this brings
joy and peace"? Have we stopped to
think what a buddy is? It is actually
baby talk for "brother." Then again it
can be considered to mean "pal."

A buddy to me is for a season only:
an arm around the neck just so long as
'you are my buddy'—someone to tell
my hurts and my joys to as long as I fit
into the group. If we've never had a
so-called buddy, we may have lost a lot

in life; but, there are enough Jims,
Johns, and Marys to go around for each
of us.

I don't believe a parent can be a bud-
dy in the usual sense. Parents keep lov-
ing when buddies stop. They not only
listen to your hurts; they share and bear
them with you. No matter what you say
or do, your parents still will have the
tenderness and affection that is only
right for them to have for you. **You**
are a **part of them**. They want to share
(or should want to) everything with you
—go fishing, play ball, or anything that
you like to do; but, as a **parent**—not as
a mere **buddy**.

A parent knows that he must accept
the responsibility of his child. Parents
are the source from which the child
comes. Thus, we as parents must guide
the children, teach them, and stand much
taller in their sight than **buddies**. Par-
ents must represent someone to come
home to, regardless of conditions or cir-
cumstances; because home is supposed to
be a place where we can find real **peace**
and **security**.

As parents, are we at peace with our
children? Do we let them know we are
the head of the home, but in such a way
as to avoid any possible discord? Do
we make it clear that there are certain
rules that must be followed—and that
they are ours to make? Are we careful
that we do not present an image of a
guard with a gun, a fusser, a hurrier
who has no time to stop and listen and
try to understand their problems?

Love and respect are essential to any
happy home, and as parents we must de-
mand this of our children. Often the
"buddy" situation would not allow this.

Have you ever looked at a doormat?
The more feet that walk upon it, the
dirtier it gets. Soon it is worn out, only
to be thrown out and replaced with a
new one. Now certainly no child would
want to say, "I've walked over my par-
ents so much that they're no good to
me. They've never learned how to say,
'No.' They never seem to have time for
me, either. They are so busy trying to
stay young themselves. Oh! How I wish
I had some new ones!"

If we as parents put ourselves down
on the level so as to be walked upon,
we are not doing what God expects of
us. Nothing is more peaceful or beauti-
ful than an old mother or father with all
their children gathered around them,
still showing love and respect. We need
more of this today. Parents must still
demand it if they expect to receive it.
When age comes on, hands may become

shaky, eyes may dim, minds may wander;
but the children who have been taught
to love and respect their parents will
still accept their authority and honor
their opinions.

May we as parents remember that chil-
dren are gifts from God. How are we
using these gifts? I believe that peace
must begin first in our own heart and
then be carried outside. If peace be-
gins in Mother or Father's heart, then
the children will be able to find it. Oh!
If **every** home had peace within—and if
every home could reflect it without! The
whole world would then be at peace. **All**
people come from some home. Hearts
are made hard or soft there, and many
souls are led aright by the abiding pres-
ence of love engendered in the hearts of
godly mothers and fathers.

May we as parents be real parents—
not just buddies. We need to realize our
real purpose in life: first, to glorify God;
and second, to take care of a great gift
from God—our children!

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If the Lord Is My Shepherd

The missionary was teaching a class
of small Navajo boys to say the Twenty-
third Psalm. When Bahi's turn came,
he started out confidently, "The Lord is
my Shepherd, I've got all I want."—Rev.
J. R. Smith.

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There is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night;
There is an ear that never shuts
When sink the beams of light;
There is an arm that never tires
When human strength gives way;
There is a love that never fails,
When earthly loves decay.
—Selected.

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"As thy days thy strength shall be.
This should be enough for thee;
He who knows thy frame will spare
Burdens more than thou canst bear!"
—Selected.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

'Explo 72' Boosted By Free Will Baptists

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, made the following announcement at the Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention held recently at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Whortonsville, North Carolina:

"Mount Olive College is making plans to charter a bus to a "Student Congress on Evangelism" to be held in Dallas, Texas, June 12-17. The program will consist of outstanding speakers, training sessions, fellowships, and mass rallies for the purpose of preparing college and high school students, as well as lay men and women, to help lead in a spiritual awakening across America. Following **Explo 72**, training sessions will be held on college campuses and in communities across the nation for the training of additional students and laymen to help fulfill the Great Commission in this generation.

"The Mount Olive College bus is being sponsored by the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship but will be open to other interested persons as far as space permits. Interested persons are invited to write: Miss Jean Fillingame, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365."

Following this announcement a group of Mount Olive College students gave a very inspirational program of personal testimonies and musical selections that were very uplifting to all present. At the altar call many came forward for prayer and rededication.

The Rev. Willie E. Stilly spoke in behalf of the tour to Texas, urging all delegates of the convention and churches in this district to help sponsor this cause. He explained that the cost per student would be approximately \$225, and urged the churches to help in this as most students would not be able to bear the full cost by themselves. He urged those present to give generously in the offering that was received for "Explo 72." The offering received amounted to \$223.

It is hoped that all Free Will Baptist

churches will respond to this good cause to the extent that it will be an overwhelming success.

New Life Singers At Casey's Chapel

The New Life Singers of Grifton, North Carolina, will be at Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina, Sunday evening, March 19, beginning at seven o'clock. These singers are being sponsored by the young people of the church, and the offering received will be used for equipment for the church playground. The public is invited to attend.

Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting

The Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting will be held Tuesday evening, March 7, at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina. All Layman's Leagues of the Conference are urged to be represented. The meeting will begin at eight o'clock with the Rev. H. Adrian Grubbs as the host pastor.

Kenly Church Announces Youth Revival

"The Peacemakers" of the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, are sponsoring a weekend youth revival Thursday through Saturday, March 2-4, with the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace as the guest evangelist. The services will begin each evening at 7:30. On Sunday evening, March 5, the Peacemakers will sponsor a songfest beginning at seven o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services. The host pastor is the Rev. James V. Joyner.

Robert May to Conduct Dilda's Grove Revival

The Rev. Robert May, pastor of Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for revival services to be held at Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Fountain, North Carolina, beginning

Monday, March 6, and continuing through Saturday evening, March 17. Services will begin each evening 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Roy Trelle, assisting Mr. May. The public is cordially invited to attend and to help for the success of the revival.

Jackson Heights Church Weekend Youth Revival

The Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, is sponsoring a weekend youth revival March 3, 4, 5. Services will begin Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30, and Sunday evening at seven. The Youth Workers will be in charge of the service each evening with testimonial service and singing. The public is cordially invited to attend, especially the youth. Rev. Ralph Sumner is pastor of the church.

Faith Church, Kinston Schedules Revival

The Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 7, Kinston, North Carolina, is scheduled revival services for the weekend of March 6-11. The Rev. Wayne Kinney is pastor of the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church. (continued on page eleven)

Coming Events . . .

March 7—Central Conference Layman's League Quarterly Meeting, Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, 8 P.M.

March 11—Piedmont District Youth Rally and Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina

March 18—Eastern District Youth Convention, Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina

March 19 — The New Life Singers at Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina

March 25—Western District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina

March 25—Central Conference Youth Fellowship Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina

March 29—The Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

WHY I WANT TO ATTEND EXPLO '72

by Sharon Owens, Student
Mount Olive College



"When I heard about Explo '72, I must admit I wasn't very thrilled. It seemed expensive and I thought to myself, 'No way.'"

But now that I've heard more about it, I realize that no matter the cost, a young person who wants real Christian fellowship and real communion with God can't afford not to go. I really believe with all my heart that something **great** is going to happen in Dallas this summer. Please pray with us and for us that this experience will come about.

(Explo '72 will be an International Student Conference on Evangelism in Dallas, Texas, on June 12-17, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ International. Plans are being made to charter a bus for Mount Olive College students and Free Will Baptist high school students and students in other colleges who wish to attend. Persons interested in making this bus trip are encouraged to contact Miss Jean Fillingame, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, promptly. Miss Fillingame is an adviser to the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship which is sponsoring this trip.)

Harrison and Student at Lee's Chapel

The Rev. Frank Harrison will present a special program Sunday, March 5, at 7 p.m., at Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina.

He will be accompanied by a group of students from Mount Olive College known as the "Oriental Experience" who will participate in the program of music and witness.

The pastor of Lee's Chapel church, the Rev. Henry Armstrong, invites all interested persons to attend.

Mr. Harrison also serves as chaplain to Mount Olive College, a two-year church related institution devoted to liberal arts education. It is situated on a modern, multimillion dollar campus in Mount Olive.

Raper to Be at Black Jack

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will be the speaker at the evening worship service at 7 p.m. at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, on Sunday, March 5. The Rev. Harry Jones Sr. is pastor of the church.

Pelt to Conduct Study Course

Dr. Michael Pelt of the Department of Religion at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will conduct a special six-week course on the Book of Acts.

The course will meet each Wednesday night, beginning March 8, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Selma, North Carolina Free Will Baptist Church.

The sessions will be concerned with the early beginnings and development

of the Christian church and the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul.

There will be a registration fee of \$5 per person. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the course.

Raper to Speak at Little Creek

The president of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, will be the guest minister at Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden, North Carolina, on Sunday, March 5.

He will teach Sunday school before delivering the sermon at the 11 a.m. service.

Dr. Raper is representing Mount Olive College, a two-year church related liberal arts institution located on a modern, multimillion dollar campus in Mount Olive.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley is pastor of the Little Creek church.

WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

Behind our lives the Weaver stands,
And works His wondrous will;
We leave it in His all-wise hands,
And trust His perfect skill.

—Selected.

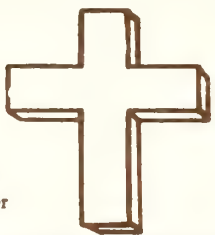
A song of a sinner forgiven,
And a song that is music to thee;
A song of a pilgrim to heaven,
Yes, a song from a sinner like me!
—S. Trevor Francis.

"A friend never gets in your way except when you are on the way down."—Selected.

Bookstore Hours

- * The Free Will Baptist Press
- * Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:
- * Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISIONES

New Church To Be Built in Neuvo Rosito

On Tuesday night, January 25, 1972, at a mission rally held at Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church near Smithfield, North Carolina, God moved on His people; and after the regular offering for the rally was received, people began to place extra gifts on the communion table for a lot to build a church in Mexico. It was noted in the service that the young Mexican pastor supported monthly by the Johnston Union church had paid a down payment on a lot in the amount of \$50. He owed a balance of \$100 on this lot. In a matter of only minutes this \$100 was lying there on the table, dedicated to God.



In the above picture you will see Pastor Ortega, along with one of his daughters and one of the members of the church. This is the lot that was purchased. Notice the pile of rocks behind Ortega. These are rocks that have been dug out of the soil and are being moved to go into the foundation and walls for the church.

One day this lot that has been used as a rubbish dump will be the yard of a Free Will Baptist church. May God be glorified! Many souls will receive the Word of God because this pastor had a vision and many of our Christian friends

back home were willing to share the burden of this payment of the lot.

God is blessing our work in Mexico. Our Mexican State Convention now has eight missions and organized churches. Of these, we have three church buildings complete. There are two buildings under construction and two have now purchased lots for future construction of churches. These pastors are sacrificing their labor for God.

As I look at my life and the life of many of our pastors here in North Carolina with the means that we have, I sometimes wonder what the situation will be like when I stand before my God to give account of what I have done for Him. I could just be standing beside one of these Mexican pastors. What would I say if I should follow one of them in testimony to God?

Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

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Harold Jones Writes

We have been so richly blessed this year. We are thrilled at what the Lord is doing. We have been given so many good Christian friends here in Manila. We have had some precious and sweet fellowships here. So many have extended help, love, and fellowship that we are overjoyed. We know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are in the Lord's will. We just praise the Lord for our being here at this time! The Lord is so precious that words cannot express it. I am so thankful that He can see our hearts.

We are all fine and excited about our soon to be working in Palawan. Pray for us that the Lord might break all rebellion in us that we may be a true instrument in His service. God bless all!

Yours in Christ,
Harold and Sandra Jones

Sandra Jones Writes

Manigong Bongong Faon sa in, Iloha! (Happy New Year to all of you). That's a little late, isn't it?

We had a very nice Christmas season. Some of our missionary friends had come over for dinner on Christmas Day. There were four families, and the fellowship and food were great.

This year we bought a small cedar tree that was in a pot from the nursery. It was our first green tree for Christmas in three years. You just don't see green trees here. They had a lot of almir trees here. A lot of the decorations were quite expensive, so I just used my imagination and made some things. It's really more fun that way.

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"It Was Not Possible

(Acts 2:24)

I want to share with you the joy that these words brought to me as I read the second chapter of Acts, Verse 24. I discovered an impossibility, stated plainly in the Word of God. It is not taken out of context, but is the ultimate truth and the hope and rejoicing of every believer again child of God today. What is it? Let's read together this exciting verse.

"Whom God hath raised up (meaning Jesus), having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it" (Acts 2:24).

As I read this and the Holy Spirit revealed to me the full extent of the meaning of this Scripture, I felt like shouting. And if it had not been for the hour would have, but being 10:30 p.m. and everyone else was asleep, I managed to control myself.

Do you realize that Satan had no chance with our Lord? He was defeated from the beginning, and knew it. It was not possible for him to win, because death was his ultimate weapon and it failed because "it was not possible" that he should be holden of (death)."

Oh my friend, we worship a living Saviour. The resurrection power is ours. Because He lives, we live. Praise the Lord!

"It was not possible,"

Praise the Lord all His people;

"It was not possible,"

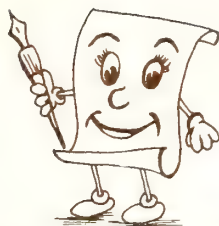
Let all the world give praise;

"It was not possible,"

Hallelujah!

"It was not possible."

Harold Jones



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

An angry little girl went storming into Nannie's room that day.

"Oh, I'm so mad with those people!" And I told her all the real and imagined wrongs they had done. She listened with her head slightly to one side, and hardly saw her grandmother's smile.

"And if you could be God for half an hour, what would you do?" She twiddled her thumbs as I listed all the punishments and harsh judgments I would inflict on them. When I finished, she cackled.

"If you were God, you'd probably do something nice for them and give them another chance."

Right then Nannie seemed as wise as God to me. So I asked if she would like to be God for half an hour.

"No. Sometimes I think I'd like to sit up there beside Him awhile and see how we look from there—He must laugh at us a lot, we're so foolish sometimes. But I wouldn't want to be God. It's too much responsibility and too many decisions to make."

I have occasionally longed to sit beside Him, too, thinking it might give me a clearer perspective of things. Yet, it might confuse me because I'd surely see more than I could understand. In Isaiah 55:8, 9 He makes it clear that His ways and thoughts are beyond mine.

And now that Nannie isn't here to "put me in my place," I can start reading in Job 38:3, when God asked, "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? . . ." and the more I read, the more willing I am for God to run the world. By the time I reach Job 42:2, I'm saying with Job "I know that thou canst do everything, . . ."

Whether she was teaching me or humoring her granddaughter, I learned that people make mistakes, I lose more than my temper when I get angry, and I shouldn't play God.

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"Nothing is more indecent than a dead preacher speaking to dead sinners the living truth of the living God."—Baxter.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS

THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW

Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

CRAGMONT: ROOM AND MEAL RATES

Motel room rates per night: one person, \$4; two people, \$6; three persons, \$7.50; four or more, \$9.

Rooms in other buildings: One person, \$2; two persons, \$4; three persons, \$5; four or more persons, \$6.

Cost for the week in regular encampments is \$37.

Meal rates (for those not enrolled for a full week): breakfast, 65¢; lunch and dinner, 95¢ each.

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ATTENTION: ALL SPONSORING CONVENTIONS!

Please get the names and addresses of the director and registrar of the weeks your convention sponsors to the Cragmont secretary immediately! I have to have this information before I can print the Cragmont Brochures for this camping season. My address is: The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY GIFTS!

We remind you not to forget the 25th Anniversary gifts for Cragmont. We urge each Sunday school, church, and youth auxiliary to send a gift of \$25 (or more) to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 28574. The purpose of this drive is that we may be able to retire the remaining \$14,500 indebtedness on the new buildings. If each of our churches will do a little we can accomplish a lot for the glory of our God.

Yours in His service,
The Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

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Why Fear?

"I fear you are near another world," remarked a friend to an aged Christian. "I know I am," was the cheerful reply; "but, blessed be the name of the Lord, I do not fear it—I hope it!"—D. L. Moody.

REMEMBER:

March 5 Is Share A Bible Sunday.

THE PRAYING HANDS

(A True Story of a Rare Friendship*)

Proverbs 17:17; 18:24

True friendship is a gracious gift,
A treasure bless'd and rare,
Sent from a loving Father who
Our earthly lives would share.
Not everyone has such a friend
To help him on his way . . .
For each of us must be a friend
In all we do or say.

Long ago there were two friends
Whose friendship was as gold:
Compassion, love, and sacrifice—
This story must be told.

The two were struggling artists
Who labored hard each day
To earn enough for studies—
The each to pay his way.
The hours were long and difficult;
And something must be done:
For neither found the time to paint.
There must be time for one!

If one could work and earn the wage,
'Twould be the thing to do.
The other could his school complete . . .
Then help his friend through too.
So they drew lots and Albrecht won:
Success was his and fame!
And Franz, his friend? Well, what of him?
Would he too make a name?

Ah . . . his twisted hands so bent from toil
Could manage not the touch!
The years he spent for friendship's sake
Had cost him . . . oh! so much!
But bitterness was not for him.
He harbored not the thought



That but for chance what might have been
For him had come to naught!

No . . . each day he knelt with gnarled hands
Enfolded—thus—in prayer;
And asked the heavenly Father's love
And blessing on them there;
And for success in everything
That Albrecht's hands might make;
That God might use that genius
For His own, for Christ's dear sake.

There Albrecht found him thus one day
In holy supplication;
And taking pen in hand he sketched
(With holy inspiration)
The praying hands, those loving hands
With fingers twisted, bent—
The hands of a true friend so rare—
A gift from heaven sent!

* * *

Dear Father, help these praying hands
Of mine, thy will to do:
To be a faithful, loving friend
In every way . . . for you.

—Sylvia A. Storms.

*Albrecht Durer and Franz Knigstein, latter fifteenth century.

The Converted Store

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guess it. All the families were large in the apartment house.

A vigorous nod.

"You want to wait here while I go down the next block to the bank? When I come back you could go to my store with me, and we'll see what we can find today."

Another vigorous nod. Nat proceeded down the street, his heart heavy with the burden of all the Sues and brothers on the street. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." he and Edna had read just that morning, from the first chapter of

Acts. Well, they'd tried all these years, hadn't they? Had they ever broken through the ice? No, they'd failed somehow, he realized with chagrin.

At the corner he turned around before he passed around the last remaining wall of his old church. Sue was sitting on the curb watching him.

His business finished, Nat returned to Sue. He reached out his hand to her, and looking up into his eyes with a hint of devotion in the dark depths, she put her hand into his.

"You'll be going to school this year, won't you?" Nat questioned.

Sue shrugged.

"What do you like to do?" Nat was

unprepared for the sudden outburst of interest.

"Go to Sunday school!"

"Sunday school? Have you ever been?"

Sue nodded brightly. "Coupla times."

"Where?"

Again she shrugged, then vaguely, "A kinda Mission Sunday school right near my house."

"And you liked it?"

"Oh, yes. The nicest lady told stories—nice stories about a nice Man who did all nice things."

Nat was impressed with Sue's description. With her limited vocabulary she (continued on page fifteen)

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

Question: What is meant by "Baptized to death," an expression I have heard a lot in recent days?

Answer: The Scripture indicates that such a baptism is that by which we undergo a spiritual change. When we come into this present life, it is through natural birth, hence we become alive in the natural realm. We are at this natural birth born dead spiritually. In the new birth of which Jesus speaks of in John 3:3-5, one is made alive spiritual-

ly. When man first sinned as is set forth in Genesis 3, he became dead spiritually, but in the act he became knowledgeable in the subject of sin. He knew first what sin was, for sin is transgression of God's law. Mankind, the whole of the human population, had followed the first sinner's (Satan's) instructions in committing their first act of disobedience. This made them and their posterity sinners. The death, God told them, would come to them if they broke His command and ate of the fruit that was forbidden in Genesis 2:17, was a spiritual death. They were instantly separated from God which is spiritual death; but beside this, there was within them the death sentence. They were driven from the garden and commissioned to work themselves to physical death. "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shall thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return" (Genesis 3:16-19).

The Christian baptism is symbolized by the baptism into water when the subject is emersed. The water baptism Christians are called upon to accept symbolizes a death, burial, and resurrection. When a sinner has been born again he has died to the old way in which he acted in unison with death, the flesh, and the devil and has been made alive in Christ. He is a new creature; old things to him have passed away and now to him all things are new. The things he loved in the old way of life dominated by the old nature are reckoned with as being dead, but now he is alive in Christ. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Corinthians 12:13); "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him" (Romans 6:3-8).

Now from these verses we should see that all who have gone through this experience, have formerly surrendered the whole state and life of sin as being dead in Christ. Some translate Verse 4, "By the same baptism which makes us sharers in his death we are made partakers of his burial also"; thus, severing our last link of connection with the sinful condition and the life which Christ brought to an end in His death on the Cross.

Let us therefore conclude with Paul who under the inspiration wrote, "Like-

The Rev. N. D. Wiggs, Route 2, West-downs, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, wishes to announce that he is available for pastoral services second and fourth Sundays. He may be contacted at the above address or may be telephoned at 523-5243, Kinston.

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The Rev. Floyd Smith announces that he is available for full-time pastoral services. Any church desiring his services please contact him by writing Route 3, Selma, North Carolina 27576; or phone Smithfield 934-7209 during the day, or Selma 965-5406 at night.

NEWS NOTES

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tist Church near Pink Hill, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor of the Faith church, the Rev. Joe Johnson.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p. m. and will feature special music for each service. The pastor and the church membership issue a warm invitation for all who can to attend these services.

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PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

"The best safeguard for the young generation is a good example by the older generation."—Selected.

wise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" (Romans 6:11-13).

STORIES

for our youth



THE WRIST WATCH MYSTERY

VIRGINIA RANDALL

STEVE ATKINS could remember everything that happened on the Saturday that his wrist watch disappeared. He missed it first in the drugstore while he and Tim Hollister were having chocolate sodas that afternoon.

"C'mon, Tim. I want to get my watch. If it rains, it will be ruined for sure." Steve slid off the stool at the counter. A deafening clap of springtime thunder had resounded through the store and reminded him that he'd left his watch on the ground by the tool shed that he'd painted that morning. It was a very special watch that his grandmother had given him last month on his tenth birthday.

But Tim Hollister didn't seem to be in any hurry and kept scraping the bottom of the paper cup as though he hadn't eaten ice cream in a long time. Maybe he hadn't. A week ago, Mrs. Hollister and her seven children had moved into an old trailer across the road from Steve's house. He knew that they didn't have much money, because Tim's father was in prison serving a term for armed robbery. Tim had said that he didn't even want a soda, only penny bubble gum, but Steve had insisted on treating him. He felt wealthy because he would get three dollars for painting his dad's tool shed.

He'd been finishing the last strip that morning when Tim had ridden up the driveway on an old worn-out bicycle. When Steve told him that he was going to ride into town and get a roll of color film he'd left to be developed, Tim wanted to go with him. In fact, he'd insisted

on cleaning up a paintbrush while Steve went into the house to change his clothes. Tim had been alone by the tool shed for at least ten minutes.

Now, waiting for Tim to eat every drop of ice cream, Steve took out his pictures and looked at them again. He was especially proud of the shot of a chipmunk. He'd been fortunate on that one, standing there at his bedroom window, loading his camera, and suddenly seeing the chipmunk on the branch of the oak tree, not over three feet from the sill.

"You could win a prize for that one, Steve," said Mr. Whelan, examining it closely. "It has sharp colors."

"What's the chipmunk got in his mouth?" asked Tim, now off the stool and looking at the snapshot, too.

Mr. Whelan found a magnifying glass, and they decided that it looked like a gold chain dangling from the little fellow's mouth.

"Hey, you know what? That might be my sister's charm bracelet she lost last week. Would a chipmunk pick up a charm bracelet, thinking he could eat it?" Steve laughed, thinking what a good joke that'd be on Debbie, who'd made such a fuss about losing a silly bracelet.

"Could be," said Mr. Whelan, his round, pinkish face smiling, too. "I've heard that those little rascals drag all sorts of shiny things down into their holes."

"Say, we'd better hurry home and get that watch of yours. A chipmunk's liable to pick it up," said Tim.

The boys biked the three miles home under a dark sky, the sun hidden by enormous gray clouds. Thunder rumbled in the west, and a few raindrops splattered the dry graveled road. The last quarter of a mile they rode through driving rain, and they would have en-

joyed feeling it on their faces and their shoulders if it had not been for the thought of the watch getting rain-soaked. They left their bikes under a tree in the Atkins' front yard and ran back to the tool shed. The watch was gone.

"Maybe it got washed down in the dirt," said Tim, digging around the wet earth, rain pouring down over his face. But it wasn't in the flower bed. Both boys straightened up, their searching efforts fruitless.

Fritz, Steve's black dachshund, leaped around them and then began digging furiously in the dirt by the tool shed.

"That's a tough break, Steve," said Tim, looking genuinely sorry. "Fritz might have dragged it off somewhere, or maybe a chipmunk did."

The two boys stood looking at each other in the rain. Steve saw a thin-faced boy with hair plastered down, his shirt sticking to his skinny chest, a boy whose father was a thief. Tim dropped his eyes and bit his lip as if he knew what was in Steve's mind.

"So long, Steve." Tim ran to his bike and sped down the driveway.

Inside the house Steve checked with his mother and Debbie, but neither of them had picked up the watch. He hadn't thought so, since they rarely went near the tool shed.

Upstairs in his room Steve sat quietly by the window, watching the rain hammering against the oak tree. Just as he'd got to like the new boy, he'd found him to be a thief. Not really with the goods on him but he surely looked guilty, running off like that. He'd been eager to blame the loss on a chipmunk or on Fritz, too. Anyway, Steve was glad that he hadn't invited Tim to Sunday school as he'd intended to do. Right away Steve was ashamed of that thought. Everyone should be invited to Sunday school and learn about Jesus' saving grace. Thinking that someone was a thief, especially if you didn't have the proof, was probably as bad as being a thief. Miserable with his thoughts, Steve changed into dry clothes. He stayed in his room until he heard his father's car come up the drive and it was time for dinner.

"Did you lose something today, Steve?" Mr. Atkins asked after grace was said and dishes began to be passed around the table.

Steve reddened and admitted that he had been careless with his watch, and that now it was gone.

"Here it is, son." His father pulled it out of his pocket and handed it over to
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Church Auxiliaries

AFC Donates Money to Church Building Fund

The Ambassadors for Christ Auxiliary of Pleasant Plain Free Will Baptist Church near Selma, North Carolina, recently donated \$75 from its treasury to the treasury of the church to be applied to the building fund. The AFC raised this money by selling Christmas plaques. We enjoyed doing this because we knew we were working to help further the work of God, and also working for our church.

Mrs. Bernice Jones Jr.
AFC Director

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Eastern Youth Convention at Bridgeton Church

The Spring Eastern District Youth Convention will be held at the Bridgeton, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, March 18.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a. m., and the meeting will convene at ten o'clock. Registration blanks and a one dollar registration fee **per auxiliary** must be submitted to Mrs. Melody R. Wall, Route 1, Pink Hill, North Carolina 28572, prior to the meeting or must accompany delegates to the meeting.

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Attention: Young People of The Western District

Now is the time to begin work on your essays and declamations for our spring convention. The topic for the essays will be, "The Greatest Need of Our Church." The topic for the declamations will be, "Is Old-Time Religion for Modern Youth?"

The rules for the essay contest are as follows:

1. Essays are to be from 1,000 to

1,500 words in length for the YFA; 700 to 1,000 words in length for the AFC.

2. Participants must be a member of the YFA, ages 14 through 19; or the AFC, ages 9 through 13.

3. An elimination committee in the local church will judge the essays, and the winning essay will be sent to the district. Only the essay placed first in the district will be sent to the state youth chairman at least two weeks prior to the convention.

4. Name, age, and church of the contestant must be sent to the district youth chairman, along with a copy of each essay, at least two weeks prior to the convention.

5. Essays may be typewritten. No essays will be returned.

6. Suitable awards will be given to the winner and the runner-up in each age group.

The rules for the declamation contest are as follows:

1. Each district in the convention will be represented with one speaker from each age group.

2. Each church may represent with a contestant from each age group to the district. Winner of the district contest will represent at the State Youth Fellowship Convention.

3. Maximum time will be eight minutes, and the minimum time limit will be six minutes. Two points will be deducted for each declamation going over or under the allotted time.

4. Contestants must appear before an elimination committee in the local church, and the winner will be presented at the district convention. The winner from the district will be presented at the State Youth Fellowship Convention.

5. Name, age, and church of the contestant must be sent to the district youth chairman, along with a copy of each declamation, at least two weeks prior to the convention. Those not in on time will be disqualified.

6. Suitable awards will be given the winner and the runner-up.

7. No "props," please.

Young people entering from the Western District should send the information to: Mrs. Roseline Bass, Route 1, Nashville, North Carolina 27856, by March 11.

The Western District Youth Convention will be held Saturday, March 25, at 10 a. m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina.

Pam Temple, the outreach chairman of the Western District, would like to encourage all of the young people to try out their talents for God by entering these contests. A great blessing will be received.

Western District
Youth Chairman

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NOTE OF THANKS

During most of December and the early part of January my mother, Mrs. J. W. (Lucy) Alford, was in a Raleigh, North Carolina, hospital critically ill. During this time she received many letters, cards, and gifts of money from churches, organizations, and individuals. We wish to take this means to express our gratitude to each of you for all your kindnesses and considerations. My mother is unable to write each of you, but is very appreciative of everything that has been done for her. I am sorry that I cannot name specific churches and individuals that sent her money for the list I was keeping has been misplaced, but I do remember three: Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro, North Carolina; a Mrs. Malpass from the same city; and the Kenly church. To each of these, as well as to all the others I cannot recall, our special thanks and our prayers that God will bless you in your efforts to serve Him.

I am happy to report that Mother has been feeling much better for the last few days. She is now with us in our home near Knightdale, North Carolina, and we would be happy to have any of you visit her or to hear from you.

Again, our sincere thanks.

Mrs. Earl (Bessie) Lewis
Box 163
Knightdale, N. C. 27545

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HUSTLE TO SAVE SOULS

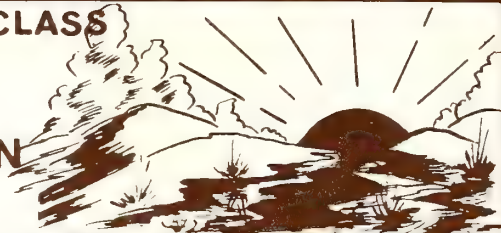
A motorcycle patrolman paced a parson through the streets of Cambridge, hailed him to the curb, and gave him a ticket for speeding. "Officer," explained the speeder, "you have to hustle if you're going to save souls." The cop tore up the ticket.—Selected.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 12



Empowered by the Spirit

Lesson Text: Acts 2:1-4, 14-21

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

I. INTRODUCTION

We saw in last Sunday's lesson how Christ was the Foundation of the church, the Chief Cornerstone; and how we as Christians were the lively stones of the building, the temple of God, His habitation, and how we are fitly joined together by His grace and love.

But an organization without power is useless. It remains a mere structure. It may have a form of godliness but it denies the power thereof. When Christ said that He would build His church upon the "rock" of our Christian witness and graceful living, He had in mind, of course, the empowering of that church. Before His ascension He told His disciples to tarry in Jerusalem and await the coming of that power which would be the Holy Spirit, the Comforter He had promised. With the power of the Spirit the church would become a live instrument in the hand of God, and through it He would be able to draw men to Christ (John 6:44).

With all of our talents and abilities we are still helpless to promote the kingdom of God in the world without the power of the Spirit. The Word tells us that it is not by our might or by our power that we do this, but by the power of the Spirit of God. Let us look at this lesson today and take inventory of our own local church to see if we have in stock that power so essential to the cause of Christ in our area of the great vineyard of our Lord.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Acts was written by Luke to his friend Theophilus.
2. Acts 1 shows three important things:

- a. An incomplete record—Acts is the sequel to Luke's Gospel.
 - b. Some infallible proofs of the resurrection.
 - c. The inadequate disciples — they must wait for the Holy Spirit.
3. Some things that did not happen on the Day of Pentecost:
 - a. The Holy Spirit did not come in answer to prayer, but in answer to promise.
 - b. There was no unknown tongue—the language was understood.
 - c. The Bible does not teach that these visible manifestations are to be repeated.

B. The Coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4)

1. The Day of Pentecost and its meaning.
2. The sound as "of a mighty rushing wind."
3. The cloven tongues of fire.
4. They spake with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

C. Peter's Pentecost Sermon (Acts 2:14-21)

1. Peter explained what was taking place.
2. He showed that it was according to Scripture.
3. He exalted Christ.
4. Three thousand souls were saved.
—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Have you ever visited an electric generating plant? It is a fascinating experience. Some of the larger generators operate at speeds of thirty-six hundred revolutions per minute and are capable of producing over 450,000 kilowatts of electricity.

Our major cities, indeed, most of our homes, would be paralyzed without electricity. The various activities of business, education, medicine, and other areas of our society depend upon this constant flow of energy.

The source of power is present in the form of the generating equipment. The

need is present in the masses of people and their countless applications of electricity. But before the power can flow from its source to those who need it, the switch must be closed.

God's power is infinitely greater and more versatile. Man stands daily in need of this divine help. On the Day of Pentecost, God, as it were, closed the switch. From that time, God has poured out His Spirit of power on all nations. It has been freely given for man's spiritual needs.

The Spirit's power is available today. If we will let it flow into our lives, we will be empowered to do the work God has given us to do.—Standard Commentary.

B. A young Christian man came asking advice. "How can I know God's will for my life?"

"What career do you have in mind?" I asked.

"Well, I want to go to Hollywood and act," he spoke a little ashamedly, "but my parents say a Hollywood movie community is godless, and that the movies do not glorify God." He put out his chin. "But they are so old-fashioned. I'm young! There's nothing in the Bible against acting in Hollywood!"

"Do you think Hollywood glorifies God according to the truth?" I asked.

He hung his head, "No, I guess not."

"Well, the Scripture says: 'Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God' (1 Corinthians 10:31). So if you really want to know God's will for your life, it's very clear, isn't it?" I asked.

"That young man is now studying for the ministry. He decided that God could use his talents better than Hollywood could!—God's Word Made Plain.

C. On our West Coast the oldest living thing is the sequoia tree. The redwood, a species of sequoia, is the world's tallest living tree. It takes tremendous power to get water from deep in the ground up to the branches high above. This is not done by pressure from below but by the capillary action of each tiny tube drawing the life upward. The power we need today in our churches across the nation and throughout the world is the power that must come down from above, the power of the Holy Spirit of God. We need to be energized by the Holy Spirit's power. It can make a difference today just as certainly as it made a difference at Pentecost.—Ray O. Jones.

The Converted Store

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Edna had imparted to him the importance of the event in her young life.

Nat and Edna were going over the records that night. Silently Nat held up the new Pinkham bill before he entered.

Edna flushed slightly. She recognized her writing.

"I know—I know we decided we'd have to be more careful about issuing credit with these people. But—but, Nat, do you realize about all the customers we have left are in this neighborhood? All of them owe us money. We'll never recover it—fully, although they try hard. I figured if we're selling out now, we can't lose too much more, anyway, by being a little Christlike and understanding."

Nat was thoughtful. "I guess you're right, Edna. But what I'm worrying about is how the new owner will treat these people."

"Right now I guess we'll have to pick up Nat. Mrs. Pinkham and her sister are coming in for Bible study."

"But—how—did that happen?" Nat asked incredulously.

"I've asked them so many times, but just today they said they'd come when their children get to bed."

"Why, that's wonderful, Edna. I never felt we could get anywhere witnessing to them. The women don't talk much when they come into the store, and the children are either bold and fresh or silent and sullen. All except Sue." He told Edna about the growing bond between them.

Edna looked at Nat quietly. "This should have happened months ago, Nat."

"Why do you say that?"

"Nat, we're just breaking through the ice after all these years. And now we're moving!"

Moving! Nat had forgotten about that. "Well, it can't be helped. You've been lonely here. None of the women seem to trust you. They aren't friendly. It's not right you should have to go clear across town to your friends. You should live amongst them."

Mr. Taylor had come to town and looked a little beyond the neat store. He had gone over the books with Nat. "Frankly, Mr. Halstead, I don't have enough money to go out and buy the kind of business I'd like. I thought this would be a good start for me, but I can see now that it is an extremely poor neighborhood. The people are employed in seasonal work. I can't build a busi-

ness on that. I'm afraid I'll have to look further. However, I'll call back within two days."

Nat and Edna had not slept well that night. "If the Lord wants us to have it a little easier, Nat, why, He'll help us to sell the property. Now just don't worry about it," Edna said at breakfast.

"If you don't want us to move, you'll have to give us some sure signs, Lord," Edna prayed, as she mixed a cake for the women who were coming again for Bible study.

That night two new women met with the group around the kitchen table. One was Sue's mother, a thin, pale woman with too-old eyes in a young face. After the study Edna pressed her about Sue.

"She's an odd child in some ways—quiet. She had just formed a strong attachment to—to a woman where we lived before. It nearly broke her heart when we moved."

"Would—would the woman be a Sun-

day school teacher?" Edna asked carefully.

"Y-y-yes. How did you know?"

"She told my husband."

"She—did like the Sunday school so much," she said, her voice drifting off timidly.

"All these children need a Sunday school," Edna said with conviction. "Even the boys."

"I sure wish my boys could hear some of these things!" Mrs. Pinkham laid her hand on her Gospel.

"Mine, too. My boys are terrors. I don't know what Sunday school would want them," one added wistfully.

"What Sunday school would want them"—the phrase struck a cold chill in Edna's heart. These "unwanted" children, and she and Nat had helped their own church move out of the neighborhood! Her heart was heavy with self-condemnation.

The final call from Mr. Taylor came
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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Steve. "I was digging that flower bed while your mother and Debbie were in town this afternoon. You're fortunate that I didn't bury it with a shovelful of dirt."

"Am I glad to see that watch! I thought maybe Tim Hollister—" He stopped, ashamed to admit what he really had been thinking, but it was too late. A wise little smile was on his mother's face.

"Maybe it's a good thing that this happened," she said. "I was so glad that you and Tim went to town together. He needs friends, and so does his mother. Jesus' words, 'Judge not, that ye be not judged' (Matthew 7:1), will perhaps have more meaning for you now, Steve."

Steve pushed back his chair, springing up from the table. "May I be excused? I've got to see Tim."

If he didn't tell Tim Hollister that he was sorry for what he'd thought, Steve knew that they could never be good friends. He sped across the road to Tim's trailer.—My Pleasure.

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The Converted Store

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the next morning when they were both in the store. Negative. Edna stared into Nat's bright eyes.

"Nat—I'm not really surprised or disappointed are you? To me it's just a sign from the Lord. Even before the sign came, I've had some unusual visions during the sleepless nights lately."

"You, too, Edna? I've tried to forget mine because I did so want you to have that lovely house—this is such a dismal neighborhood."

"We've lived here 40 years together, and you were born here. This neighborhood is our responsibility. We're all that's left of the Christian witness. Let's get rid of the stock and keep the property. We'll stay right here. We've got work to do, you and I!"

"Are you thinking what I'm thinking—about the store and large storeroom behind?"

Edna smiled. "Probably. It would make a good chapel and Sunday school,

with maybe a change for a recreation center weekdays."

Nat nodded as he hugged Edna. "You know, I won't dread retiring this way. I'm sure we can recruit all the young people and laymen of our church for this project." He thought of the sign over the door. "Halstead's Market." It had been there two generations. It would have to come down now.

"I hear Bill Pinkham used to paint signs," Nat said. "Let's give him a job painting the new signs around here. 'Neighborhood Chapel'! How does that sound?"

Edna nodded silently, as Nat released her, to turn and face the first customer of the morning.—Gospel Herald.

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Thy Word is like a garden, Lord,
With flowers bright and fair;
And everyone who seeks may pluck
A lovely cluster there.

Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there.

—Gospel Herald.

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Expenses (Subject to Revision)

Total round trip expenses are estimated to \$225 as follows:

\$ 25—Nonrefundable Application (\$20 if paid by March 1)

55—Room and Board in Dallas

55—Bus Transportation (round trip)

90—Meals and Lodging Enroute (4 nights and 6 days)

_____ \$225—Estimated Total (plus personal spending)

Payment of Expenses

_____ Enclosed is my application fee: \$ _____

_____ I will pay my bus fare by June 1.

_____ I will be prepared to pay the remainder of my expenses at the time of departure.

Agreement

I hereby make application to travel to Explo '72 on a bus chartered by Mount Olive College, and I agree to cheerfully observe all policies and regulations established by the College and Explo '72 both during the trip and while in Dallas.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1972



TODAY--WHAT IS IT?

TODAY—WHAT IS IT?

Today: yesterday's tomorrow;
A blue day,
A happy day;
Just the way you look at it or the way it happens to
A time of mourning or rejoicing;
Realizing impossible dreams or discovering
Diabolical schemes;
Spoiled hopes,
Or desperate attempts at finding contentment.

Today: the present time
When all is well
Or a bit of hell seems your lot, which comes
Seemingly undeserved
Until you examine your selfishness
Or possible unconcern for others
Or your lack of appreciation for real values.

Today: at hand;
The "now" that is lived
By necessity and plan
Or by chance—
Since life is uncertain and sometimes mean and scourging.

Today: lived well or poorly,
Fully or halfheartedly;
Entered gladly or unenthusiastically
Because of certain expectations
And anticipated concerns.

Today: the beginning or the end
Of what could be a new life
Or a sure death;
Where tears fall,
Smiles fade,
Fears enlarge
And add despair to indecision.

Today: good or bad,
Happy or sad,
Depending upon trust—
In what?
Where and why?
God's or Satan's—
Yours to decide;
Consequences to pay,
Rewards to claim,
Seeds sown and harvests reaped.

Today: tomorrow's yesterday—
Only if there is a tomorrow.

Today: possibly the end of everything; perhaps a rude awakening
—and then again, it could be the best of all beginnings!

Today. . .



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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

How to Find God's Will For College

FINDING God's will for you at college is basically no different from discovering His will in other matters. It is to be a wholesome combination of sense and sanctity—of praying and proceeding.

What are the basic considerations involved in ascertaining the will of God?

Desire. You must want to do God's will. He will never lead you where you refuse to be led. "What things soever ye desire," said our Lord, "when ye pray" (see Mark 11:24). Have you ever made a list of the things you really want from God? Have you ever talked to Him about them?

Prayer and the Word. "If any of you lack wisdom," says James, "let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (see James 1:5). Take your list, referred to above, and pray over it, earnestly seeking the will of God on each matter, referring your desires to the written will of God in the Bible. You will be surprised at the clear guidance you receive and at the speed with which it comes.

Deliberation. Think things over. Write out the pros and cons of the matter. Gather all the facts which bear on the decision, and list them in order of importance. Now think over this collection of data. Think hard, until your brain is weary with the effort. Only then are you ready for the next step.

Incubation. Take time to let your

thoughts and ideas grow together to form a God-given insight. This is the way new plans and ideas are born—out of deep thought and prayer over facts that are known. When you give God time to work in your mind, He brings all these thoughts to fruition.

Conference and fellowship with others in prayer. Find someone with whom you can talk and pray with confidence. Often the process of talking out one's thoughts helps put them into proper perspective. Things that are fuzzy and unclear suddenly become quite well defined and can then be the basis for action.

Dr. Robert A. Cook

Obedience for today. Take the step you know you ought to take today. A great servant of God once said to me, "When you don't know the will of God for the future, it's because you don't need to know—yet!" For each of us, there are some things that we know we should do today. Specialize in present-tense, here-and-now obedience, and see for yourself how blessedly God takes care of the variables in the future.

What do you want in your college career? There are almost as many kinds of colleges as there are careers and per-

sonalities to fit them. Are you looking for training in some special skill? Then you should look for a technical school. Are you interested in the teaching profession, or in nursing, engineering, or business administration? Are you looking forward to serving the Lord as a missionary, a pastor, or a Christian education director? There are schools that specialize in these fields, offering the finest of educations in the various disciplines.

If you have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, another question will come into focus: Do I want to attend a Christian college, or should I seek my undergraduate work at a secular college or university? There is no clear-cut answer to this query. The will of the Lord is evidently for many to attend the secular or state-supported college near them. For many others, it would seem a wise choice to attend a Christian college, where choice of life companion, lifework, and life's overriding purpose can be achieved within the framework of the Christian faith and with the fellowship of other believers.

You will do well to get all the facts you can about the colleges which fit into your God-given goals and purposes. This means that after receiving the various catalogues, you will need to study them, noting any special advantages possessed by the individual schools, as well as the elements you consider disadvantages or weak points. Be very thorough about this work. It would be a pity to choose a school on superficial evidence, only to discover later that it was not all you expected and that you could have known this before if you had read the catalogue carefully.

List all the pros and cons of the various schools, and continue thinking and praying about them until God gives you some insight on the matter. You will see the choice narrow down to one or two colleges that really fit your needs.

This is the place to "do your homework." Be sure to ask probing questions about costs, curriculum, faculty qualifications and commitment, character of student body, nature of on-campus life, opportunities for Christian service, availability of employment, quality of graduates, and their range of success in years following graduation. Dig for facts until you know.

Talk and pray with other Christians. Through this you may well gain additional clarity in your own thinking. No other human being can declare God's (continued on page seven)



SUNDAY, MARCH 12

THINK ABOUT HIS LOVE

Scripture Reading—1 John 1:9

A little maiden once came to Mark Guy Pearse in great distress because, as she said, she could not love Jesus Christ. She did want to love Him, but somehow she couldn't. So the genial minister said to her, "Well, my little woman, don't keep thinking about your love to Jesus, but just keep on saying, 'Jesus loves me.' Say it to yourself over and over again; and come and see me tomorrow." The little girl did as she was told, and when she came to see Mr. Pearse the next day there was no need to tell him of the change that had taken place. Her face was radiant. The love of God had been shed abroad in her heart by the Holy Spirit which had been given to her.—*Christian Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Knowing that God loves us is so wonderful! To be able to return such a love is so easy. May we never fail to let Him know!

MONDAY, MARCH 13

NO HELL IN THIS LIFE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:17

During the bombing of London a certain district came in for very severe bombardment and whole streets were demolished with considerable loss of life. Visiting the people with the gospel literature after one of these nights of terror the Open Air Mission evangelist encountered an old skeptic. "Oh!" he exclaimed, "this bombing is hell, isn't it? Absolute hell!" "No," replied the evangelist, "and I'll give you three reasons why it is not hell. First, I am a Christian and there are no Christians in hell. Second, there is a public house round the corner and there are no public houses in hell. Third, here I am proclaiming the gospel, and there is no gospel in hell." . . . Four weeks later the evangelist was proclaiming the gospel in Hyde Park. When he made the appeal for decision who should be the first man to come forward to decide for Christ, but this old skeptic.—*In Britain's Camps*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We need only to be told about hell. Af-

ter we are told, let us tell others. We do not want to see our friends and loved ones in hell, nor ourselves! Do we?

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

WHAT CHANGED HIM

Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 30:6

When Sir Walter Scott was a boy, he was considered a great dullard. His accustomed place in the schoolroom was the ignominious dunce corner with the high pointed paper cap of shame on his head. One evening when he was twelve or fourteen, he chanced to be in a home where famous literary guests were being entertained. The great Robert Burns was standing admiring a picture under which was written the couplet of a stanza. He inquired concerning the author. None of the great people present knew. Timidly a boy crept up to his side, whispered the name of the author, and quoted the rest of the poem. Burns was surprised and delighted. Laying his hand on the youth's head, he exclaimed, "Ah, bairnie, ye will be a great 'mon' yet in Scotland some day!"

From that day, Walter Scott was a changed lad. One of the greatest men in the world believed that he would do great things!—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Reading the above bring the words of an old hymn to mind—"Only believe, only believe; All things are possible, only believe; . . . Are we "believers"?"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

TRYSTING PLACE

Scripture Reading—John 14:16-18

Dear Lord, I want, each day that comes,
To share some part with Thee,
Where I can sit at Thy dear feet,
And hear Thee speak to me.

A place where I can turn aside,
And leave the cares of life;
Where I can get the strength I need
To banish storm and strife.

A quiet, holy, trysting place,
Where Thou to me canst give,
The very blessing that I need;
Here would I feast and live!
—*Adjutant Martha Grenfell*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Just a few minutes taken from each day—to talk with God. It makes all the difference in the world! With renewed strength and reassurance for whatever lies ahead—it is ours for the asking. He is always listening.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

THEY CAN'T LAUGH YOU OUT

Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:32

I remember when I was a little boy, how my mother would draw me to her knee and speak to me so solemnly of the importance of trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I would say, "Well Mamma,

I would like to do it, but the boys will laugh at me." Mother used to say, "H! remember, they may laugh you into it but they can never laugh you out of it. And oh, how that used to go home to me and it stayed with me all through the years. Yes, men may sneer and ridicule and understand us as we come out for Christ, but after all, His is the only approval we have.—*Addresses on the Gospel of John* by H. A. Ironside.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sometimes we do not feel like being persecuted about—maybe superfluous things—how about where we spend eternity? can take it, can't we? Eternity matters more than any embarrassment we have suffered.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

THE VALUE OF THE INDIVIDUAL

Scripture Reading—Romans 14:22

The story is told that once, when Michael Costa was having a rehearsal with a vast array of performers and hundreds of voices, as the choir rang out with the accompanying instruments, one man who played the piccolo far up in the corner ceased to play, probably thinking that all the din his instrument would not be missed. Suddenly the great conductor threw up his hand and all was still. Then he cried out, "Where is the piccolo?" The quick ear of the master musician missed it and the chorus was spoiled because it failed in its part. God expects every Christian today to do his duty.—*Otterbein Teacher*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God has a part for each one of us during our tenure here. May we play our part however small, to please Him!

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

AN EARTHLY KING'S JUDGMENT

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:3

Richard II went out at twilight to recruit; he found a sentinel fast asleep at the outpost. The king promptly stabbed him in the heart, and left upon his breast a paper with the stern inscription, "I found him asleep and I left him so." What a contrast to the patience and tenderness of the Lord with His sleeping disciples—and with all of us!—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to know we are never dealt with as was this sentinel? How thankful we should be for His love and patience. Are we?

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"I love those that thunder out the Word," said Whitefield. "The Christian world is in a deep sleep. Nothing but a loud voice can awaken them out of it."

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

When I Got Big City Jitters

(A True Story)

by

GEORGE H. CLEMENT
Arthur, Ontario, Canada

COULD hardly believe it! Here I was on the Toronto-Montreal Flyer, click-clacking at 80 miles per, heading for my first pastorate. Just five weeks ago I received a letter from the principal of the college that I recently graduated from. He told me that this Montreal church had asked him to send a young man interested in children's work and youth. He had sent them my name.

As the train sped by rural stations carrying me nearer and nearer to this challenge, I felt certain that this was God's call into the ministry. I was so sure that I had packed all my possessions in a large, decrepit trunk. Two weeks later, when the church extended to me a unanimous call, the pulpit committee was both surprised and amused when I told them that I did not have to return home to get my belongings; I had brought them with me.

The excitement of being pastor of my first church benumbed me to the fact that I was now living in Canada's largest city. But a few weeks later when this stimulation subsided, I began to realize that I was several hundred miles from home and among strangers. But it was not homesickness that began to creep into my heart and mind, it was "big city jitters." I seemed to be overwhelmed with the fact that I was being swallowed up by a huge giant. I am sure that my adversary, Satan, had his hand in this. I found that there was no use trying to analyze this strange feeling of dread. I knew that some people suffered from claustrophobia, and others had a mortal fear of heights. I didn't know whether my kind of fear had a special name or not; but this I did know—this giant city had me frightened. I began to think of a hundred places I

would rather be than in Montreal. My own smaller hometown looked so delightful right now.

A few weeks went by and I tried hard not to show my feeling of oppression. I visited my people and preached and tried to remind myself that I could do all things through Christ that strengthened me. But it seemed as if Satan and some of his demon helpers were determined to defeat me in my first pastorate.

In those days we kept May 24 as Victoria Day. It was a national holiday. That morning was beautiful. After my usual devotions I decided to take a long hike up famous Mount Royal. Little did I know that a strange thing was to happen on its summit.

I got off the pathway purposely on the upward climb. I wanted to enjoy the blossoms of the wild cherry trees in the woods, and the violets and trilliums. But I grew angry with myself to find that my thoughts were driven inward at this strange apprehension. I prayed silently for victory over this panicky feeling. Finally, I arrived at the summit. I went into the Chalet for a cup of coffee. Walking out I went over to the look-out platform. The sun shone with glorious brilliance upon the city far below. Then I noticed a strange thing happening in my mind, or was it my soul? It seemed as if that same glorious sunshine was penetrating into the dark shadows within, and as the shadows were dispersing, so was that strange fear. I began to look down on



By Margo Mangum

Sometimes things have a way of being heard wrong—taken in an entirely different way from what they were intended. I'm sure things like this have happened to you on various occasions.

The husband was puttering around in the backyard with some boards and nails. His wife was sick in bed with a cold. A neighbor ambled over. In the course of conversation he asked, "How's the wife?" "Not so good," the husband said as he hammered away. "Sorry." Turning his head sideways toward her bedroom window he questioned, "Is that her coughin'?" "Oh, no, I'm just making her some flower boxes."

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Laughter can be found anywhere—yes, anywhere.

that city with a sense of quiet confidence. I felt in my soul that I was most surely more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ. I noticed that in place of that nameless fear, there was a love for the souls that that large city represented. I knew that I was delivered completely from that strange dread.

When I got to the bottom of Mount Royal that holiday afternoon, I noticed that I had a new spring in my stride. I was now filled with a confidence, not in myself, but in my Lord. I had regained the same confidence I had on that Toronto-Montreal train—a quietness and stillness generated by leaning hard on my Master. Satan had done his utmost to destroy this necessary requisite to a successful ministry. He had used a strange weapon, but I had proven what both James and Peter had said: "... Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7; see 1 Peter 5:9). Whatever fear you may have, if you are His child, you may successfully use the same weapon. Satan may roar, but he can't harm you as you trust Christ and resist this lion.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Jack Mayo to Conduct New Sandy Hill Revival



The Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Belvoir, North Carolina, will be guest evangelist for a series of revival services that will be held March 13-18 at the New Sandy Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Bailey, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. He will be assisted in the services by the pastor, the Rev. R. P. Harris. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and to be much in prayer for their success.

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Revival Services At Peace Church

The Rev. Vance Link will be guest evangelist for revival services at Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, the week of March 13-18. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Poythress, assisting the evangelist. The public is urged to attend these services.

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Free Union Church to Host N. C. State League Convention

The Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina, will be the host of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues on March 11, 1972. The convention keynote will be "A Personal Christ," with the keynote Scripture from Galatians 2: 20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth

in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." The Rev. Raymond E. Jones, president, will preside over the convention with Mrs. Margaret Ard in charge of the convention music. The program of the convention is as follows:

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Chorus Time
 - Devotions and Prayer, Elm Grove League
 - Welcome, Free Union League
 - Response, Winterville League
- 10:30—President's Remarks
 - Appointment of Committees
- 10:35—Special Music, Community League
 - Skit, Community League
- 10:55—Chorus Time
 - The Service of Giving
 - Christian Cadets' Conference Report, the Rev. Jack Mayo
 - Cragmont News, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
- 11:20—State Sword Drill, Mrs. Judy Conner
 - Tic-Tac-Know, Miss Leah McGlothlin
- 12:00—Lunch (Served by Host Church)

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Chorus Time
 - Business Session
 - Awarding Certificates
 - Singspiration
- 3:00—League Song
 - League Benediction

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Young World Singers At Gum Swamp Church

The Young World Singers will be at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Belvoir, North Carolina, for the evening worship service Sunday, March 12, beginning at seven o'clock. The group will conduct a service of gospel singing and testimonies. The pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, along with the church membership, invites the public to come out and share an evening of real spiritual blessings.

Gideon's Camp Program At Saint Mary's Church

The Gideon's Camp of Wilson County, North Carolina, will have a special program at the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, during the eleven o'clock worship service Sunday, March 12. The Gideon's Camp speaker will provide information and report on the progress of the camp and its entire work as they endeavor to see the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gideon's Camp is a well-known religious organization made up of businessmen. This service promises to be most interesting and inspiring.

The church pastor, the Rev. Davie Benson, and the entire membership invite the public to attend.

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Mount Zion Church Announces Crusade Revival

The Rev. Charles W. Crisp will be guest evangelist for revival services at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Nashville, North Carolina, the week of March 13-18, beginning each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. J. D. Swain, pastor, will assist in the services.

Mr. Crisp is a native of Dunklin County.
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Coming Events . . .

- March 11—North Carolina State League Convention, Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina
- March 11—Piedmont District Youth Rally and Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina
- March 18—Eastern District Youth Convention, Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina
- March 19 — The New Life Singers at Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina
- March 25—Western District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina
- March 25—Central Conference Youth Fellowship Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina
- March 29—The Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina
- April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

LET'S GO!!

Where! When! Why!

The Rev. Raymond E. Jones
President

It's everybody go to the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues which will be hosted by Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina, March 11, 12.

The expectations for this convention are that it will be one of the best. A very interesting program has been planned; one which it is believed everyone will enjoy and receive a blessing by attending. The keynote of the convention is "A Personal Christ," with the theme scripture taken from Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Mrs. Margaret Ard will be the director of music.

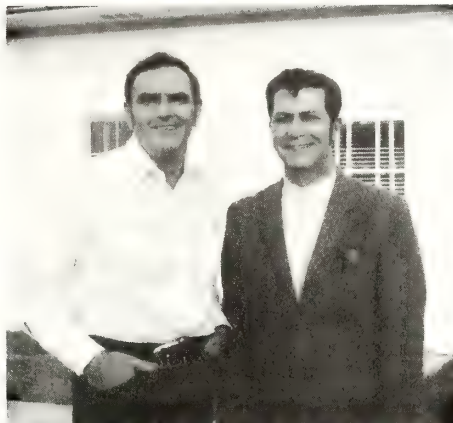
Some of the highlights of the program will include the State Sword Drill under the direction of Mrs. Judy Conner, the state league promotional secretary. A free trip to the Christian Cadets' Conference at Cragmont will be the first prize. The runner-up will receive the trip at half price. Registrations are now being taken for the Christian Cadets' Conference, sponsored by the league convention. At the convention will be a good time to insure that your leaguers are registered for this week at Cragmont which is June 26-July 1. Regrettably some of our leaguers were unable to attend last year because their applications were received after the maximum quota had been reached. The theme for the '72 conference will be "Fishers of Men." A very capable staff has been secured with myself as director and the Rev. Jack Mayo as assistant director.

Miss Leah McGlohon will lead the convention in playing Tic-Tac-Know; and the vice-president of the convention, Mr. James McGhee, will lead a singspiration during the afternoon session.

All leagues are reminded that ten percent of their offerings for the quarter should be sent to the state treasurer: Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville, North Carolina 28590. Also each league is asked to bring or send at least a \$25 offering to the convention for the

LEAGUE PRESIDENT TO BE ESCORTED TO CONVENTION

The president of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues, the Rev. Raymond E. Jones; and



James R. McGhee, Vice-President
Raymond E. Jones, President

the vice-president, Mr. James R. McGhee, will be escorted to the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North

Carolina, on March 11, for the state league convention, by a motorcade. Their escort will be composed of approximately 40 members of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina; a number of children from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina; as well as Boy Scout Troop 430, sponsored by the Unity church; and their scoutmaster, Mr. Ray Powell, will be included in the entourage. The motorcade will leave the church at 6:30 a.m., Saturday morning.

A life-size picture poster of the president will adorn the lead car, and all the cars will be dressed with signs, posters, and streamers. A prize will be awarded to the most original and best decorated car.

Those churches located between Durham and Pinetown are invited to join the motorcade en route.



A group preparing for motorcade to convention.

state project which is \$1,000 for a chapel at Cragmont.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the state league convention. LET'S EVERYBODY GO!!

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HOW TO FIND GOD'S WILL FOR COLLEGE

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will for you, but sharing and praying can often make you more clearly aware of His will for yourself.

You have a right to wait before the Lord until you are sure of your march-

ing orders. While you may not know His will for ten years from now, you can be sure of His will for this moment. "Thy word," said the psalmist, "is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (see Psalm 119:105). The lamp for the pathway shows clearly the next step. That, after all, is all you need!—Gospel Herald.

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"Build it well, whate'er you do;
Build it straight and strong and true;
Build it clear and high and broad;
Build it for the eye of God."

—Charles Daniel Brodhead.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

I EXPECT A MIRACLE

Penny Edwards,
Student Mount Olive College

"Just like a child I come to Him in joy or in despair;
It makes no difference, great or small, He hears my every prayer.
And nothing is impossible, He said it and it's true;
So I expect a miracle and nothing less will do."

I expect a miracle this summer that is too great for my finite mind to even imagine. Explo '72 offers the greatest opportunity I have ever had in Christian fellowship, learning, and worship; and I am looking forward to it eagerly.

Can you imagine the excitement and spirit on June 12 when hundreds of buses of young people from all over the United States pull into Dallas, Texas, for a week of spiritual training and growth? Or even better, can you imagine the spirit, the love, and the unity as we gather on Friday evening to close out this fantastic week with a mass rally?



Just think, too, of the valuable training that we will get, the wonderful speakers we will hear, and the many, many Christian friends we will make. How can you **not** expect a miracle?

Yes, I'm expecting great things in Dallas, but they cannot wait until June to begin. They **must** start now if Explo '72 is to be a success. Prayer is one of the greatest miracle workers I know of, and I'm **begging** everyone who cares about

Jesus Christ's ministry here on earth to start now and earnestly pray with us.

We are expecting a large number from Mount Olive to go, but this can be accomplished only through prayer. As young people who are seeking to do our share in making this world a better place, we sincerely ask for your prayers and support. If you don't back us up, we can't do anything. Share our miracle! Pray for us!

I expect a miracle and nothing less will do!

Explo '72 will be an International Student Conference on Evangelism in Dallas, Texas, on June 12-17, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ Interna-

tional. Plans are being made to charter a bus for Mount Olive College students and Free Will Baptist high school students and students in other colleges who wish to attend. Persons interested in making this bus trip are encouraged to contact Miss Jean Fillingame, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, promptly. Miss Fillingame is adviser to the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship which is sponsoring the trip.

The deadline to receive applications for Explo '72 is March 29, 1972.

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"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky
—Song, "The Love of God"

CHORALAIRES TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



On March 13, 7:30 p. m., a group of students from Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana, known as the "Choralaires," will present a program of gospel and Christian folk music. The program will be presented in the Mount Olive College auditorium. They will use various choral arrangements and musical instruments.

The Choralaires have traveled throughout the midwest presenting programs of

music and witness in churches and youth organizations.

Pictured left to right are Carolyn Sullivan; Buddy Sasser, a former minister student at Mount Olive College; Deb Francis; Matt Demaree; Tom Malin; Gloria Hall; Donna Seybold; Danny Harris; Steve Edwards; Thyla Case; Susan Ward; Steve Russell; and Ed Collins (not pictured).

Ministers and laymen are invited to attend the musical program.

Dr. Loposer to Deliver Easter Convocation at Mount Olive College



Dr. Bernard Andre' Loposer, president of Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana, will deliver the Easter Convocation address at Mount Olive College, March 14, at 11 a. m., in the College auditorium. Dr. Loposer earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College, Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Theological Seminary, and Doctor of Theology degree at New Orleans Theological Seminary. He has done postgraduate work in education and sociology at Mississippi State University and Louisiana State University.

The public is invited to attend this service.

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"Every Christian should be a workman for God, but no one can be a workman for God until he is the workmanship of God."—Selected.

Bookstore Hours

- * The Free Will Baptist Press
- * Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:
- * Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.



Valentine Banquet At Palmer Memorial Church

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, held its annual Valentine banquet on Saturday evening, February 12, at seven o'clock. The banquet took place in the fellowship hall of the church. The hall and tables were decorated for the event with the traditional Valentine colors, red and white.

The pastor, the Rev. R. W. Allman, gave the invocation, after which the group enjoyed a delicious meal the ladies had prepared. The menu consisted of fried chicken, baked ham, potato salad, corn, green beans, congealed salad, rolls, and a large assortment of cakes and pies.

The speaker for the evening was the

Rev. Eugene Sumner. He spoke on the subject of "Love" with emphases on its effect on a Christian's life.

The occasion came to a close with the singing of very inspiring selected choruses and the playing of games which were enjoyed by everyone present.

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Pageant to Be Held At Palmer Memorial

The pageant, "The Challenge and the Cross," will be given by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, on Palm Sunday, March 26, at 7 p.m. The pageant is under the direction of Mrs. Dola Dudley and Mrs. Gladys Phillips. If you have not already seen this presentation, you have a great treat in store for you. The public is cordially invited to attend.

MY PRAYER AND BURNING DESIRE IS TO SEE REVIVAL IN OUR CHURCHES

by the Rev. R. P. Harris

During the past few months I have been in serious conference with my Lord. I have been searching for a way to get God's message of salvation out in a still greater way than ever before. The Lord in return has given me an assignment and I am now totally committed to the Lord to do that which He is revealing to me that I must do. I have been in serious study on Bible prophecy now for several years, having taught several of these books of Bible prophecy in my churches. The response has been very encouraging to say the least.

I am now offering my services to other churches that I might share a few of these things in a broader field. I have cut my entanglements in other means of financial support that I might be available to churches or even interdenominational or nondenominational efforts. It would please me very much to go to some of the churches I have served in

the past for a series of sermons, lectures, or in the form of revival meeting efforts.

Churches interested in having me meet with them may contact me by addressing all correspondence to: The Rev. R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801.

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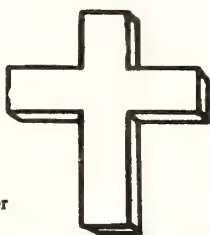
Cheerfulness

"Cheerfulness is something that can be cultivated and it is the duty of all Christians to show to the world by their happy, cheerful lives that Christianity is the most worthwhile thing in the whole world!"—Selected.

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God was better to me than all my hopes,
Better than all my fears;
For He made a bridge of my broken sighs,
And a rainbow of my tears.

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

MARCH AND APRIL MISSION MONTHS

For several years now March and April have been designated as "Mission Months" in our Free Will Baptist churches. These are months many of our churches will give the amounts set aside in their budget for this part of our work.

We are grateful to each of you for your dedication and support to this part of your church work. It is through your love and concern that we are able to witness to those that have not a gospel witness. The other evening I viewed a news story given on television concerning the condition of the world in which children and adults in the country of Vietnam ran behind the garbage trucks, as they went to the dump from a nearby military base, looking for some food that might be in the garbage. They were literally starving to death. As I looked something seemed to say to me, "Only by the grace of God that could have been me or my children." Surely this breaks our hearts as we live in a country of plenty. We are concerned about the needs of their life, physically; but there is a need of Christ in their lives. They need someone to share the message of Christ with them.

Christian friend, we live in a world that cries out to us for help. Someday as we stand before our God to give account of this life, will we be found wanting?

March and April are not only mission months, but are also the months that many of our churches have their spring revivals. Will you join other Christians of our churches in praying that God would really sweep our denomination with an awakening spiritual revival? A revival in which souls are reached for Christ through each of our churches? Let us claim the promise given in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

I hope to hear from you through your church with a gift to missions during these two months.

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

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IN THE MODERN HOME

Everything in the modern home is controlled by switches except the children.
—Evening Tribune.

"Come and Help"

Hark! what mean those lamentations
Rolling sadly through the sky?
'Tis the cry of heathen nations—
"Come and help us or we die!"
Hear the heathen's sad complaining
Christians! hear their pleading cry:
And the love of Christ constraining,
Haste the gospel, ere they die.

—Cawood

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From the island of Ambrym we hear of a beautiful word, the native word of love. Literally translated it means: "The heart keeps calling, calling for me"; and "love of God" in the native Ambrym language is, "the heart callings of God."—
British and Foreign Bible Society.

APPLICATION FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE BUS TRIP TO EXPO '72

DALLAS, TEXAS, JUNE 12-17, 1972

Full Name _____

Preferred Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check and complete one of the following:

_____ College Student: College _____ Classification _____

_____ High School Student: School _____ Grade _____

_____ Other: Identify _____

Home Church _____ Denomination _____

Expenses (Subject to Revision)

Total round trip expenses are estimated to \$225 as follows:

\$ 25—Nonrefundable Application (\$20 if paid by March 1)

55—Room and Board in Dallas

55—Bus Transportation (round trip)

90—Meals and Lodging Enroute (4 nights and 6 days)

\$225—Estimated Total (plus personal spending)

Payment of Expenses

_____ Enclosed is my application fee: \$ _____

_____ I will pay my bus fare by June 1.

_____ I will be prepared to pay the remainder of my expenses at the time of departure.

Agreement

I hereby make application to travel to Expo '72 on a bus chartered by Mount Olive College, and I agree to cheerfully observe all policies and regulations established by the College and Expo '72 both during the trip and while in Dallas.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: How does the Bible define the word Christian?

Answer: As (1) one who believes in Christ. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

(2) As one who through fellowship with Christ receives the adoption of a child of God. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2); "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him" (1 John 5:1).

(3) As one that enters into fellowship and communion with God. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, . . . For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham" (Hebrews 2:11, 16); "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3); "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24).

(4) One who is separated and sanctified. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, . . . To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:1, 7); "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Peter 1:14, 15); "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming

of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

(5) As a soldier. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12); "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:3, 4).

(6) As an heir, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:17); "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29); "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" (Galatians 4:7); "That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:7); "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3, 4).

It was not until the apostles had assembled with the church and taught the members a whole year that they were referred to as Christians. So this might tell us that ere we are qualified to be called of Christ we must at least so acquaint ourselves with the Word of God, obey it, and teach it that we remind the people with whom we come in contact that we have been with Jesus sufficiently to reflect what He was and did while serving in a human body on earth. "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Floyd Smith announces that he is available for full-time pastoral services. Any church desiring his services please contact him by writing Route 3, Selma, North Carolina 27576; or phone Smithfield 934-7209 during the day, or Selma 965-5406 at night.

On February 26, 1972, the Rev. Edgar Benton resigned the pastorate of the Rose Bud Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Wilson, North Carolina, having pastored this church for six years. Mr. Benton announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastorates and revival work. Any church desiring his services may contact him at Route 1, Fremont, North Carolina 27830; or telephone, Fremont 242-5283.

The Rev. Bruce Jones, Route 1, Box 1, Ayden, North Carolina, would like to announce that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work, beginning immediately. This young minister expresses a special interest in young people. Any church desiring his services or interested in contacting him may do so by writing the above address or by telephoning 746-6218.

A Holy Countenance

Mr. R. M. McCheyne was one of those saints, in the last century, whose face was sometimes lit up with such a hallowed expression that souls were saved; so attracted were they to the indescribable beauty of holiness manifested on his countenance.—Gospel Herald.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

STORIES

for our youth



ALMOST LIKE A MIRACLE

HILDA V. RICHARDSON

THRA stood ankle deep at the edge of the river. He passed a large rock to the next boy. They were moving rocks from the river by means of a human chain. The rocks were to be used to build another church. Termites had eaten into the foundation of the first church building, and a strong windstorm would probably blow it down.

The villagers had no money, only strong backs and willing hearts. Thra was helping, not because he was a Christian or believed in God, but because it was something to do. His family still believed in voodoo and feared evil spirits.

One minute Thra was passing a rock from one boy to another. The next minute he was jumping in the shallow water, grabbing his leg and screaming, "It bit me! A snake bit me!"

The others scrambled onto the shore as they pointed at the poisonous snake swimming downstream.

Thra crawled to the shore. His younger brother ran to bring their mother.

His mother soon arrived, accompanied by his father, uncle, and a group of neighbors, all chattering at once. "Take him to the Christian hospital," Thra heard one say.

"The doctors there are the only ones who can save him," said another.

His mother held him on her lap as his father tied a tourniquet around his leg above the punctures made by the snake's fangs. She nodded her head in agreement and said, "Take him to the Christian hospital. Take him anywhere, but just save his life!"

As Thra lay with his eyes closed, he heard the scurry of bare feet as his father, uncle, and neighbors made ready a hammock of poles and branches.

When the hammock was ready, Thra was carefully lifted onto it. His mother wiped his damp face gently with the corner of her cloth skirt, and his father and uncle started to carry Thra to the Christian hospital in the distant Haitian village. It was a long walk. The jogging hurt his leg. He moaned every once in awhile.

His lips were parched and dry. He constantly begged for water. Then he fell into a restless sleep.

It was late in the day when they reached the hospital. By then Thra's head was hot to the touch, and his leg was terribly swollen. His father and uncle were tired and sweat-drenched.

"Nurse! Nurse!" called Thra's father. "My son is very ill. A snake bit him! Bring a doctor!"

The doctor was already on his way. Someone had told him that a very sick patient had arrived.

The doctor bent over the boy, feeling his forehead, then his pulse. Then he touched the swollen leg. "How long ago was he bit by the snake?" he asked.

"This morning," his father replied.

"How long has this tourniquet been on his leg?"

"Since the snake bit him," answered his uncle.

The doctor covered his face with his hand and shook his head. "It should have been released a little every ten minutes or so. His leg is in a very bad condition. I hope we won't have to take it off."

Thra was carefully carried to a high, white bed. He was given shots right away to fight the infection; then a nurse bathed him with cool water. Through it all, Thra still slept.

He was very ill for two days. For the next three days, he knew very little of what went on around him. Then on the sixth day, he opened his eyes and looked around. He saw a kind-faced lady in white bending over him with a bowl and a spoon in her hand. "Have some soup," she said. "It will give you strength."

Thra swallowed a spoonful of soup. He'd never tasted anything so delicious in his life.

He looked around the large room and the other beds, then at the one he was in. The floor seemed so far away. He hung on to the sides of the bed with both hands. "Where am I?"

"In a Christian hospital," was the reply.

"A Christian hospital?" exclaimed Thra. "I don't belong here! I am not a Christian!"

"Oh, yes, you do," said the nurse. "Christian hospitals are for anyone who needs help."

"I see," Thra said thoughtfully. "Tell me what it means to be a Christian."

"A Christian is a follower of Jesus."

"Who is Jesus?" Thra asked.

"God's Son who gave His life for the sins of us all," was the answer.

"Mmmm," pondered Thra, then fell asleep again.

The next time he awoke the doctor was examining his leg.

"Can you feel anything?" He was touching the sole of his foot.

"No," replied Thra. "I can't feel anything."

Each day the doctor came and touched his foot. Each day Thra shook his head. "I can't feel a thing," he said.

Then, almost like a miracle he had feeling in his foot. "I can feel!" he cried. "I can feel my foot!"

"You are a fortunate boy," the doctor said, smiling at him. "We didn't have to take off your leg!"

"Now can I go home?" the boy asked eagerly.

"Not until you have learned to walk," the doctor told him.

"But I know how to walk," insisted Thra.

But he discovered it was another thing to learn how to walk again. Every step was painful and took a great deal of determination. Day after day, he struggled to put one foot in front of the other. Gradually his strength returned.

At last he cried, "Look! I can walk!" He threw his crutches away. When he

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INFORMATION ABOUT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of January, 1972. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing, but totals are shown here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for January, 1972 compared with January, 1971.

| Religious Contributions Received | 1972 | 1971 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 475.71 | \$ 364.55 | \$ 111.16 |
| Blue Ridge Association | 12.66 | 28.02 | (15.36) |
| Cape Fear Conference | 409.74 | 675.16 | (265.42) |
| Central Conference | 1,382.84 | 2,417.90 | (1,035.06) |
| Eastern Conference | 2,464.94 | 3,412.25 | (947.31) |
| Free Dee Association | | 90.33 | (90.33) |
| Edmont Conference | 30.00 | 64.56 | (34.56) |
| Rockfish Conference | 12.60 | | 12.60 |
| Savannah River Association | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Western Conference | 2,610.24 | 2,007.29 | 602.95 |
| Total Religious Contributions | 7,448.73 | 9,060.06 | (1,611.33) |
| Parents and Relatives | 1,269.18 | 346.13 | 923.06 |
| Friends and Others | 155.00 | 1,372.26 | (1,217.26) |
| Anteen Sales | 163.00 | 200.00 | (37.00) |
| Farm Income | 3,109.84 | 3,747.06 | (637.22) |
| McLeod Farm Rent | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 2,045.38 | 1,658.56 | 386.82 |
| Total Other Income | 8,242.40 | 7,324.01 | 918.39 |
| Total Income for Month | \$15,691.13 | \$16,384.07 | \$(692.94) |

The above was received for the following:

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| General Fund | \$14,062.21 | \$16,379.07 | \$(2,316.86) |
| Lesse Woodard Fund | 10.00 | 5.00 | (5.00) |
| McLeod Education Loan Fund | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 |
| Burress Endowment | 52.67 | | 52.67 |
| Church Finance Association | 66.25 | | 66.25 |
| | \$15,691.13 | \$16,384.07 | \$(692.94) |

HONOR ROLL

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| Albemarle Conference | | Oak Grove | 110.00 |
| Union Chapel | \$172.92 | Pearsall's Chapel | 242.32 |
| | | Sarecta | 147.59 |
| Cape Fear Conference | | Western Conference | |
| Shady Grove | \$200.00 | Stoney Creek | \$233.00 |
| Central Conference | | People's Chapel | 195.00 |
| Winterville | \$102.17 | Flood's Chapel | 100.00 |
| Ormondsville | 213.00 | Mt. Zion | 350.00 |
| Black Jack | 290.96 | Pleasant Hill | 100.00 |
| Piney Grove | 130.23 | Sherron Acres | 125.00 |
| Eastern Conference | | Wilson | 850.00 |
| St. Mary's | \$555.00 | Everett's Chapel | 183.58 |
| Deep Run | 615.50 | | |

Why Don't You Hurry?

by Minnie Embree

Why don't you hurry to rescue the lost
Whom Jesus has purchased at infinite
cost?

Their pitiful pleading is wafted to me,
As sinking in sin many millions I see.

Why stand we here idle all through the
long day,

When Jesus has bidden us haste away?
The seasons will come and the seasons
will go,

While the heathen are dying in sickness
and woe.

Why sit here in comfort enjoying our
ease,

When thousands are groping in gloom
and disease?

Rise up in our strength and our God-giv-
en might,

And trim our dim lamps as we take
them the light.

"Why, why don't you hurry?" they're
pleading again;

They beg for relief from their suffering
and pain,

They're calling for me and they're calling
for you

To tell them of Jesus and what they
should do.

O then let us hasten the message to
beard!

There liveth a God who will answer their
prayer;

He sends us to them as they groan in
their woe;

Rise up in His power and hasten to go.

—Gospel Herald.

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If we knew what hearts are aching for
The comforts we might bring,

If we knew what souls are yearning for
the sunshine we could fling,

If we knew what feet are weary walking
pathways roughly laid,

We would quickly hasten forward
stretching forth our hands to aid.

—Selected.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 19



The Redemptive Fellowship

Lesson Text: Acts 4:32-37; Romans 15:1-7

Memory Verse: Romans 15:7

I. INTRODUCTION

Christ died that men might be one in Him. In Christ there is both union and communion. Christ sent the Holy Spirit to get the church started, not for just one race of people, the Jews, but for all men, regardless of race, color, or national origin. In Him all men may find a common faith, a common hope, and a common task: to share Him with all men in redemptive fellowship.

How easy it is for some to feel they have a monopoly on Christ, that their church is for a select few, that their church is only for people of their own race. A story is told of a church official in Capetown, South Africa, who met a Zulu entering the church and demanded, "Don't you know this church is for whites only?" The Zulu replied, "Yes, sir; I was going in only to sweep. I am the janitor." "Well, okay," said the official, "but heaven help you if I catch you praying!"

If the church of the first century A. D. had been as selfish and narrow as many of ours today, we probably would have no church today. True, there were prejudice and narrow sectarianism even in the Early Church, but the lessons of mutual fellowship were taught well by Jesus and His immediate followers. The concern for each other displayed in this church would put our so-called fellowship to shame. The church today that does not have a spirit of fellowship cannot endure the demands of a busy society. It is the spirit of redemptive fellowship that keeps most churches going today.

Our lesson today will help us see what we mean by this and is given in the hope that we will apply its principles to

our own situation.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. To consider our possessions as not our own is to recognize the fact that all things belong to God and that we are but stewards of them (Psalm 24:1; Matthew 25:14-30).

B. The idea of being of one heart and one soul proves that men are under the domination of the Head of the body, Christ (Acts 4:32; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

C. The resurrection proves that Christ was what He said He was and that the things which He said were true (Romans 1:4; John 10:18).

D. Our liberty in Christ is to be limited by the responsibility we have toward weaker brethren in Christ (1 Corinthians 8:1-13).

E. Having the mind of Christ is the answer to the problems of selfishness and contention (Philippians 2:1-8; 4:2; Romans 15:1-3).

F. Christ is the pattern for the believer in every aspect of the Christian life (1 Peter 2:21-25; Romans 15:7; Ephesians 4:32-5:1).—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Some churches seem to experience a constant state of disunity. Every item of business and every Sunday's sermons become the bases for dispute. There is little that binds together people who allow such conditions to persist. Churches afflicted with such misery save few souls, send little or nothing to missionaries, and enlist few laborers for the Lord. A feuding church is more of a detriment than a blessing to the community it is to serve.

Other churches seem to be filled with members who have been able to overcome their animosities, jealousy, and self-interest. They have allowed a more potent force to motivate them and draw them together.

Christ is the one who attracts them. By His supreme example of self-sacrifice and concern for others they are guided.

Their obvious spirit of warm fellowship and service tells the world in a more powerful way that they possess the spirit of the Early Church, of whom it was written, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul."

To achieve such unity, all Christians must put Christ at the center of their lives today!—The Bible Expositor.

B. The devil opposed these believers but they stood up staunchly for Christ and their beliefs. They won out and God's kingdom was advanced. This is just what we need today. This is not a time for weaklings and turncoats in the kingdom of God. This is the time for us to give our best for Christ and His church. While the world is at its worst, we must be sure to give our best.

When Napoleon's army invaded Russia they came to a village where everyone had fled except one man. He was a woodsman, with the handle of his axe stuck in his leather belt. They started to shoot him, but he showed such calmness and courage that the French captain decided to save his life. However, the captain said, "We will mark him; we will brand him for life." They heated a branding iron and stamped the letter "N" on the palm of his hand.

"What does that mean?" asked the man.

"That is the letter 'N,'" he was told. "It stands for Napoleon—you belong now to our Emperor."

This man had always been a loyal Russian and he felt that it was a time to show his loyalty. He took the axe from his belt, put his hand on the block and cut that hand off at the wrist, saying, "That hand may belong to Napoleon, but I am a Russian and if I must die, I will die a Russian."

Oh, may God help us to cut out of our lives everything that is not honoring to Christ! May we stand up before all the world and give to Him the best life that can be lived.—Intermediate Class Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. A boy, getting ready to go to Sunday school, received two nickels from his father—one for the Sunday school offering, one for himself. As he was running along the street, one of the nickels slipped out of his hand and rolled through a grating in the sidewalk. He looked sadly down through the grating at the nickel he couldn't reach, and said, "Well, there goes the Lord's nickel!"

How many of the nickels in your pocket belong to God?—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

NEWS NOTES

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Missouri. He earned his B. S. degree from Oakland City College and did his graduate work at Arkansas State University and Southeastern Baptist Seminary. He entered the ministry in 1954 and pastored churches in Missouri, Arkansas, Indiana, and Michigan before coming to North Carolina in 1969, where he pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church of Rocky Mount from June 1969 until September 1971. He has conducted workshops on evangelism and Sunday school work, and was selected to give a workshop on "Sunday School Evangelism" to National Sunday School Convention in 1967; as well as having had the distinction of pastoring the church selected as the fastest growing Sunday school in Missouri that year. Mr. Crisp is now the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, and director of Free Will Baptist student program at East Carolina University.

The pastor and church membership extend a cordial invitation to all who possibly can to attend these services which will include special music each evening.

Oakland City College President to Speak at First Church, Greenville

On Sunday night, March 12, at 7:30 p. m., the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, will be privileged to have as its guest speaker, Dr. Bernard Andre' Lopusser, president of Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana.

Along with Dr. Lopusser will be a choral group from the college, "The Choralaires," who will provide special music for the service. The Rev. Charles Crisp, pastor of the Greenville church, issues a warm invitation to the public to be present for what promises to be a real religious experience.

Prayer Time Church Reports Real Progress

There is evidence of some real progress being made during the past weeks at the Prayer Time Free Will Baptist Church of Hamlet, North Carolina. The church is experiencing a slow growth in numbers, although recently a few new members have been added. Crystal T. Rogers and Shelie D. Munn were baptized February 27, 1972, and God did bless us in this service. A revival held in February with the Rev. Billy Shephard of Rockingham, North Carolina, as evangelist, resulted in a deeper spiritual life among the members. The pastor, the Rev. Walter Childers, ask that all remember Prayer Time Church in their prayers. This church was organized September, 1970, at 539 Hamlet Avenue, Hamlet, by the pastor and Mrs. Childers and the family of R. V. Skipper.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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looked up, his father was standing in the doorway.

"The Christian God used the doctors and nurses here to do for you what nobody in our village could have done. God has given you back your body, whole!" his father said.

"God has given me a new heart, too, Father," Thra said. "I am now a follower of Jesus."

Thra went home soon after that, carried in a chair that his father and uncle

fashioned with their hands. He went home praising God for saving his life and for giving him a new heart through his belief in Jesus, His Son.

He was just in time to attend the dedication of the new church that the villagers had finished building with stones from the river.

"I didn't get to help very much with the building of the church," Thra said as he walked to the service, "but my place is here, for now I am a Christian."—My Pleasure.

All Blessings in Christ

Every blessing you need is treasured up in Christ. Young or old, rich or poor, may now obtain the blessings of forgiveness, justification, and eternal life "without money and without price," without groans and sighs, "good works," or religious observances. — Alexander Marshall.

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“MISSIONS”--A STEPCHILD

"MISSIONS" - A STEPCHILD?

Cover Photos by Harold M. Lam

A stepchild is a child of one's husband or wife by a former marriage, and by olden standards this child was misused, abused, and accused. A stepchild was worked more, loved less, and made to feel inferior to the "real" children. A stepchild suffered scorn and rebuke often undeserved and meted out in severe measures, until she felt useless to the point that she withdrew, turned bitter, or simply wanted to die.

Let's consider for a moment, "Missions." Is she possibly a stepchild?

"Oh no!" you say. Admittedly, we do speak kind words about her once in awhile. And yes, we also give her hand-me-down clothes or those that we no longer want or consider worthy of our wearing. She isn't a stepchild, though. Really?

We tell others about how needful she is, but we do it insincerely, almost indifferently—unless one of the relatives makes us feel a little ashamed at our apparent disregard for her. But she isn't a stepchild. . .

And, when she gets hungry, we give her a few scraps, but never the full course—and perish the thought of a second helping! And, we place a few pennies in her purse at times, and once in awhile a little silver; but very seldom do we offer her folding money. We just wait for somebody else to do that. But she isn't a stepchild. . .

We could go on and on, couldn't we? Do you perhaps feel just a little ashamed of yourself for the way you've treated "Missions"? You don't? Well consider something else, if you will.

Let's talk about missionaries. Missionaries? What's a missionary?

"Oh, I know what a missionary is; in fact, I know several," you'd say. But, let's not talk about specific ones. Let's talk about them in general and see if you agree with this line of thinking.

Okay, what is a missionary? A missionary is a sacrificer, but one who is too big a person to admit it. A missionary is a soul dedicated to the Lord—a man or a woman with a vision—with a vision of people dying unsaved and entering an everlasting hell without Christ. A missionary is a man or a woman with a vision of love for all humanity and who can't stand to sit around and do nothing about it.

What is a missionary? That same question haunts us again. A missionary is a called-out one who leaves family, home, and many cherished interests and purposes in his heart to spread the Word and depends upon prayers and financial support, but who oftentimes receives only token response from those who say that they care. A missionary is one who cries tears for those groping in darkness, and who under the unction of the Holy Spirit strives to light the path for the stumbling. A missionary cries tears also for those back home who are so content and who often unfeelingly take the many blessings of life as a matter of course and consider those blessings well-deserved and give no special thanks for them.

Just think! What would you do without that nice car you drive? Would you be willing to ride to work on a bicycle so you could sell your car and contribute the profit toward a mission fund? At least one missionary we know is willing to do so.

Just think! Real dedication prompts one to forget self entirely. Real dedication would make one willing to walk a mile to get to a bus stop, to brave the elements and possible physical dangers to get there. We know at least one missionary with this type of dedication.

Questions: Would you trade your nice brick home with its central heating and air conditioning for a small frame dwelling somewhere in the hills? Where are your values? What is important to you—physical or spiritual things? the mundane or the divine? Where are your hopes, your dreams, your ambitions? Are they possibly misplaced?

Are you satisfied to wear a simple dress, last year's suit, or shoes that don't particularly match your outfit? Are you willing to eat a little less yourself and give a little more to those who are starving? Are you willing to tell the unlovely about the lovely One? Are you willing to go for souls and go for the worse? You aren't? Well, don't ever say that you're willing to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He may call you, then! You would certainly be *poor* missionary material!

The next time you buy an unneeded hat or a pair of shoes, consider those who haven't *any*. The next time you just throw some money away, consider where it could be well spent and used for the Lord's work. Ask yourself with me: "Have I treated 'Missions' like a stepchild?" If we have, we all need to hang our heads in shame.

Let's make "Missions" a real child. The only way to do that is to treat her like one—and as Christians, it's our obligation! Don't you think so?



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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

The Reject

by OWEN C. SALWAY

TOM CARLSON was a real puzzle.

The forty jostling, chattering students that were pouring out of the seventh-grade classroom had been trying to unravel the puzzle for the last six months. Tom scrambled to identify his overshoes along with the rest, but he could feel the coldness and indifference of every student projected right at him.

Bill Ashburn slammed Tom against the wall in the pretense of hunting for his footwear.

"Don't bump the preacher, he might break," scoffed Sam Archer.

Tom jerked around instinctively, knocking an algebra book from Ruth Jensen's arm.

"Oh, I'm sorry, Ruth."

He reached deep inside himself for a smile and pasted it on his face as he scooped the book up from among the tangle of legs.

That was another thing the kids couldn't understand—the expression on Tom's face. It didn't necessarily indicate what was going on inside him.

The girl accepted the book without speaking.

"Could we walk home together, Ruth? I'd like to talk to you about something."

Ruth raised her eyes to meet Tom's briefly, but lowered them quickly and left the cloakroom.

He pushed with his well-proportioned one hundred and forty pounds to get on his overshoes and worked his way to the door.

Jeff Brown and Bill Ashburn blocked his way.

Jeff, the heavier of the two, grinned crookedly.

"Too bad you're not invited to the skating party." He spoke loudly enough so that all could hear him. The jumble of noises in the cloakroom ceased.

The fact that there was a skating party and wiener roast out at Mitchell Lake came as no surprise to Tom. There had been whispers around him all afternoon. He knew that everyone in the class had been invited but him.

Tom Carlson waited. Only a few inches separated the boys. His first impulse was to lash out. Every eye in the cloakroom was on him. They were waiting for him to strike the first blow. Not only that, but they were waiting for an outburst of profanity.

The seconds ticked away.

Tom never moved, but a well-controlled smile tugged at the corners of his mouth.

"Don't feel bad," said Tom. "I couldn't have come to the party anyway. There's a young people's social at the church."

A ripple of giggles spread through the room.

Jeff's tongue was still hunting around in his mouth for the right word as Tom brushed past him.

"Good!" He aimed the words at Tom's back. "You're nothing but a wet blanket since you went religious anyway."

"We'll feel sorry for you while we're dancing," laughed Bill.

Tom walked home slowly. Strange, he thought. When I used to dance, drink, and smoke, I was everybody's friend. The freshly fallen snow gave him a clean feeling. It reminded him of the words of a hymn: "Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

It had been two months now since Tom had asked Christ to wash his sins away. He chuckled to himself. It was almost funny to think of the fighting, cursing, rebellious Tom Carlson bowing down to Jesus Christ. He rubbed a gloved hand over his blond, brush-cut hair and turned in at his gate. Out of the corner of his eye he saw Ruth Jensen coming along about a half-block behind him. He knew she'd be there. She was always a half-block ahead of him or a half-block behind for the last two months. He liked Ruth; yet now there was a wedge between them that only Christ could remove.

After he entered his house, he laid his books on the kitchen table beside a tray of hot cookies.

"How was school today, Tom?"

"Oh, all right, I guess, Mom." He let the rich, chocolate cookie melt in his mouth. "I'm not invited to the skating party at Mitchell Lake Friday night. I'm getting used to it now, but I do feel like a sort of reject."

Mrs. Carlson was quiet for a minute. She felt bad that there were no other Christians in Tom's class.

"Well, at least it's wonderful to know that Jesus understands how you feel," she said gently, sliding another tray of cookies into the oven.

"How do you mean?"

"Well, you said you feel like a reject. Jesus was despised and rejected, too, so He knows how you feel."

Tom was still popping cookies into his mouth and contemplating his mother's words when the telephone rang.

"Could you get it, Tom? I've got my hands in the flour again."

Tom couldn't keep the grin from spreading across his face when he returned to the kitchen.

"What's so funny?" asked Mrs. Carlson.

"It seems that I'm going to a skating party after all, not at Mitchell Lake, but pretty close to it."

He poured a glass of milk.

"That was Pastor Greer. We're not having the social at the church. He's renting the rink over in Lakeside, so our youth group is going over there."

"That's wonderful."

"I'm supposed to bring a trumpet solo and give my testimony."

"Oh, you'll do fine," encouraged Mrs. Carlson.

Light snow was falling when five cars filled with young people left the church and started the eight-mile ride to Lakeside. The snow was drifting on the highway outside the city limits, and by the time they reached Lakeside the storm was really in earnest. However, once everyone was on skates, the weather outside was forgotten.

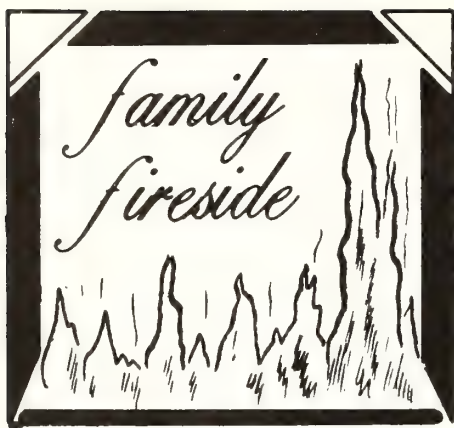
Pastor Greer skated up alongside of Tom.

"Did you say your class was over at Mitchell Lake?" he asked.

"That's right," replied Tom. "They went shortly after school. I kind of wish they'd get snowed in and have to walk home," he added. "They're giving me a rough time at school."

He grabbed the railing and jerked himself to a halt. "I'm sorry. I shouldn't have said that. I guess the Lord has to tame my tongue a bit yet."

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26

"I WILL GO AS A SERVANT"

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:33

Robert Morrison, the noted missionary to China, wrote to his friends in England, asking for an assistant. In response a young man from the country offered himself. After an interview, the members of the board decided that though he was an earnest Christian he was too rough and unpolished and they gave him this decision: "We do not think you fit to be a missionary, but if you would like to go out as a servant to the missionary, we will send you."

After hearing this answer, he said, "Well, sir, if the gentlemen don't think me fit to be a missionary, I will go as a servant. I am willing to be a hewer of wood and a drawer of water or do anything to help the cause of my heavenly Master."

He was sent out as a servant, but he soon became a missionary and turned out to be Dr. Milne, one of the best missionaries that ever went to that country.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

All He asks of us is to love Him. In so doing, we just naturally want others to know about the wonderful love He has for us. Don't we?

MONDAY, MARCH 27

"WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:8

Youth: Too happy to think—time yet.

Manhood: Too busy to think—more gold.

Prime: Too anxious to think—worry.

Declining years: Too aged to think—old hearts harder get.

Dying bed: Too ill to think—weak, suffering alone.

Death: 'Tis too late to think—the spirit has flown.

Eternity: Forever to think—God's mercy past. Into hell I am righteously cast. Forever to weep my doom!

Accept Christ today!

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful that the last line of

the above was added? To know that it is true is even more wonderful. We do know that it is, don't we?

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

HIS REASONS FOR PROHIBITION

Scripture Reading—Esther 1:8

Some years ago in a village of western New York, on election morning, the recognized village toper went to the polls. He asked for a Prohibition ballot, and a liquor seller got him one, supposing a joke was on hand. Folding it as best he could with trembling hands, the bleary-eyed, bloated, ragged, unkempt man went to the ballot box and registered his wish. Then they began to scoff and sneer at the drunkard who had cast his temperance vote. "A pretty temperance voter you are," said one. "Why, if there was a bottle of whiskey yonder there at the top of the Liberty Pole and if you could have the whiskey by climbing it at the risk of your life, you know you'd climb." And then the drunkard straightened himself and answered, "Know it! Oh, yes, I know it. And I know another thing, gentlemen; if the whiskey wasn't there I wouldn't climb."—*Young Canada.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We can identify in some way with this man—we know that we are climbing the ladder of life—however risky. Our goal is worth any risk. We do know this, don't we?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

THE MAN SHE MARRIED

Scripture Reading—Daniel 1:8

A speaker at a temperance meeting told how drink had once caused the downfall of a brave soldier. In the course of the sad story he said: "Sometimes after a debauch the man would be repentant, humble. He would promise his wife to do better. But, alas! the years taught her the barrenness of all such promises. One night when he was getting to be an old man—a prematurely old man, thin-limbed, stoop-shouldered, with red-rimmed eyes—he said to his wife, sadly: 'You're a clever woman, Jenny; a courageous, active, good woman. You should have married a better man than I am, dear.' She looked at him, and thinking of what he had been, she answered in a quiet voice: 'I did, James.'"—*Sunday at Home.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If someone should say these same words to us, what would our answer be? Without a moment's hesitation we know, don't we?

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

WILLING TO WASH WINDOWS

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:8

A neat, rather prepossessing young man applied to John Wanamaker for a job a number of years ago, in Philadelphia, and

when told that there was no job for him said, "I am willing to do anything."

Thinking to get rid of him, Mr. Wanamaker said, "The only job I have is a washing windows." "I will take it," said the young man. He washed those windows as they had never been washed. In time he became the manager of the great store.

When this manager died, after twenty-five years of splendid service, Mr. Wanamaker said, "I am willing to pay as high as one hundred thousand dollars a year for a manager who can fill the place of one I lost."

What the church needs is men and women who are willing to "wash windows for the sake of the kingdom."—*Canadian Churchman.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would we be willing to "do anything for God's sake? What are we doing for God's sake? We do know, don't we? We really doing anything at all?

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

A RADIO PARABLE

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1:17

To modernize the parable of the sower into a form that is not nearly as beautiful we might say: "Behold, a broadcaster speaking forth the words of eternal life. Some, as soon as he began, turned off the radio. Others listened, but when they found that to understand him would require real mental effort, and to apply it to life would require sacrifice, they turned off the radio, or shifted to another wave length. Some kept their radio on until the whole speech was finished, but in the meantime they looked over the evening paper and commented now and then upon the sporting news and the market reports so that at the end they had really no deep understanding of what was said. Others listened intently, meditated on what they had heard, applied it to life, and were transformed."—*Christian Advocate.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we listen to our radios, what categories do we fit into? Are we among the ones who listen, meditate, and apply it to their lives? We do, don't we? If not, we should.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

MAN-CENTERED PREACHING

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:1

A layman who had been long from home on his return made it his business to tell his little girl to church with him regularly so that she might learn the way of Christ. After attending various churches he said that he seldom heard the name of Christ as Saviour proclaimed, and his little girl several times asked him, "When is a preacher going to tell about Jesus?"—*Courtesy Moody Monthly.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Nowadays many churches are proclaiming the name of Jesus Christ.
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CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS



THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report for February, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as follows for the month of February, 1972:

Balance February 1, 1972 \$3,038.73

Receipts

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| Churches | \$584.76 |
| Ague Convention | 200.00 |
| Sunday School Convention | 18.00 |
| Conventions | 52.11 |
| North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention | 53.08 |
| Other Auxiliary | 4.00 |
| Sunday Schools | 58.26 |
| Total Receipts | 1,170.21 |

Total to Account For 4,208.94

Disbursements

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| Operating Expenses | \$191.29 |
| Insurance | 79.70 |
| Interest Paid on Loan | 763.34 |
| Total Disbursements | 1,034.33 |

Balance March 1, 1972 (Checking Account) \$3,174.61

Savings Account 2,287.93

Grand Total \$5,462.54

July 3-8—**Youth Frontier Conference**—(YFA, ages 13 and up)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, 103 James Street, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar; Linwood Smith, codirector.

July 10-15—**Youth Frontier Conference**—(AFC, ages 9-12)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, 103 James Street, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar; the Rev. David C. Hansley, codirector.

July 31—August 5—**Young People's Bible Conference**—the Rev. D. W. Cleve, Route 2, Box 109, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557, registrar.

August 14-19—**Woman's Auxiliary Week**—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 97, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, registrar; Mrs. Dola Dudley, codirector.

August 21-26—**Family Week**—the Rev. N. B. Barrow, director-registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

Please send your registration fee of \$7 to the registrar of your conference.

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Silver for Cragmont!

In a previous article we encouraged each Sunday school, church, and total youth group to send a special offering of \$25 per group or \$75 from each church to Cragmont. This is a special drive in honor of the completion of Cragmont's twenty-fifth year of service to North Carolina Free Will Baptists.

The goal of \$75 from each church, above your usual gifts, is a minimum goal. If you can do more, that's great! The funds from this special drive will be used to help pay off the remaining indebtedness on our new buildings. We urge you to do as much as you can in your church!

Here is a unique plan the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina, used last year to raise money for Cragmont. They are using the same plan this year. The membership was urged and led by its pastor and laymen in leadership positions to contribute thirty pieces of silver each for

Cragmont. They raised over \$1,000 with this plan. Judas betrayed Christ for thirty shekels of silver. We challenge you to try this method and give thirty pieces of silver to the work of God at Cragmont!

We urge you to try this or your own plan. But put forth a concentrated effort so that we will be able to complete the payment on the two new buildings early in this year! When this is completed we will finalize plans and begin construction as soon as is possible on a much needed kitchen and dining hall.

Remember! gifts to Cragmont are an investment in the spiritual lives of individuals. It is also an investment in the spiritual well-being of our entire denomination.

Send all contributions to Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina 27854.

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Cragmont Publicity Director

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CRAGMONT: ROOM AND MEAL RATES

Motel room rates per night: one person, \$4; two people, \$6; three persons, \$7.50; four or more, \$9.

Rooms in other buildings: one person, \$2; two persons, \$4; three persons, \$5; four or more persons, \$6.

Cost for the week in regular encampments is \$37.

Meal rates (for those not enrolled for a full week): breakfast, 65¢; lunch and dinner, 95¢ each.

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Too Late

In this world of hurry, and work, and sudden end,
If a thought comes quick of doing kindness to a friend,
Do it that very minute; don't put it off, don't wait;
What's the use of doing a kindness if you do it a day too late?

—Selected.

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A DIVIDED HEART

Is there a thing beneath the sun
That strives with Thee my heart to share?
O tear it thence, and reign alone,
The spring of every motion there!
Then shall my joyful heart be free,
And find its deep repose in Thee!

—Selected.

Cragmont Camp Schedule

(May 15—October 15, 1972)

June 5-10—**Youth Frontier Conference**—(YFA, ages 13 and up)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, 103 James Street, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar; codirector, Linwood Smith.

June 12-17—**General Youth Conference**—(all ages)—the Rev. Willis Wilson, director; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, registrar.

June 19-23—**Ministers' Conference**—the Rev. David C. Hansley, director.

June 26—July 1—**Christian Cadets' Conference**—(all ages)—the Rev. Raymond Jones, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703, director-registrar.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Gray Branch Church Announces Spring Revival



The Rev. David Charles Hansley of Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker for revival services at the Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, North Carolina, the week of March 27—April 1. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, assisting Mr. Hansley. There will be special music rendered each evening throughout the meeting.

The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend and to be much in prayer for the success of the meeting.

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Rev. Edgar Benton Conducting Watery Branch Revival

Revival services are in progress this week at the Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, North Carolina, with the Rev. Edgar Benton, pastor of Rose Bud church, as the visiting evangelist. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson, assisting Mr. Benton. Services will continue through Saturday evening, March 18, with each one featuring good gospel preaching and special music. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services.

Sandy Plain Church Announces Spring Revival

The Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pink Hill, North Carolina, announces its spring revival for the week of March 20-25. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Wayne King. Services will begin nightly at 7:30 with each service featuring special music. The public is invited to attend all the services you possibly can.

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Friendship Church Revival In Progress

Revival services began Monday evening, March 13, and will continue through Saturday evening, March 18, at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina. Services are beginning nightly at 7:30 with the Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. Each service is full of Bible preaching, gospel

Coming Events . . .

March 18—Eastern District Youth Convention, Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina

March 19 — The New Life Singers, Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina

March 25—Western District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina

March 25—Central Conference Youth Fellowship Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina

March 29—The Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina

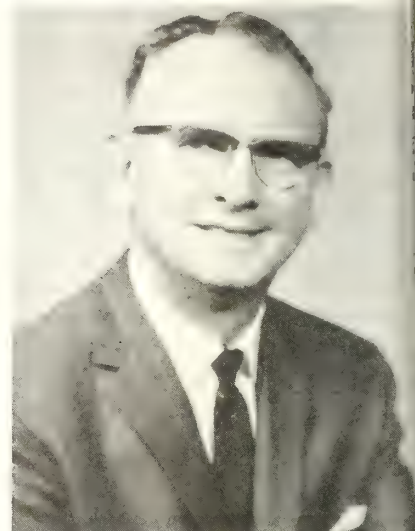
April 12—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

singing, and spiritual fellowship. Everyone is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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Rev. Rivenbark to Conduct Calvary Revival



The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of March 20-25 with the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark of Goldsboro, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. C. Boling, will assist in the service which will begin each evening at 7:30 and each service will feature special music.

Mr. Rivenbark who is now pastoring the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church was the first full-time pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson. His many friends from the church and other areas are especially invited to attend; also the general public is invited.

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Grimsley Church To Observe Revival

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will observe revival services the week of March 20-25. The public is cordially invited to attend this series of meetings which will feature the Rev. Norman Ard as the visiting evangelist. Mr. Ard will be assisted each evening by the pastor, the Rev. L. B. Manning. Special music will be rendered by local and visiting singers. Services will begin at 7:30 p. m.

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Rev. Allman Evangelist For Holly Springs Revival

The Rev. R. W. Allman, pastor of Parker Memorial Free Will Baptist Church (continued on page seven)

General Youth Conference



What is this that the young people over the state of North Carolina are looking into, talking about, and making decisions regarding these days? It's the 1972 General Youth Conference at Cragmont Assembly, Inc. scheduled for the week of June 12-17.

The picture in the upper right shows a group of young people arriving at Cragmont in a former year; and inserted are the pictures of the two people who share the responsibility for promoting and directing the conference for this year. They are the Rev. Willis Wilson, who will be the director of the conference; and the Rev. L. E. Ballard, who as field secretary of the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention serves as general supervisor of conferences sponsored by the convention. He will register applicants for the conference and cooperate with the director in planning the program.

Several have already registered. Last year there were more applications than could be accepted, so the late ones had to be rejected. You are urged to register as early as possible this year. If you wait until the last possible time, you may have to be rejected. To register just send name, full mailing address, and age to Mr. Ballard at 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, and send a \$7 deposit to be applied on the \$37 fee for each one registered.



"We vote YES!"



NEWS NOTES

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Leigh, North Carolina, is the visiting evangelist for revival services in progress this week at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. W. Royster Martin, assisting Mr. Allman. The services will close with the service Saturday evening, March 18. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the remainder of this meeting.

Rock of Zion to Hold Youth Revival

The Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Grantsboro, North Carolina, will hold a weekend youth revival March 17-19, with the services beginning at 7 p. m. nightly. The Young World Singers

will be in charge of the services rendering programs of music and personal testimonies. The Rev. Fred Johnson, pastor, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services. A real spiritual blessing is expected from each service.

Bolings Honored at Surprise Wedding Anniversary Party

A surprise wedding anniversary party was given in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Boling by the combined adult Sunday school members of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, at their monthly meeting, March 6. The party was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jomp.

Following the business session of the meeting, the host and hostess served punch, cake, nuts, cheese and crackers, and pickles to forty people. The Bolings

were presented a gift of china by the group to remember the occasion of their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary. A good time in Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Boling is a member of the Press board of directors.

VARIOUS CHANNELS

The Philippian jailer was converted through fear; Lydia through the emotions; the Ethiopian eunuch through intellectual conviction; Saul of Tarsus through his conscience. The Holy Spirit uses various channels.—F. C. White In Moody Monthly.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

What Explo '72 Can Mean to Mount Olive College

Miss Jean E. Fillingame, Advisor
Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship



It was in early December when Explo '72 was brought to my attention as a National Congress on Student Evangelism which would be held in Dallas, Texas, June 12-17, for the purpose of training high school and college-age students to learn how to witness more effectively for Jesus Christ on their campuses.

My first thought was that it would be wonderful for a couple of students from Mount Olive College to attend this crusade. However, in discussing it with President Raper and after much prayer, we decided to move on faith and charter a bus.

Explo will be a full week of small training groups in the daytime and crusade rallies in the evenings. Beginning on the opening night with the topic, "The Cleansed Life," the week will be climaxed with a music festival in the Cotton Bowl on Saturday morning with a message by the Rev. Billy Graham on Saturday afternoon.

The Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship at the College has decided to spon-

sor this trip. Those who have made application to go to Explo '72 began preparing for it in a more concrete way last week when we met as a group for the purpose of praying to ask God to begin preparing us **now** for the crusade.

This year Mount Olive College has experienced only the beginning of a revival on campus. As it is true with churches who experience revival, this awakening can flourish and fade away or it can continue to grow. It is up to us to keep our lines of communication open with God in order that we may see this and other opportunities which God is making available to us. I am convinced that Explo '72 is one of the strong cables that God has given to us to help keep our spiritual batteries charged.

As advisor to the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship, this year I have seen a deep yearning on the part of many students to know God and to know Him better. I sense among our students an air of expectancy for a deeper Christian growth. We believe God will work with us if we are willing to expect great things to happen on the campus at Mount Olive College and if we are willing for them to begin with us.

We cannot accomplish this tremendous task alone. First, we have to have God's Holy Spirit guiding us; second, we have to be **willing** to yield to His Spirit; and third, we need the help of Free Will Baptists. Mount Olive College needs the prayers of all our people. In my opinion, if we should fail at Mount Olive College with our young people, it would be only because we have failed in prayer. Mount Olive College **needs** your prayers, not only for Explo '72, but for all of its endeavors. God uses **people** to cause His will to be done.

(In addition to being advisor to the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship, Miss Fillingame is secretary to President W. Burkette Raper. She is a 1960 graduate of Mount Olive College and is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vanceboro, North Carolina, where she is teacher of the senior Sunday school class.)

"COLLEGE DAY"

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president Mount Olive College, will be the guest minister in a special "College Day" worship service at Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina on Sunday, March 19.

Dr. Raper will teach Sunday school 10 a.m. before delivering the sermon the eleven o'clock service.

A group of students, known as the "Mount Olive Singers," will be part of the program.

The Rev. Melvin Everington, pastor the Deep Run church, invites all interested persons to attend the service and hear Dr. Raper preach.

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Special Carteret County Dinner

Thomas Smith, admissions officer for Mount Olive College, announced a special dinner, sponsored by the College, for Carteret County, North Carolina, at 7 p.m., March 23. The dinner will be held at Tony's Sanitary Seafood Market Morehead City, North Carolina.

All Free Will Baptist high school juniors and seniors, their parents, and friends are invited to be the guests of Mount Olive College at the dinner.

A group of students from Mount Olive College will provide the entertainment and Mr. Smith will present a slide program on the College.

Again, all those who are planning to attend college are encouraged to attend. Just a few hours of your time could be most vital in making the right college choice, and we hope that you will make every effort to join us and enjoy the fellowship as well as learning about one of the most exciting junior colleges in the nation.

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MOYE LIBRARY GIFT

(February, 1972)

The following is a list of gifts given to the Moye Library, Mount Olive College, for the month of February, 1972. These gifts were given in memory of, in honor of, and just as a gift, and total \$257.50.

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Mrs. Dora Watson by Mr. and Mrs. Rom Mallard, Trenton, North Carolina.

Mr. Floy Watson by Mount Olive College Board of Trustees and Mr. Gary Barefoot, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

In Honor Of

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Huffman by YFA, Cabin church, Beulaville, North Carolina.

Ronnie Edward Little Jr. by North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Jennifer Dawn Wooten by North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

On February 26, 1972, the Rev. Edgar Benton resigned the pastorate of the Rose Bud Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Wilson, North Carolina, having pastored this church for six years. Mr. Benton announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastorates and revival work. Any church desiring his services may contact him at Route 1, Fremont, North Carolina 27830; or telephone, Fremont 242-5283.

The Rev. Bruce Jones, Route 1, Box 1, Ayden, North Carolina, would like to announce that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral work, beginning immediately. This young minister expresses a special interest in young people. Any church desiring his services or interested in contacting him may do so by writing the above address or by telephoning 746-6218.

There's a holy, high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
'Tis the highest form of service,
'Tis the ministry of prayer.

Do you long to see the millions,
Who are perishing today,
Snatched as brands plucked from the
burning?

Do you long, yet seldom pray?
Come and join the intercessors!
Laurels, then, some day you'll wear;
For there is no higher service
Than the ministry of prayer.
—Selected.

Other Gifts

Mount Olive Extension Homemaker's Club, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Patterson, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Directions to Bethany Church

(Where Central Conference Youth Fellowship Will Meet)

The Central Conference Youth Fellowship Convention will meet with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, Saturday, March 25, at 10 a. m. The Bethany church is a white brick church on County Road 1115.

Directions are as follows:

From Snow Hill: Turn left at the first paved road after Scuffleton and keep straight for two and one-half miles. The church will be on the left.

From Ayden: Take N. C. 102 West. After crossing N. C. 11, turn right at the first paved road approximately three miles out of town. At the dead end, turn right again.

From Greenville: Take N. C. 11 to second Winterville exit; turn right on County Road 1115. The church is approximately five miles west of Winterville, North Carolina.

From Farmville: Take U. S. 264 to one mile beyond Ballards' Cross Roads; turn right at C. B. Moore's store and travel approximately five and one-half miles to the first stop sign at Rountree Christian Church. Turn left at the church and Bethany will be located approximately one and one-half miles on the left.

Everyone come!

DIDN'T NEED EXPLAINING

"And how do you explain it?" asked one who had heard an old saint tell of a wonderful answer to prayer. "I don't," she answered simply, "it does not need explaining. I just took the Lord at His Word and He took me at mine."—Sunday School Times.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press
* Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:

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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

THE REJECT

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Then, remembering the storm, the pastor and Tom realized that the group at Mitchell Lake might really need help. They decided to ask Red Foster, the caretaker, to help them.

"I can't go," said Red, "but you can take my tractor. It's right outside. It's got a small snow blade on the front that I used to clear snow off the old open-air rink we had."

Once on the lake road, they had to plow every inch of the way. Finally, the group's bus came into the beam of the tractor's lights, and they saw it was hopelessly stuck in the snow.

"I didn't expect a bus," shouted the pastor in order to be heard over the noise of the tractor.

"It belongs to Jeff's dad," yelled Tom over Mr. Greer's shoulder. "He uses it to take the family on vacation every summer."

They cleared an area in front of the bus, and Tom walked up to the open door.

Jeff Brown sat red-faced behind the wheel. Anger flared in his eyes.

"We've got a chain," yelled Tom above the noise of the engine. "We'll pull you through to Lakeside."

"Oh, go back to your church social," roared Jeff. "We'll get out by ourselves."

"Come on, Jeff," cut in Neil Southern. "You know we're stuck, and we'll be here all night with you sitting at the wheel. Let's hook on to the tractor and get out of here."

Jeff opened his mouth, but the rest of the class shouted him down.

Within fifteen minutes they had the bus dug out and moving toward Lakeside.

"You might as well come in and finish your skating here," called the pastor after they had pulled up in front of the rink. "You can't go home until the snowplow goes through."

The youngsters piled excitedly out of the bus followed by Jeff, who was still grumbling and angry.

"Come on," whispered Bill. "It will be good for a laugh anyway to see what a church party is like."

For the next hour the rafters echoed with laughter and noise.

Afterward they gathered in the waiting area and pooled their lunches. Then the pastor quieted the group.

"We've planned a little program," he said without apology, "and we're very

happy to have Tom's class with us tonight. In fact, this seems to be Tom's night. He's going to play his trumpet and give his testimony."

"Good," scoffed Jeff, "we haven't had a good laugh all day."

It was with a little difficulty that Tom shed those words, but he placed the trumpet to his lips and prayed silently. The class had all heard him play before at dances; that is, up until two months ago. But this was different. There was meaning and purpose in Tom's playing. As he lowered the instrument, the youth group sang enthusiastically, "I have decided to follow Jesus—"

"It's been about two months since I decided to follow Jesus," began Tom nervously, "but they have been the best two months of my life. I—I have a peace in my heart that I didn't have before. I just can't put it into words, but I want to follow Christ and live for Him."

As the pastor opened his Bible to read a few verses, they heard the roar of the snowplow outside on the highway.

"Come on, gang," shouted Jeff. "The road's clear. Let's go where there's some excitement."

Two or three fellows rose to follow him.

"Well, come on," he yelled. "Are you deaf?"

No one spoke.

"J-Jeff," began Ruth, "Tom and Rev. Greer rescued us when we were stuck—I think we could at least wait until their program is over."

Jeff's face reddened.

"Are you crazy or something?" he flared.

"N-no," said Ruth quietly. "I kind had a good time tonight. It-it was, well, different."

"Well, you wait," he shot over his shoulder. "I'd rather sit in the bus and listen to some good music on the radio."

He pushed his way out.

The pastor's talk was simple, almost too simple. He said God was big enough for every person, everyday.

When Tom opened his eyes after the pastor had prayed, he found himself looking into Ruth Jensen's face. There were tears on her cheeks.

"What's the matter, Ruth?"

She sniffed into a facial tissue.

"I—I've been watching you for two months and, well, doing some thinking, too," she began slowly. "You've changed. You seem happy even when we sort of reject you."

Tom waited.

"I—I want to talk to you."

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BLAST OFF

FOR AN

"Out of This World Day"

WITH THE

EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH CONVENTION

AT THE

BRIDGETON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

BRIDGETON, NORTH CAROLINA

MARCH 18, 1972

REGISTRATION: 9:30 A.M.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please point out Scriptures in the New Testament to prove that in Christ's incarnation the Old Testament Scriptures were fulfilled.

Answer: The Old Testament taught that He was to be born of a virgin. Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14.) Compare, "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7); "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 1:18).

His being called Immanuel, as predicted in Isaiah 7:14, was fulfilled in, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 2:23).

Micah points to Bethlehem, Judea, as the birthplace of Christ. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2). Compare, "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered" (Luke 2:4-6); "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem" (Matthew 2:1).

The psalms tell us about great persons to come and adore Him. "The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring

presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts" (Psalm 72:10). Compare, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. . . . And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:1, 2, 8-11). Genesis 49:10 tells of a set time, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Compare and see Luke, Chapter 2.

He was to be the seed or descendant of David, "The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne" (Psalm 132:11). Compare, "Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus" (Acts 13:23); "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh" (Romans 1:3). Also the seed of Isaac, ". . . for in Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Genesis 21:12). Compare, "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from

whence also he received him in a figure" (Hebrews 11:17-19). Also the seed of Abraham, "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee" (Genesis 17:7). Compare, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ" (Galatians 3:16).

He was to be the seed of the woman (Genesis 3:15). Compare, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law" (Galatians 4:4). He was the Son of God, "I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee" (Psalm 2:7). Compare, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David, . . . And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:32, 35).

He was to be called out of Egypt, "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt" (Hosea 11:1). Compare, "And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son" (Matthew 2:15). He was to be preceded by John the Baptist: "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3). Compare, "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" (Matthew 3:1-3). He was to be anointed by the Spirit. "Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows" (Psalm 45:7). Compare, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him" (Matthew 3:16).

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STORIES

for our youth



THE FRIENDLIEST KITE IN TOWN

JOYCE NELMS

H EY, 'Carrot Top! Do you have a lead tail on that kite?"

Jeff had just knelt to inspect the damage done to the fallen kite. When he looked up, his older brother, Tom, was grinning down at him.

"I just made it yesterday," Jeff explained. "It got caught in the apple tree, and I mended it with tape. But this time it looks as if it's really broken," he sighed. The sight of broken sticks and torn paper made Jeff swallow hard. "It looks as if I'm a flop at everything—even flying kites. But most of all, I'm a flop at making friends."

Jeff felt his brother's hand on his shoulder and knew that this time he wasn't teasing. The Dawson family had just moved to Four Corners two weeks ago, and Jeff knew that Tom understood how lonely he felt.

"It isn't always easy making friends in a new town," said Tom. "Sometimes the newcomer has to be the first to smile or say 'hi.' That's the way it was with the bigger boys in my class at school. Today someone said 'hi' back to me, and now I have a new friend. His name is Eddie Thompson, and we're going bike riding this afternoon."

"Have fun!" Jeff tried to smile. Then he gathered up the pieces of kite and walked toward the trash can.

Everyday at school it was the same, he thought. The minute he opened the door, his knees felt like rubber, and his throat tightened up. His mouth was dry, and he sat with his head lowered over his desk.

When it was time to play outside, the

grounds were filled with shouts of happy laughter. But no one asked Jeff to join in, and he couldn't face the sea of strange faces. So he sat on a bench with his back to them and tossed pebbles on the ground.

Lately, Jeff recalled, he had been adding a postscript to his nightly prayers: "Please, God, help me to make new friends." He hoped desperately that his prayers would soon be answered.

The next day as Jeff walked home from school, he saw a crowd gathered in front of Bradley's Hobby Shop. He recognized several boys from his room, including Brian Powers, the class president. The air was buzzing with excited chatter, and Jeff stopped to take a look.

There was a big red-and-white sign in the window. "Kite Contest," it read. "Saturday at Washington Park. Prizes for the best-flying and best-decorated kites."

"I'm going to build a butterfly kite and cover it with red silk," Brian boasted. "My dad has taught me everything about kites."

"How about a dragon kite with bright colors for its tail?" another boy spoke up.

Jeff started to hurry away when Tom caught up with him. "Aren't you going to enter the contest?" he asked.

Jeff shook his head. "I'm not very good with kites," he smiled, making his freckles almost disappear.

"But Jeff," Tom argued, "it might be a way to get acquainted with the other boys. Besides, I know a little about kites, and I could help you," he smiled. "I can explain about using the proper knots and about getting the flying line attached at the right place for good balance."

Jeff's eyebrows raised with surprise. He hadn't known that Tom had so much

knowledge of kite building. "O.K.," Jeff finally agreed.

"Good!" said Tom. "Now let's back to the hobby shop and buy the things we'll need."

The hours flew like minutes that evening as Jeff was busy building the kite in the garage. As Jeff struggled, Tom stood close by, giving him tips on the knots and balance just as he had promised. Soon the frame was finished, and they began the careful task of gluing the paper covering.

"Say, Jeff, how are you going to decorate your kite?" asked Tom as he put the glue back on Dad's workbench.

Jeff sighed and scratched his head. "I guess I'll have to give that a little thought." Jeff found himself wishing that he had a magic wand. Then he would make the kite talk for him and let his classmates know how much he valued their friendship.

The next afternoon the boys took the kite out for a trial flight. The wind caught it just right and sent it sailing aloft. Jeff felt excited for the first time. He surely was fortunate to have a wonderful brother like Tom.

"It's perfect!" exclaimed Jeff. "We've got just the right amount of paper tucked into the tail."

"Right!" Tom called out. "What about the decoration, Jeff?"

"I've been thinking," said Jeff, "and I think I've come up with an idea that might be perfect. But if you don't mind, I'd like to keep it a secret until the contest. I want everyone to be surprised."

"That's fine," said Tom understandingly.

Saturday, a gentle wind was blowing as Jeff reached the top of the hill at the park. He felt his knees quivering at the sight of the crowd and the many sizes and shapes of kites. There were Brian's beautiful red butterfly and the dragon with the multicolored tail. There were airships, box kites, and square kites, too.

Soon the judges called for the junior kites to get their kites into the air. Jeff's heart pounded as he watched his kite bobbing, almost dancing, as it rose into the air.

It was then that everyone saw the decoration for the first time. There was a face drawn on the kite wearing a big, wide smile, and the words, "The Friendliest Kite in Town," were written below the face.

Jeff's rose higher and higher, but Brian's kite rose even higher, and so it was almost a tiny red dot in the sky.

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INFORMATION ABOUT **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

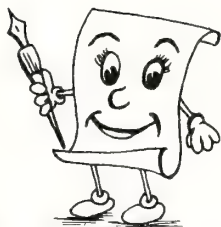
Pleasant Grove Layman's League Children's Home Project

The Layman's League of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina, decided during the last six months of 1971 to sponsor a project to help raise funds for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina. The league sponsored two fish fries at about two month intervals, in the basement of the church. The proceeds from these suppers (along with contributions from individuals) amounted to \$900. This money was used to

purchase a mimeograph machine and an electronic stencil cutter for the Home.

Upon hearing about the "paint-up-fix-up" campaign now in progress at the Children's Home, the league decided to help with this also. They roasted peanuts and sold them for a profit of \$120 which was sent to the home to help with this work.

The president of the Layman's League is Mr. J. E. Hardy, and the pastor of the church is the Rev. Joe E. Gerald.



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Someone writing her own bible said that before the end of time the seasons would run together and there would be no difference between summer and winter.

But all I can find about that is God's promise in Genesis 8:22: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

In Eastern North Carolina we seem to have two seasons: summer and winter. However, this is evidence to me that God's Word is dependable. Even the coldest, most piercing March winds carry a promise of spring. The temperature may be the same as November, but the feeling is different. Things which appeared dead and forgotten suddenly revive.

Jonquils pushed up green stems during

the cold of February, and now their sunshine faces smile everywhere. They are always sure spring is coming and the cold never discourages them. Planted so they would bloom for our daughter's birthday, ours once flowered during a light snow.

Christians endure some cold, bleak times, too. The worse things get, though, the closer God feels. We look up and say, "Lord, what am I going to do?" and He answers, "Why are you worried? I am here, and I'll stay with you."

Friends may leave but the Holy Spirit reminds us that "the Lord forsaketh not His saints." If we must move or change jobs we are fearful. Then He says, "Lo, I am with you alway." Someone we love dies but is not really dead. We feel forlorn until we read, "... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

The spring season is a perpetual sign of the resurrection. The flowers and trees show new life to remind us of life in Christ. He was dead but He arose. As surely as He lives, we shall live again.

Nature seems even more confident of this than we.



By Margo Mangum

You know how proud we, as parents, are when our children are complimented on their behavior, looks, having done a job well, etc., by their superiors. This mother that I have in mind was no exception.

Her daughter had told her repeatedly that her voice teacher assured her that she had real talent—that she had such a haunting voice. This made it a little easier to pay the fee for the young girl's singing lessons.

The actual testing time came, and the school had arranged to have a well-known examiner come and test the students.

The mother waited eagerly for her daughter to come home and hear what this man had to say about her talented one.

"And what did he have to say about that haunting voice?" the mother asked. "I told him that I had been told that and he said, 'Oh yes, my dear, you really do. That number you just sang was a ghost of a resemblance to the original tune.'"

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Laughter is a beautiful symbol of humanity.

NOTE OF THANKS

My mother, Mrs. M. A. Woodard (formerly of Winterville, North Carolina), wishes me to thank her many friends for their prayers, cards, and gifts she has received recently. They have meant much to her.

Mother is now living with me. Her new address is Mrs. M. A. Woodard, 60 Lemon Street, St. Augustine, Florida 32084. At the present she is in the hospital here in St. Augustine. I just hope that she will be able to be released this week. Your continued prayers and cards will help her very much.

Sincerely,
 Rachel Woodard Gorsuch

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MARCH 26



ONE BODY IN CHRIST

Lesson Text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:27

I. INTRODUCTION

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most exciting institution in the world! It has to be because of its nature and content, what it is, and who makes it up. How many other institutions can you think of that have endured for nearly two thousand years? The secret of its endurance, of course, lies in the will of God, for He has said that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

But it has endured also because there is so much that is fresh and exciting about a live, growing, flourishing church. It is made up of all kinds of people with many diversified abilities and talents. Some of these are teachers, preachers, missionaries, healers, pastors, evangelists—all receiving special gifts from the Holy Spirit. Some of these may have a combination of these spiritual gifts, but in most instances there is a specialization of service in the kingdom of God.

All of these persons with their specific spiritual gifts make up the one body in Christ called the church. As members of the physical body, such as the arms, legs, eyes, ears, and the like, make up the body and function in harmony to do the will of the mind, just so the members of the body of Christ should function together to perform the will of the Head, Christ Jesus.

Our lesson today is a fascinating study of this comparison between the parts of the physical body and the body of Christ.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The church is an organism; not an organization.
2. Christ is the Head of the church and should direct all its activities.
3. Three great truths come from the fact that the church is a body:

- a. The members are dependent upon each other.
- b. This should cause the members to have respect for each other.
- c. This should also cause us to sympathize with each other.

B. "All One Body We" (1 Corinthians 12:12, 13)

1. The body is a unit.
2. Yet there is a great diversity among its members.

C. The Members of the Body (1 Corinthians 12:14-24)

1. The body has many members as a church has many members.
2. Each organ of the body has its function as each member of the church has a job to do.
3. The members vary in size and appearance, but the function of all is important.
4. Because each member is important, members should not be jealous of each other.

D. The Unity of the Body (1 Corinthians 12:25-27)

1. If there is not proper coordination among the members of the body it cannot function properly.
2. If the members of a church are not coordinated by the Holy Spirit, the church cannot function properly.
3. The church functions properly only when each member functions in coordination with every other member.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Let us look at the wonderful body God has given us. The arms are most helpful servants. With these one can lift a forkful of food, hold a book, or do many other useful things.

Think about the trunk of the body. The heart and lungs are here, as well as the stomach and other parts of the digestive tract. This body segment allows us to stoop and bend to pick up the baby or pull weeds in the flower bed.

And we can't forget the legs. They're good for standing, walking, running, and kicking. Folded just right they make a lap for holding children.

The head, of course, is vital. It comes in many shapes, and includes eyes, ears, nose, and mouth. It also holds the brain, the control center for the body.

Disjointed as these body members are, they could never function at all. They must be connected. Only when the body is "fitly joined together" can it do its appointed tasks.

So it is with the church. The Apostle Paul made this plain in the Scripture for today's lesson. As all the members of Christ's body work together under His direction the church is able to function efficiently and His will is done.—Stanley and Lesson Commentary.

B. An inner spiritual oneness characterizes the true church of Jesus Christ in spite of all the outward division of the professing church. The body is one because Christ, her Lord and Head, is one and because one Holy Spirit has joined every member of the body together and united everyone to Christ, the living Head of that body.

These are divine realities which exist now. They are not things for which we must strive. Regardless of ethnic background, denominational affiliation, or location, everyone who has accepted Christ as his personal Saviour is a member of the body of Christ. There is an indestructible union of the members with one another and with the Head.

In this ecumenical age in which we live, the importance and need of personal regeneration before one becomes a member of the one body is often omitted. The Bible makes it very clear—no one is a member of the body of Christ who has not been born again. There is a lot of emphasis upon "one body" today. There needs to be more upon the truth that in order for one to become a member of the body he must be "born again."

People are all different—even Christians! These differences often cause division and strife in the body of Christ. Our Scripture lesson for today teaches us how each member needs the other members and how each member is dependent upon the other members for the full realization of his function.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

THE REJECT

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"About what, Ruth?" he asked quiet-

"I want to talk to you and the pastor about Jesus," she said simply. "I want to walk with Christ and—" Even though her lips were trembling, she tried to smile. "I'm kind of tired of walking a f-block behind you, too."

Tom smiled as he guided her over to the pastor.—Gospel Herald.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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a "social gospel" rather than Christ's gospel. A social gospel cannot save, but Christ's can. Let's go where we can hear about Him!

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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It was no surprise when Brian's kite won a trophy for "best flying."

But Jeff's mouth fell open with surprise when the judges announced, "A special medal goes to Jeff Dawson and his friendly kite." He saw Tom wink and smile from the crowd, and then a hand reached out for his.

"Congratulations on that super kite," said Brian. "Some of the guys are coming to my house for hot dogs," he went on. "Won't you come, too? We've been wanting to get to know you better."

"O.K.," Jeff put in quickly. "And thanks. Hot dogs sound great."

Jeff was bursting with happiness as he left the park on that special Saturday, chatting like old friends with Brian and a half dozen other boys. This time he was wearing a smile almost as big as the one on his "friendly kite."—My Treasure.

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Questions & Answers

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His ministry commencing in Galilee: Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by

the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (Isaiah 9:1, 2). Compare, "Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which

sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up" (Matthew 4:12-16).

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No Regret

I have wept in the night
For the shortness of sight,
That to somebody's need made me blind;
But I never have yet
Felt a twinge of regret,
For being a little too kind.

—Christian Herald.

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EXAMINE YOURSELVES: HOW CLOSE ARE YOU TO
GOD TODAY?

DOES GOD LIVE NEXT DOOR?

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Question heard on radio: "Does God seem further away than He used to?" Pause. . .

Another question to startle us into serious thinking: "Well, who do you think moved?"

The answer is obvious.

God never moves, but we do. God is stable, but we are not. God is never wishy-washy, but we are—so much so that it's little wonder that some people haven't real confidence in us when we boast about our relationship to Him.

God never wants to be far from us, but we force Him out of our busy lives. We crowd Him out with secular activities, good causes, this or that drive; and when we do manage to salvage enough time for Him, it's usually accompanied by a sigh, "God help me!" He will help us, to be sure, but such phrases uttered in desperation very seldom accomplish the good we desire. Such phrases uttered insincerely could be akin to taking the Lord's name in vain.

How close are you to God? Close enough to carry on a personal conversation without having to stumble around for the right words? Close enough to meet Him anywhere, anytime, without fear of blushing at your composure at that particular time or having to erase certain thoughts that just drifted by your conscience? Close enough to call Him, "Father"? Close enough to have Him forever by your side—during good times as well as bad times? Again: How close are you to God?

Everyday of our lives we need God close to us. He is not just a bad times' partner. He should be as much a part of our lives when the sun is shining. Storm clouds should not have to threaten before He is beckoned. His Spirit should be with us **continuously**; we should not have to "pray Him up" when we need Him!

It is true, God is just a prayer away—unless we haven't prayed lately. God is ever by our side—unless we have turned our back on Him. God is still holding our hand—unless we have let go of His. God is still guiding us—unless we have strayed from His course.

Where is God? Everywhere, but not **anywhere**. He can't be found in a place that is contrary to His divine nature. He **can** be summoned by the sincere heart, but He does not abide in places of sin; and if we should find ourselves in dire need of Him while in some "dive"—a place not conducive to godliness—it might be a little difficult to find Him.

It is a known fact that God never forces Himself upon us. He yearns for us, certainly; but He will not come into our house unless invited. If we turn the living room over to Him, that's good. It's better still to give Him control of the whole house!

Again: Does God seem further away than He used to? This question probably only applies to the Christian, for it could be said that the non-Christian never has been close to God—except when the Spirit was striving with the lost soul for entrance.

And, some poor souls seem satisfied that God isn't close to them, until some crisis comes along. Then you never saw so much weeping and wailing and praying! God becomes the most wonderful, the most sought-after Source of comfort! He's a fair-weather God too! He doesn't want to be just an "umbrella."

Each step we take is a step nearer the grave. Each step we take should take us closer home and to God; if not, it is obvious that we are moving away from Him. If we move so faraway that we lose sight of Him, it could take more than a lifetime to find Him again. It is a miserable soul indeed who finds himself looking for God and unable to find Him.

Those of us who live close to the Father should not be so content to stay inside. We need to look out our windows at least once in awhile to see whether or not God is still living next door. Those of us who live close to Him should not be content to live close to Him only—we should want to live with Him. To be safe about it all, let's make sure that He moves in with us. He will if we invite Him!



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Why I Am a Writer and Speaker

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The experiences that have triggered my writing and speaking are not the experiences people everywhere have all the time. Episodes and memories of the years I was an active alcoholic and drug addict—have set me writing inspirational articles and speaking to groups of people on the subject of alcoholism and drug addiction.

Just why does a former user write inspirational articles? I don't think anybody who has had this problem would want to write about it. Some people would be too embarrassed and hesitant to get their feelings down on paper. They might get along fine if they stuck to writing technical pieces, but refuse to write in the personal field. The former users prefer to stay in one corner of their world, to live out their lives in stereotyped living.

This is not true in my case. After recovery, from this psychotic episode, in caring for other suffering addicts supported and encouraged my own identity. Accordingly, in the beginning of my new life, I needed many kinds of things, but my supreme need was the ability to care for others.

During those frenzied days, the decision to beg God for help was the most significant decision of my life. Thereafter there was a dramatic breakthrough. The effect of sudden recovery made me want to find an intellectual framework for the strange and wonderful feelings that had come over me. I searched for meanings of this: This search led to my contribution to the writing and speaking field.

My first trouble with drugs occurred after years of uncontrolled drinking. During my young married life, I started using amphetamines in pill form to keep my weight down ("dexies" or pep pills, or diet pills, whatever you wish to

call them). I soon began taking large quantities of amphetamines. In the beginning I was lucid, normally warm. But tolerance built up rapidly; I discovered that I must take more and more pills at shorter and shorter intervals to reach the same "high." By that time I had changed; I had become quiet and clung dependently to my husband. I recall it was about this time that paranoid ideas first entered my mind: fear, suspicion.

"What's that noise?" I'd ask my husband. "I know I heard something. Is somebody out to get me?" I'd shout, "high" on "dexies." For awhile I could recognize that these suspicions were chemical delusions—side effects of the drug. Later the ideas were not so easy to dismiss.

In any event, a new kind of woman, the amphetamine addict, emerged. I often could not tolerate myself; I preferred to be pure and simple. But I kept on taking pep pills, uppers, bennies, purple hearts.

A unique feature of my amphetamine psychosis was compulsive stereotyped behavior that I repeated hour and hour, without boredom. I played the same record over and over for one entire night. I rearranged my bedroom furniture for a day at a time. I counted stars all evening on the patio. While I was busy at this repetitious behavior, I licked my lips and shifted my eyes from side to side. Under small doses of amphetamine, I became hyperactive; with larger doses, I developed this repetitive stereotyped behavior.

Alcohol was another problem: When I withdrew from alcohol I had delirium tremens—frightening hallucinations. I heard nonexistent voices and saw snakes.

After being stoned-faced and silent for about two years, I began discussing my thoughts openly and sharply with a former user, a woman who resided in my immediate neighborhood. She steered me into a group-therapy session at a church. Most of the members were wives of residents in my section of town, and surprisingly, some neighbors. The sessions included special guest speakers from other communities. No one was required to sign anything or make any written commitment to this group. They were addicts who voluntarily wanted to take part in this experiment. The programs varied. The hour-and-a-half meeting was divided between prayer, sharing experiences, study of books, or discussion of someone's personal problems. Once a week it was a regular rap session; the other evening it was a study group or meetings with a speaker.

It was amazing what a difference this made in my life.

I began writing the first day of my "straight" life. I sold three articles in one month. All of these related directly or indirectly to different aspects of my past experiences. There emerged in me a new style of living in which I became warmhearted in my love of Christ. I discovered that Christianity provided the best resource for tackling my problem.

This frankness unsettles some people, I've discovered. "Why," you may ask, "can't you just get your past off your mind and enjoy the splendid life you have found?" I do see the point. Still, I'll exasperate you by admitting that I have no intention of forgetting my past, for if I forget it, I may be doomed to repeat it. I don't want to go back.

First of all, these thoughts about my past occur in only two forms of my writing: the personal experiences and inspirational pieces. The rest of my work is devoted to something different: factual writing. When I'm doing the reportorial, factual writing, I dig and organize solid facts—subduing my personal views about it.

But a fair amount of what's interesting and helpful in this world is not facts, but personal experiences. Since I don't think medicine is any closer to finding an ultimate cure for alcoholism and drug addiction than it has been, I write and speak my belief: total abstinence. And I say, "First provide programs of therapy (continued on page sixteen)



SUNDAY, MARCH 26

TRUTHFUL

Scripture Reading—Psalm 24:4

In the home of a pious farmer there hung the well-known motto: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The motto meant something in that house, for the farmer prayed daily that he and all might truly serve the Lord. The last clause fitted all the house save the oldest son, who persistently refused to accept Christ. One day the father and son were alone in the room where the motto hung. The father said, "My dear Henry, I cannot and will not be a liar any longer. You, who belong to my house, do not want to serve the Lord. Therefore I must add the words 'except Henry.' It hurts me to do it, but I must be true." The thought so impressed the boy that he gave himself to Christ.—*Examiner*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How many of us are liars? If we are, and really do something about it as this man did we might help ourselves and someone else. May we examine our own lives first!

MONDAY, MARCH 27

BE SILENT

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 17:4

It is a great art in the Christian life to learn to be silent. Under oppositions, rebukes, injuries, still be silent. It is better to say nothing than to speak in an excited manner, even if the occasion should seem to justify a degree of anger. By remaining silent the mind is enabled to collect itself and call upon God in secret prayer. And thus you will speak to the honor of your holy profession, as well as to the good of those who have injured you when you speak from God.—*Selected*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Does the above reading make us aware of the many times we should remain silent—and do not? It is a great art—dare we try harder to learn it?

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

EXCEPTIONAL HELP

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 16:11

A gentleman at a summer resort had the

misfortune, while roaming in the woods, to lose a very small part of a very valuable camera. He reported his loss to a lad of sixteen years who was choring there and offered a reward of two dollars for the return of the lost piece. The youth entered his small sleeping apartment, closed the door and prayed to the Lord that he might be successful in his efforts. He was soon away through the "trackless waste." In a short time the camera was once more complete. The owner, surprised and delighted, presented the reward, of which the lad would take but half. Questioned later as to his reason for this he replied, "That man did not know of the help that I had."—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we realize the help we have every-day that we live? Do we thank Him for this help? Without it we could do nothing worthwhile. It is really worth thinking about, isn't it?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

PRECIOUS MEMORIES

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:14

Dwight L. Moody once wrote of his boyhood:

"Dad died when Mother was forty-one. What a struggle she had with us; six besides myself, and then the twins were born after Father's death. Only three books in the place, and yet they were enough—the family Bible, the catechism, and a book of family devotions. How the spruce log fire sparkled as we sat on the mat on the cold Sunday nights when church was impossible. I can hear Mother now, solemnly adjuring us to walk in the ways of God, as she read from the big Bible to us. After Father died, Mother wept herself to sleep every night, sister said, and yet we younger ones who slept soundly in our blissful innocence, knew it not. She was always cheerful to us. Brave old Mum! Her motto was, 'Give others the sunshine, tell Jesus the rest.'"—*Christianity Today*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Reading the above makes one ashamed of the petty griefs and complaints that he indulges in, doesn't it? Maybe we could use her motto. Are there any among us who would benefit?

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

WHEN DEATH MUST YIELD

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 25:8

A radio preacher, speaking recently of God's resurrection power, spoke this word of comfort: "You may be taken to the Potter's Field. But never fear; if you are a saint of God, the trumpet will locate you." And it will not be a long, difficult hunt for God, for "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we (who are living when the Lord comes) shall be changed." Thank God for the locating trumpet! Better still, thank God for the Lord who seeks

and saves that which is lost, even the bodies of those whose souls have been lost.—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Will we ever cease to be amazed at truth in the above? It will not matter where we are, where we are; He will find us. How wonderful!

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

AN EASTER POEM

Scripture Reading—Daniel 12:2

Should saints fear death since Christ has And took away its sting and woes,
And broke its sway and power?
Can death bear off on pinioned wing,
The spirit of the saints will sing?
Or, can it knowledge take away,
And leave them in oblivion's sway
For e'en one passing hour?
Nay, death can only open the door
That points the way to heaven's shore,
To glory and to power.

But, o'er our bodies which decay
Does death hold unremittent sway
Forever and forever?
Nay, disembodied though we be,
Our bodies shall from dust be free;
The sun goes down to rise again,
The parched ground revives with rain,
And shall we rise, no never?
Lo, Jesus rose, we too shall rise
And raptured mount the vaulted skies
Where naught from Him shall sever.
—R. E. Neighbour, D.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To some of us, death is something do not want to think about. Maybe should think about it more—it would make us fear it less. It should, if we are ready to meet it.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

WHAT WAS IT THAT SET US FREE?

Scripture Reading—Acts 17:17

If you lay imprisoned in some great distress, and one who loved you went forth to try to rescue you, and fell and died fighting, you would cherish the memory of your friend's valiant effort on your behalf, you would still remain in chains, undelivered. So it would have been with them whom Christ came to save if He had risen; those for whom He gave His life would have been undelivered. But Christ has conquered death and holds in His hands the keys of the grave.—*Dr. J. R. Miller*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To know that Christ has conquered death and has freely given to us everlasting life is truly wonderful. Do we deserve it?

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(Please Note: Last week's "Family Fireside" carried the wrong dates. The date should have been March 19-25. We apologize for this error.—Editor.)

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The First Twenty-One Days

Those of us who are Christians naturally assume that everyone has a warm heart in their heart for children. Along the way we are horrified to find out that not all the world's children are fortunate enough to have parents who are Christians. A visit to the Children's Home will bring this distressing reality to the forefront of one's mind most forcibly. Some of our children have families and some are close to their families, while others have only a distant relative or no relatives at all. Some of you in our churches provide a relationship for these lonely children and this is most rewarding to the child. They look forward with great anticipation to your visit and to the weekend they can spend with you. We encourage all our people to visit the Home and become something "special" to one or several of our children.

We look back now to our first twenty-one days at the Home. In His unique wisdom, God led us to the Home. The events that finally led us to the Home are nothing short of a miracle. How we are here, and we know that, was God's doing; however this is not as important as "why" we are here.

We believe we are at the Children's Home as Queen Ester said, "For a time such as this." What kind of time is this? First it was a time of great need for the Home and it was a time for us to yield to God's divine will. There is no question in our mind that God led the administration of the Home to call us and that we were in His will to respond.

Another reason we believe that this is a special time is that this is a special day. It is special in that this day and everyday God has called Free Will Baptists to respond to the homeless child as he responded so long ago.

We always wonder if we are capable of doing what God has called us individually and collectively as a denomina-

tion to do. Jesus would respond to this question, "My grace is sufficient for thee, a cup of cold water, a crust of bread, a loving embrace, just open your heart and I will empower you to meet the need" (N.T.). If you believe this, and I do, then a little faith, even the size of a grain of mustard seed, will cause you to take on a mountain size task and conquer it in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We face the mountain, with God's help, we'll scale its heights.

Our first twenty-one days have been happy ones and we are certain the remainder will be as happy also.

We are thankful that God has called us to this most rewarding phase of His kingdom's work. Please pray for us and for the Home. Pray that His will can be done in and through us as individuals and through Free Will Baptists as a whole.

J. Stewart Humphrey
Director of Campus Life
Free Will Baptist Children's Home

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Founders' Day

We will celebrate our 52nd anniversary on Founders' Day, May 20, 1972. We urge all Free Will Baptists and our friends everywhere to plan now to attend to make this the biggest event ever on our campus. Featured speaker for the day will be the Rev. C. F. Bowen, president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Watch "The Free Will Baptist" for more information about the day's activities. A special offering for the Home will be taken as a part of the worship service.

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Home Receives Duke Endowment Grant

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant from the Duke Endowment in the amount of \$9,146.20. This grant repre-

sents the Home's share of Duke's annual distribution of its funds. The allocation is less than in years past due to a change in Duke's policy of distribution. In years gone by, the endowment has used the number of orphans and half orphans in the institution's care to determine the amount of the grant, based on so much per day per child. This year's grant represents a percentage of that which the Home actually spends for child care. That spent for farm operation, for example, is not included.

In addition to child-caring institutions, Duke also assists hospitals and other health-care facilities. The Free Will Baptist Children's Home is most grateful to the Duke Endowment for this financial assistance.

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Additional Honor Roll Entries

Sometime ago the Children's Home published a Thanksgiving Honor Roll of those churches and/or organizations that gave at least \$1 per member during the month of November, 1971. It has been called to our attention that the following groups were overlooked.

Dilda's Grove Church
Dilda's Grove Sunday School
Dilda's Grove Woman's Auxiliary
Otter's Creek Church
Pleasant Grove Sunday School (Erwin)

We offer our sincere apology for these errors. Any others who were missed are urged to contact the superintendent. In the meantime, we express our sincere appreciation to everyone for your wonderful support.

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May Is Children's Home Month

The month of May has been designated as "Children's Home Month" and Mother's Day, May 14, 1972, as "Children's Home Day" in our churches by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. We urge each church and other organization to give at least \$1 per member as a "Special Love Offering" to the Home during the month of May. An honor roll of all organizations who send this amount during the month will be published in "The Free Will Baptist." Please start making plans now for your church, Sunday school, woman's auxiliary, or other church auxiliary to be included in this honor roll.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

First Church, Wilson Announces Revival



Revival services will begin Sunday night, April 2, and continue through Friday night, April 7, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. Services each evening will begin at 7:30.

The evangelist for the revival will be the Rev. Vance Link, pastor of Community Free Will Baptist Church of Weldon, North Carolina; assisted by the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen.

Mr. Link received his training at Campbell College, Buies Creek, North Carolina, and Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina. He was ordained in November, 1962, and has been pastor of the Weldon church since 1963, having first served for a time at Dawson's Grove church near Enfield, North Carolina.

Old-time preaching, personal testimonies, and good gospel singing will be enjoyed during the revival. All are invited to hear this young man in what is believed will be a great meeting in the Lord.

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Durham Church Was Host To Piedmont Youth Fellowship

The Piedmont District Youth Fellowship was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, on Saturday, March 11. The attendance and

participation of the churches of the districts were greater than at any other meeting since the Durham church has been in the Piedmont District.

Mrs. Marlene Everett, the youth director of the General Conference, and Mrs. David Hansley, the youth director of the North Carolina State Fellowship, were special guests.

Churches participating included the Friendly Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Greensboro, the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church of Rockingham, the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church of Kannapolis, and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham.

Special music was rendered by a youth group from the Mt. Olive church in Kannapolis and the teen-age quartet of the First church in Durham.

The Sword Drill winner for the AFC group was a young lady representing the Mt. Olive church of Kannapolis.

The Sword Drill winner for the YFA group was a young lady representing the East Rockingham church in Rockingham.

During the services, the run-off of the Mark Quiz for the district was held. Mrs. Everett demonstrated how the boards and lights would be used at the General

Coming Events . . .

March 25—Western District Youth Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina

March 25—Central Conference Youth Fellowship Convention, Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina

March 29—The Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina

April 12—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

Conference. There were four teams competing with the winners being the First church of Durham.

Mrs. Hansley talked to the youth about the Cragmont and the Youth Convention for the state to be held in April. She urged the Piedmont District to be in good representation at that time. The Piedmont District colors for the State Youth Convention will be purple.

Mrs. O. B. Jones of Durham is the youth director of the Piedmont District.

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Johnnie Bullman to Conduct Cabin Spring Revival



The Rev. Johnnie Bullman, pastor of Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for a series of revival services that will be held March 26-30 at the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church near Beulaville, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Mr. Bullman will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and pray for their success.

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Wayne King to Conduct Hillsberry Revival

The Rev. Wayne King, pastor of Sand Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Pink Hill, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker for revival services at the Hillsberry Original Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina, April 3-7. The services will begin nightly at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Parker, assisting.

Mr. King is a young man of God who can bring God's Word in a most soul-stirring manner.

The pastor and the congregation extend to everyone a warm invitation to worship with them during this meeting and to be much in prayer for its success.

Pleasant Hill Revival Easter Sunrise Service



The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located on North Carolina Highway 43, near Calico Cross Roads in Pitt County, announces revival services for the week of April 3-8. The Rev. C. L. Patrick, a former pastor, will be the visiting speaker, and services will begin each evening at 7:45. The pastor, the Rev. H. Willis, will assist Mr. Patrick, and states that Thursday evening, April 4, will be old-fashioned night and the church is really going out for this. Along with special music each night, each night will be emphasized as follows: Monday, pick a pew night; Tuesday, turn your heart night; Wednesday, twin night; Thursday, old-fashioned night; Friday, family night; and Saturday, youth night. On Sunday, April 2, beginning at 6 a.m., the Pleasant Hill church will conduct an Easter sunrise service. Churches in the area that are not having a sunrise service are invited to attend and participate in this service.

Mr. Willis and the church congregation extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend the revival and the sunrise service if you possibly can.

Revival Services Edgewood Church

Revival services will begin Monday night, March 27, at Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church near Crisp, North Carolina, with the Rev. C. F. Bowen of Wilson, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Mr. Bowen will be assisted in the services which begin nightly at 7:30 by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Swade Benson. Special music will be featured during each service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Pre-Easter Services at Shady Grove Church

The Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, announces the following pre-Easter services:

Thursday evening, March 30, the church will observe the Lord's Supper from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Friday evening, March 31, the Fidelis Class of the Shady Grove Sunday School will present a play, "The Challenge of the Cross." The program time will be 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday morning, at 7 a.m., the church will conduct its annual sunrise service with the church choir presenting a cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Saviour." Immediately following this service the annual fellowship breakfast will be held in the church fellowship hall.

The pastor, the Rev. Bobby Bazen, and the church membership invite everyone to attend all of these services.

W. A. Martin Conducting West Clinton Revival

The Rev. W. A. Martin of Route 1, Benson, North Carolina, is the guest evangelist for revival services now in progress at the West Clinton Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina. Services began March 19 and will continue through March 24, beginning each evening at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. Roy T. Clifton, is assisting in the services. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the meeting.

Black Jack Revival In Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina. The services began Sunday evening, March 19, and will continue through Saturday evening, March 25, with the Rev. J. B. Starnes as the visiting evangelist. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Harry Jones Sr., assisting Mr. Starnes. A nursery is being provided for each service. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the remainder of the services.

Rose Hill Church To Have Revival Services

The Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will have revival services beginning Monday night, March 27, and continuing through Saturday night, April 1. Beginning at 7:45 each evening, the services will fea-

ture the Rev. Harry Jones Sr., pastor of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, as guest evangelist. The pastor of Rose Hill, the Rev. N. Dan Beaman of Snow Hill, North Carolina, will assist Mr. Jones.

There will be special music each evening, and the church expects spiritual uplifting and a good time in Christian fellowship. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Robert May to Hold Gum Swamp Revival



The Rev. Robert May, pastor of the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, will serve as guest evangelist for revival services at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Belvoir, North Carolina, the week of March 27-April 1. Services will begin nightly at 7:30, with the church pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, assisting Mr. May. Special music will be featured each service.

The pastor and the church membership issue a cordial invitation to the public to be in attendance.

Spring Hill Church To Have Revival

The Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will have a series of revival meetings beginning Monday, March 27, and continuing through Friday, March 31. Beginning at 7:30 each evening, the services will feature the pastor, the Rev. William L. Dale, as evangelist.

The public is cordially invited to attend what promises to be a series of good services.

Fellowship Revival at Spring Branch Church

The Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, announces a fellowship revival for (continued on page ten)

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College



Shown above is the governing board of Mount Olive College in a recent session in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection Room of Moye Library.

The board meets quarterly (February, May, August, and November) and is charged with the responsibility of determining general policies for the organization, administration, and operation of the College. In addition, the board sets the annual budget, bears responsibility for seeing that funds are secured for the operation of the College, authorizes contracts for new facilities, elects the major administrative officers of the College, authorizes the awarding of degrees, and serves as a final court of appeals on all matters properly referred to it.

Members serve on the board upon being elected by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Standing left to right are officers of the board: Dr. Hervy B. Kornegay Sr., secretary, Mount Olive; Ralph A. Morris, chairman, New Bern; Nathan Garner, vice-chairman, Newport; Miss Jean Fillingame, assistant secretary, Mount Olive.

Seated: Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president, Mount Olive; Mrs. W. P. Kemp Sr.,

Goldsboro; the Rev. C. M. Coats, Smithfield; the Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Richlands; Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Snow Hill; the Honorable David N. Henderson, U. S. Congressman from the North Carolina Third Congressional District, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John A. Winfield, Pinetown; the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., Snow Hill; Robert Bynum, Stantonsburg; Jack J. Dail, Winterville; James B. Hunt Sr., Lucama; Ray Warwick, Newton Grove.

Not present when picture was made: B. E. Bryan, Mount Olive; L. B. Wilson, Newton Grove; Arthur Kennedy, Beula-ville; Robert Whorton, Stonewall; Garland Fulcher, Oriental; and the Rev. Harold Mac Wallace, Durham.

New Member: Sam D. Bundy of Farmville, North Carolina, elected to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Bonner D. Sawyer of Hillsborough.

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HE KNOWS THE WAY

A convert in Africa made this remark, "The trail is hard and tangled, but there is a Man ahead of us." Jesus Christ always goes before us. He is ever in front. He bids us follow. "All the way my Saviour leads."—Christian Endeavor.

WHAT EXPLO MEANS TO ME

Susan Creed, Student
Mount Olive College



Explo is really going to happen! I have prayed for this for so long, and feel sure God wants us there.

One hundred thousand students and laymen are anticipated in Dallas, Texas from June 12-17.

When I realize that I will be a part of the spiritual explosion across America and around the world when we get back to our own hometowns after Explo over, I have a deep warm satisfaction. Since I, myself, am a new Christian, the intensive training will help me to witness to people about Christ.

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can
warm up to its glowing,
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it;
You spread His love to everyone;
You want to pass it on."

—Kurt Kaiser.

You see, I have experienced God's love and my fire is burning, but I want to learn how to pass it on.

When I think of all the new Christian friends that I will make and that we have three months left before we go, then I remember that we have to be patient and keep praying.

We, the students and faculty here at Mount Olive College, ask for your prayers. Pray that Explo will be an inspirational and unforgettable experience for all of us.

Yes, Explo is going to happen, but just like the spark that gets the fire going it has to begin with us.

(Explo '72 will be an International)

dent Conference on Evangelism in
las, Texas, on June 12-17, sponsored
Campus Crusade for Christ Interna-
nal. Plans are being made to charter
us for Mount Olive College students
Free Will Baptist high school stu-
ts and students in other colleges who
h to attend. Persons interested in
aking this bus trip are encouraged to
tact Miss Jean Fillingame, Mount
ve College, Mount Olive, North Caro-
28365, promptly. Miss Fillingame
adviser to the Free Will Baptist Stu-
t Fellowship which is sponsoring this
s. The deadline to receive applica-
s for Explo is March 29, 1972.)

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Mount Olive College Day

aints Delight Free Will Baptist
rch, Craven County, North Carolina,
observe Sunday, March 26, as
ount Olive College Day." President
Burkette Raper will teach a Sunday
ool class at 10 a. m., and bring the
ssage at the 11 a. m. worship ser-
e. The Rev. David Charles Hansley
astor of the church.

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Music Scholarship Auditions at Mount Olive College

Mrs. Viola Hilton, chairman of the De-
partment of Music at Mount Olive Col-
e, announces that Saturday, April 29,
n 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., has been set
le for music scholarship auditions at
college.

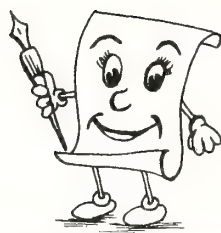
They will be held on the second floor
the main building of the downtown
ampus.

n making the announcement, Mrs.
on said, "We have a number of
olarships available for singing in the
unt Olive College Chorus and/or pri-
e study. In addition to these, we have
ew larger scholarships available for
ers who qualify for the small, select
up known as 'The Mount Olive Sing-

There are also scholarships available
accompanists; the size of the scholar-
o depending on the amount of work
e required of the accompanist.

We feel that we have a sound music
gram in an academic atmosphere
ch places emphasis on the growth

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

"Public Enemy No. 1 Killed in Philip-
pines"

The headline caught my curiosity be-
cause we have a missionary family there.
Had this happened near them?

I visualize the Philippine Islands with
lush tropical growth; exotic birds and
animals; thatched huts built high off the
ground; beautiful girls with long, glow-
ing hair and a flower over the left ear;
meagre villages; and headhunters in its
jungle. This may be partly true. Of the
7,100 islands in the archipelago, 6,640
of them are in less than a mile square.
Only eleven of the islands are large. The
1970 population was about 38,153,000.
Quezon City, the capital, had 545,500;
Manilla, 1,449,000; and Cebu, 332,100.
Villages and grass huts have changed to
large cities and skyscrapers.

Its principal products are rice, coco-
nuts, hemp, sugarcane, corn, and tobac-
co. A leading source of chromite ore, it
also exports gold, silver, copper, timber,
etc. Elementary and secondary educa-
tion is free. The mean temperature is
80 degrees and normal rainfall is 75.5
inches.

In this land of opportunity, why did a
man from a respected, prosperous family
go wrong?

His father was a public official in the
Tagalog district of Luzon. When he was
only 12, he hid and watched some rebels
break into their home, drag his father
out and kill him. This youth could not
understand what his father had done to
cause these men to harm him. His sense

and development of the individual," Mrs.
Hilton concluded.

All those who have aptitude in piano,
organ, and voice and wish to pursue a
music scholarship are requested to con-
tact Mrs. Viola Hilton, Music Depart-
ment, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive,
North Carolina 28365. Full information
is also available on the new two-year
music program at the College.

of security was destroyed in a few
minutes.

Seeking answers where there were
none, he joined an opposing rebel gang
and sought to avenge his father's death.
His crimes became greater and more
violent until he became a big-city gang-
ster, "Public Enemy No. 1."

To me, though, he is a frightened lit-
tle boy, himself on the verge of man-
hood, trying to understand the violence
of men. Had there been a loving mis-
sionary to befriend him, would his life
have been different?

Cities and civilization have changed
the way people live, but they still need
the gospel. Our missionaries want to
tell them of Jesus' love. Support them,
write them, and pray for them. Some
12-year-old boys need their help.

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THANK YOU, GOD

by Margaret Valentine

From the depths of my heart

I want to say:

"Thank you Lord, for letting me
have a part;

In teaching our children day by day.

"Let the professions of my mouth,
Be manifest in the work I do;
Let me keep working and serving,
Until your work on earth is through.

"Let me not be too busy with the world
and my chores

To give up the privilege of working
for my Lord.

When heaven's gates are opened wide,
Let me be ready to go there to abide.

"Let the Lord look at me and say,
'Well done, my faithful servant,
You're welcome today.'

"Dear God, you gave your Son to save
me,

The least I can do is give two weeks
service to thee.

I thank you, God, this day,
For letting me serve in such a
wonderful way."

I'm not a poet as you can see,
But I know what the Lord wants
me to be,

Next year when Bible school time
comes,

Let's work for our Lord—everyone.

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There are 365 "Fear Nots" in the Bi-
ble, or one for everyday of the year.—
Selected.

HELP THEM GO TO EXPLO '72

by C. F. Bowen
President, North Carolina State
Convention

One of the greatest evangelical events will be taking place in Dallas, Texas, the second week in June. This is Explo '72, a conference of high school and college students with laymen and pastors, sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ International. Its honorary chairman is Dr. Billy Graham.

In a recent session of the Executive Committee of the State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina, this matter was discussed and given the committee's endorsement. We recognize this as one of the greatest opportunities our young people and others will have in their lifetime. The executive committee pledged its support of the project by giving assistance to students of Mount Olive College to attend this conference.

More than 100,000 will be in attendance at workshops, lectures, group conferences, and worship services. A mass gathering of over 250,000 is expected on the final night to hear Dr. Graham. This is a **must** for our young people.

You and your church can do three things:

1. Pray for the great event and those traveling to it.

2. Send gifts to Mount Olive College to help other students already there and incoming students to attend. Send your gifts earmarked for Explo '72 to Dr. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College. This should be done as quickly as possible since April 1 is the deadline for security in registrations. This is one of the finest things you can do for our college and its students. Our college will be better for it.

3. Find out if some of your young people would like to go and arrange for them to secure the money needed to make the trip.

Young people in high school and college may go to Dallas on the chartered bus from the college if they will send in their registration quickly. Use the registration blank in the Free Will Baptist paper or write directly to the college for details.

This opportunity may never again come to our young people; help make it a reality.

ON THE MOVE!

Mr. James R. McGhee
Vice-President
State League Convention

It is quite apparent that the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Leagues is on the move, as was witnessed at the annual convention held Saturday, March 11, 1972, at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Pinetown. It was one of the best conventions of recent years, with record attendance and interest shown. Sometime ago the statement was made that the league was "dead." If those who made such a statement had been present Saturday, they would have been forced to admit that the league is very much alive!

Over 200 leaguers of all ages were present. Some had a little difficulty finding the church, and consequently the convention was a bit late getting underway; nevertheless, this did not dampen the enthusiasm or spirit shown by all present.

The convention was saddened by the news of the bereavement of the president, the Rev. Raymond E. Jones, whose father had passed away. In the absence of the president, the previously announced "President's Escort" had been canceled, and the vice-president, Mr. James R. McGhee, presided in his stead.

All ten of the sword drill contestants did exceptionally well, and their knowledge of the Scriptures was an inspiration. The winners of the sword drill will be announced later. Miss Leah McGlohon made an outstanding presentation of "Tic-Tac-Know." This part of the convention was so interesting that time expired before anyone knew it, and it ended all too soon. I am sure we all are looking forward to the next opportunity of playing this game again.

A very moving and touching skit was presented by the Community League of Weldon, North Carolina. The skit was well written by Mrs. Mattie Lou Link, the wife of the pastor, who wrote it especially for the convention. An invitation was given at its conclusion, and several rededicated their lives to Christian service.

Our host, the Free Union League, served a very sumptuous lunch which was truly enjoyed by the convention. Our appreciation is extended to the Free Union church and its members for doing such a fine job of hosting the convention.

The afternoon singspiration was defi-

nately an asset to the convention. Several leagues displayed their talents participating in this event.

Our young people are again urged get their registrations in early for Christian Cadets' Conference to be held this summer at Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina. Registrations should be sent to: the Rev. Raymond E. Jones, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703.

No, the league is definitely not dead but very much alive and on the move. If your church does not have a league, why not join now with those enjoying the many blessings and advantages having a league in their church.

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NEWS NOTES

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the week of March 27-31. The general theme for the revival will be "Following and Fellowshiping with Christ During the Holy Week," and will feature different former pastors as guest speaker each evening. The present pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris, will assist in the service which will begin each evening at 7:00. The speakers are as follows:

Monday evening—the Rev. James Evans, Kinston, North Carolina, who pastored the church 1936-40.

Tuesday evening—the Rev. S. A. Smith, Beulaville, North Carolina, who pastored the church 1949-1952.

Wednesday evening—the Rev. Ed Miller, New Bern, North Carolina, who pastored the church 1958-1962.

Thursday evening—the Rev. A. B. Bryan, Mount Olive, North Carolina, who pastored the church 1952-53.

Friday evening—the Rev. C. H. Overman, Ayden, North Carolina, who pastored the church 1954-58.

Along with good preaching each evening special music will be rendered by the local church and visiting musicians. The public is cordially invited to attend all worship during this pre-Easter week services.

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Joseph Ingram to Conduct Revival at Oak Grove Church

The Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the State Mission Board, will be the guest evangelist for revival services to be held at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Vanceboro, North Carolina, beginning Monday.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please point out Scriptures in the New Testament to prove that in Christ's incarnation the Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled.

(Continued from Last Issue)

The Old Testament predicted His entering into Jerusalem. "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having mercy; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (Zechariah 9:9). Compare, "And when he drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village against you, and straightway ye will find an ass tied, and a colt with loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. And this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, a colt the foal of an ass" (Matthew 21:1-5). Isaiah tells of His poverty: "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2). Compare, "Is not this the carpenter, the Son of Mary, the brother of James, and of Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him" (Mark 6:3). Isaiah also tells of His meekness: "He shall not cry, nor stir up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street" (Isaiah 42:2). Compare, "And when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them" (Matthew 12:15). He was to be tender and compassionate. "He shall feed the flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry

them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:11). Compare, "But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; And charged them that they should not make him known: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory" (Matthew 12:15-20).

His zeal is foretold. "For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me" (Psalm 69:9). Compare, "And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up" (John 2:17). He was to bear reproach. "But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people" (Psalm 22:6). Compare, "For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me" (Romans 15:3). A friend was to betray Him. "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me" (Psalm 41:9). Compare, "I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me" (John 13:18-21). His disciples would forsake Him. "Awake,

O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones" (Zechariah 13:7). Compare, "Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. . . . But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled" (Matthew 26:31, 56). He was to be sold for 30 pieces of silver. "And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver" (Zechariah 11:12). Compare, "And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver" (Matthew 26:15). This price was to be paid for the potter's field. "And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD" (Zechariah 11:13). Compare, "And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in" (Matthew 27:7). He would be numbered with the transgressors. "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bear the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12). Compare, "For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end" (Luke 22:37). He was to intercede for murderers. ". . . and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12). Compare, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us" (Romans 8:34).

His death was predicted. "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12). Compare, "Jesus, when he had

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STORIES

for our youth



LORI LEARNS TO SAY NO

by MATILDA NORDTVEDT

LORI looked over the top of her spelling book at the fifth grade girls in her class. Would they be nice to her and let her play with them even if she was new in school?

The new girl gave a little sigh. It was hard to move around from one place to another and from one aunt to the other. Ever since her mother had died five years ago, she had stayed first with Aunt Sue, then with Aunt Irene, and now with Aunt Melinda. And they all lived in different towns!

Lori shuddered just a little when she remembered the first day with this new aunt. Aunt Melinda was very tall and thin. She wore very tailored suits to her job at the bank but in the evening changed into a flowered duster.

The flowered duster helped a little, but Lori still couldn't feel relaxed around this prim lady. It was not that Aunt Melinda didn't love her—she was as kind as could be—but she was quite stern. Aunt Irene had warned Lori that nobody ever said no to Aunt Melinda.

But then Lori had never disobeyed her other aunts, either. Shy and timid, she tried hard to please. "Yes, Ma'am," she said politely when told to wash the dishes or to let out the cat or to wear her brown sweater to school.

It was while Lori had lived with Aunt Irene that she had become a Christian. Always a little lonely since her mother had died and her father had gone to far-away India, Lori's heart opened at once to the love of Jesus she heard about at Sunday school. Tears filled her eyes

when the teacher told how Jesus had died in her place to take away her sins and to give her a place in God's family.

"Who would like to thank Jesus for dying for him and receive Him as his Saviour and Friend?" asked the teacher.

Lori, shy though she was, put her hand up immediately. She wouldn't have dreamed of saying no to Jesus who loved her that much. Now, sitting in the new school, not yet used to her new aunt, she was very glad that Jesus was with her. No matter where she moved, He wouldn't leave her.

The bell rang. Lori carefully closed her spelling book and put it away neatly in her desk as her aunts had taught her to do. She knew by the rush of the boys and girls to the door that it was recess. She stood up uncertainly. If only some of the girls would be friendly and let her go with them—But they were all pushing eagerly toward the door, paying no attention to her.

At the door, one of the last girls turned. She had forgotten something in her desk. As she came back she noticed Lori standing uncertainly by herself. "Come on," she said with a smile. "Nobody wants to stay in during recess."

Gratefully Lori joined the girls. There were three, Jill, Betty, and Susan. Lori felt especially drawn to Jill, because she was the one who had invited her to join them. Lori ate lunch with her new friends, too. Afterward they walked around the schoolyard and talked.

Jill was definitely the leader. Whatever she decided, the others agreed to, especially Lori. She wasn't used to disagreeing with anyone, least of all a girl like Jill who had come to her rescue the first day of school.

Everything went along fine for the first few days. Then Lori began to feel uncomfortable around Jill. The day they had a substitute teacher, Jill suggested

that they all exchange desks to get confused. Lori didn't dare say no.

It was funny when the teacher looked right at Jill and called her Lori, not catching on when the children snickered but it wasn't very funny when the teacher wrote down a zero after Lori's name in the gradebook because she didn't know the right answer.

Jill thought of more and more dangerous things. One noon she suggested the girls skip music class. She said Mr. Gaynor was so absent-minded he'd never miss them. They could go down to the girls' rest room and talk.

Lori didn't like the idea at all. She didn't mind music class, even if the teacher was rather strange. What if they got caught? What would her aunt say? And even if the teacher never found out, Jesus would know.

But how could she say no to Jill? Everybody always did what Jill said, especially Lori, who loved to please. What about pleasing Jesus? He certainly wouldn't want her to skip a class or school.

Lori's heart began to pound. She must say no to Jill's suggestion. Her voice sounded high and strained when she finally got the courage to speak. "I don't want to, Jill."

Jill was surprised. She hadn't expected meek little Lori to object.

"I don't either," added Betty quickly. "Neither do I," put in Susan.

Jill was speechless.

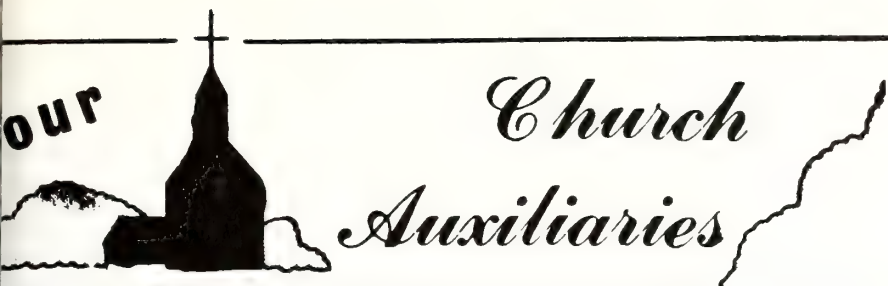
"Oh, all right," she finally managed with a toss of her head, "but I hate the old music class."

Lori's heartbeat gradually returned to normal as she sat by Betty in the music room. Mr. Gaynor announced that they would start practicing for the Christmas program. He would assign the special parts today. Lori, Betty, and three other fifth grade girls were to stand at the door of the auditorium and sing an echo in one of the songs. Lori tingled with excitement. Then she had a sickening thought. What if they had skipped music class? Oh, how glad she was that she had said no!

Going out of the music room, Betty whispered to her, "I'm glad you had the courage to say no to Jill. I don't like all the things she suggests, either. From now on, let's do what we want to do and what we know is right."

Back in her desk and busy with her arithmetic, Lori heaved a happy sigh. She had learned a valuable lesson today.

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Central Woman's Auxiliary Convention Tarboro Church

The Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina, Wednesday, March 29. The theme for the convention will be "Ye are God's Witnesses," with Scripture taken from Luke 24:47, 48: "... repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 9:00—Registration
- 9:00—Hymn, "Have Faith in God"
- Devotions, Mrs. Frances Carraway
- 9:05—Welcome, Mrs. Lillie Case
- Response, Mrs. Ruth White
- 9:10—President's Message, Mrs. A. B. Chandler
- Recognition Time
- Business Period
- Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- Report from Free Will Baptist Press, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
- Report from the Children's Home, Mrs. N. B. Barrow
- Worship Offering
- Congregational Song, "Send the Light"
- Presentation of Declamation Winner, Mrs. Bill Taylor
- Special Music, Tarboro Church
- 10:00—Morning Message, Mrs. Carl Dudley
- Benediction

Afternoon Session

- 5:00—Hymn, "My Saviour's Love"
- Prayer
- Presentation of Essay Winner, Mrs. Bill Taylor
- Report from Mount Olive College
- Report from ECU Fellowship
- Report from Cragmont Assembly
- Presentation of Life Membership Award
- Business Period

2:45—Adjournment

Serving as pianist and organist respectively will be Mrs. Joyce Hathaway and Mrs. Raymond Sasser. Music director will be Mrs. Vance Link.

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Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, will host the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Thursday, March 23. The theme will be "The Way of Love." The theme Scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Serving as music director for the convention will be Mrs. Carol Prescott with Mrs. Jane Johnson as pianist. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn No. 10, "Love Divine"
- Devotions, Mrs. Thomas Holt
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Dan Sawyer
- Response, Mrs. Dallas Spruill
- Recognition of Officers, Delegates, Visiting Ministers, and the State President, Mrs. Bruce Barrow
- Remarks by District President, Mrs. Fred Register
- 10:30—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Mrs. Ellen Dixon
- Report of Cragmont Assembly
- Report of Camp Vandemere, the Rev. Joe Edwards
- Report of Children's Home, Mrs. Carol Hansley
- Report of Mount Olive College, Miss Jean Fillingame
- 11:20—Hymn No. 57, "Love Lifted Me"
- Offering (For Mount Olive College and the Children's Home)
- 11:25—Announcements
- Appointment of Committees
- 11:30—Special Music, Mrs. Carol Prescott
- Declamation Winner
- Essay Winner

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church near Creswell, North Carolina, is looking for a full-time minister for pastoral services. This church has a parsonage and is a member of the Albemarle Conference. Any minister interested in serving this church please write Mr. Fentress Simmons, P. O. Box 177, Creswell, North Carolina 27928, or phone 797-4448.

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ATTENTION YOUTH!

The Central Conference Youth Convention will meet Saturday, March 25, at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina. The meeting will begin at 10 a. m. There will be an election of officers at this meeting, and declamation and essay contest winners will be announced.

All youth of the area are urged to attend.

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Hymn No. 320, "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
- Prayer
- Woman of the Year Award
- 1:15—Report of Missions, Mrs. Adaline Gray
- Other Reports
- Report of Field Secretary
- Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings
- Presentation of Pin Award
- Secretary's Report, Mrs. Nelson Simpson
- Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Rom Mallard
- Old Business
- New Business
- Appointment of Delegates to Other Conventions
- Hymn No. 295, "He Loves Me"
- Adjournment

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 2



The Church of the Risen Lord

Lesson Text: 1 Corinthians 15:3-19

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 15:57

I. INTRODUCTION

For the past four Sundays we have been studying about the church. Today being Easter Sunday, we go back to the one event which made possible the establishment of the church: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Had this event not occurred we would have had no Sunday school lessons to study. In fact, we would have had no church.

If Easter be not true,
Then faith must mount on broken wing;
Then hope no more immortal spring;
Then love must lose her mighty urge;
Life prove a phantom, death a dirge—
If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true—
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with Him may rise!
Worthwhile the struggle, sure the prize,
Since Easter, aye, is true!

—Henry H. Barstow.
—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The background of 1 Corinthians.
2. An outline of 1 Corinthians 15:
 - a. The resurrection of Jesus — a past event (vv. 1-19).
 - b. The resurrection of the Christian (vv. 20-58), a coming event.
3. Christianity is the only religion that has a living Saviour.

B. The Death of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:3)

1. The importance of Jesus' death.
2. Some theories that He did not die.

C. The Resurrection of Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:4-8)

1. His resurrection was according to Old Testament Scriptures.
2. The appearances after the resurrection.

D. Paul's Personal Testimony (1 Corinthians 15:9-11)

1. Paul's recognition of his past sin.
2. Paul's reliance upon God's grace.
3. Paul's labor for the Lord.

E. The Importance of Christ's Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

1. If Christ were not resurrected, the Christian will have no resurrection.
2. If Christ were not resurrected, our preaching is vain.
3. If Christ is not resurrected, our faith is vain.
4. If Christ is not resurrected, we are false witnesses.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The preacher had offered the final prayer. The graveside ceremony had closed. The grieving family took one last look at the casket, seeing only dimly the banks of flowers on either side. The minister's words of assurance at this parting moment touched responsive hearts, for all of the family knew that their departed loved one had lived a faithful Christian life. They left the graveside and made the short trip home. Only the mound of earth marked the place where the body of their loved one lay.

The shock of parting was relieved by their trust in God. Soon the family began to discuss a fitting marker to place at the head of the grave. Many ideas were suggested. Some of the members of the family offered ideas that fit well with the times, but these were dismissed as bearing sentiments too fleeting and temporal. Some preferred a very simple marker with only the name inscribed. This too was decided against.

"Let's let our bereavement be turned into joy," suggested one member of the family, "and let our loss lead to others' gain."

"What do you mean?" the others asked. The idea was explained and was readily accepted by all. Soon, at the head of the new grave stood a stone inscribed with a message to encourage, challenge, and witness to all who would

behold it in the days and years ahead. Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. Someone has said that "if you get a man lost, you can get him saved." He meant that a man must believe he is lost before the grace of God can help him. As long as a man thinks he can be good enough to behave himself in the kingdom of God and rejects the fact that he is a sinner in need of God's grace, he cannot be saved. When Paul realized that he was a sinner, he cast himself upon the mercy of God and was saved. He never forgot his experience of salvation. He was always aware that he was what he was by the grace of God. We would do well to manifest this kind of humility, admitting to complete dependence upon Him.

Those who reject the resurrection also reject the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible. "The inspiration of the sacred Scriptures," wrote Thomas Boston, "as the very Word of God is manifest in their majesty, their purity, the consent of all their parts, by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to edify and comfort believers, and to build them up in the character that prepares for full salvation." The same power that God exercised in making man is power enough to raise man from the dead. Because Christ was raised, we know that we will be raised, too. Thank God for this glorious truth!—Ray Jones.

C. Two seasons of the year should remind us of the resurrection. In the fall when the leaves fall from the trees we should be reminded that one day our bodies shall fall to the earth and die. Then in the spring when we see new leaves take the place of the fallen dead leaves, we should be reminded that at the resurrection we shall receive new bodies and shall live forever with Christ. Bless God, what a Saviour!—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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HE CAME FOR THE WRONG SPIRIT

"I have come a hundred miles," said a minister, "to get some of Mr. Moody's spirit." "You don't want my spirit," was the reply. "What you want is the Spirit of God."—Young People's Standard.

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"Honesty is the best policy" both in natural things and in spiritual things. Selected.

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as fine to be agreeable and sweet, one couldn't say yes to things that were wrong. Jesus had helped her to do so today, and she knew that He would keep on helping her. She wouldn't be so afraid next time.—Goswami.

Questions & Answers

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again with a loud voice, yielded up his ghost" (Matthew 27:50). Not a bone of his body should be broken. "In one day shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break one thereof" (Exodus 12:46); "He hath all his bones: not one of them shall be broken" (Psalm 34:20). Compare, when they came to Jesus, and saw he was dead already, they brake not his legs: . . . For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken" (John 19:36). He was to be pierced. "And I will pour upon the house of David, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and as one is in bitterness for him, as one is in bitterness for his firstborn" (Zechariah 12:10). Compare, "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. . . . And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced" (John 19:34, 37). He was resurrected. "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" (Psalm 16:10). Compare, "He is not dead, but is risen: remember how he said unto you when he was yet in Galilee. . . . And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. . . . Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to you" (Luke 24:6, 31, 34). He would not. "Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast given gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them" (Psalm 68:18). Compare, "And it came to pass, while he was seated, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:51). He was to sit on the right hand of

God. "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool" (Psalm 110:1); "But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?" (Hebrews 1:13).

NEWS NOTES

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March 27, and continuing through Saturday evening, April 1.

The time of the services is 7:30, with the pastor, the Rev. James E. Howard, assisting Mr. Ingram. The public is cordially invited to attend and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

CONSCIENCE FREE

"I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside of me."—Selected.

THE FATHER'S HANDIWORK

When Dr. Bonnell asked if exploring the uncharted spaces did not give him a feeling of loneliness and insignificance, the astronomer replied very reverently: "No, there is nothing insignificant about man. Wherever I turn this telescope, I can trace my heavenly Father's handiwork."—Selected.

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LAUGH

LINES

By Margo Mangum

The stories I like to tell best are the ones that are told exactly as they happened. Sometimes I exaggerate a bit for emphasis, but I find that the ones I write about as they were leave me feeling better.

These recalls may to you, make me a person lacking one of the finer virtues—modesty. My humble apologies.

I have in mind a little girl of about six—my next door neighbor. She was put on this good earth, I thought at the time, to antagonize me. I was ten years older.

On this particular day, we were at her home dressing from head to toe in our "Sunday best." My hat had not come from the mail-order house—the one to really compliment my outfit, and I was in tears.

The little girl's mother came to my rescue. I tried on one of her older daughter's hats and it really did look nice. Still I hesitated.

Knowingly, the mother looking over at Millie, said, "Now honey, don't tell anyone this hat doesn't belong to Margo. It might make her feel bad. Understand?" The little girl nodded. Dear reader, you do know how it is, don't you?

Well, when we were ready to go—everyone met at this particular house to leave from—there was a lull, just for a moment—enough time for Millie to ask in a loud voice as she looked straight at the top of my head, "How do you like my sister's new pink hat?"

Laughter is one of God's best medicines.

Why I Am a Writer and Speaker

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sessions, everywhere, churches as well as prisons." I've seen these sessions do wonderful things. I feel that churches should try this on a large-scale approach. When we feel that alcoholism and drug abuse is a human problem, not a law enforcement problem, then the picture may look brighter.

During the last eighteen years of my "straight" life I have studied other addicts and former users, volunteers, in many rap sessions. Both drugs and alcohol (and the mixture of the two) had produced psychosis in most of them. From my research and personal experience, it seems safe to say that large doses of amphetamines will produce psychosis. This finding suggested that alcohol and drugs affect the tracts of the brain. Dexedrine and Benzedrine were the primary amphetamines that were notorious then. "Dexies," taken every couple hours, day and night, resulted in psychosis.

The secret in rap sessions was a fellowship so vital that addicts welcome the idea. "How do I join?" they ask. So I studied the lives of these addicts. I studied every situation and event they told about in their lives and I remembered them for lessons and meanings. Then I began to write about these sessions. The secret was to remember these surroundings in such a way that I could recapture thoughts and develop them later.

Sometimes I write narrative articles and I relate true experiences without inhibitions. My writing and speaking are all I have. I have commended them to God.

Now, when I find markets for my work in religious magazines, I feel I'm carrying the message of recovery to other alcoholics and drug addicts who have lost their way. There is a sense of fulfillment that comes from knowing that suffering people read and listen to my story. First I, with God's help, solved my problem. And with the "straight" life came an enlightenment, maturity, and a new spiritual awareness. I stumbled, I hesitated, and made many attempts before

I came through as a successful recovering addict.

I find that people with this problem are manifold, both in large and small communities where I speak—in churches and Sunday schools in the southeast part of the country.

You see, then, that my writing and speaking are based on life the way I lived it when I was drinking and taking drugs—and the new way of life I have found. I am a woman who faltered but now see the meaning in events of my past life; I recreate past incidents with feeling for my readers; I tell my story that suffering addicts will listen. I want to make my readers who are suffering from this problem feel something; I want to achieve an emotional response in them and carry the message of recovery to those still suffering, as I once suffered. I keep moving, keep writing. If I stop, I would stagnate. I keep going. In other words, I live through my readers and my audiences. I don't pass up opportunities to help suffering addicts to pass me by. I go where the people and the problems are. When people come to me, I give them time and listen to them.

I have suffered and learned from my experiences now I'm using this experience to help others.

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An aged Scotchman, while dying, was asked what he thought of death, and replied, "It matters little to me whether I live or die. If I die I will be with Jesus, and if I live Jesus will be with me."—A. C. Dixon in *The Bright Side of Death*

Bookstore Hours

- * The Free Will Baptist Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:
- * Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon

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AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1972



SPRING SPEAKS OF THE SAVIOUR



SPRING SPEAKS OF THE SAVIOUR

A tree full of red buds hits you in the face. Last week it had been bare. Daffodils nod back and forth in the breeze. Camellias blush at your touch. A fluffy weeping willow promises more greenery. A big oak lifts its massive arms to the sky and seems to reach higher. A robin cocks his head and hops away and hides among the sprouting day lilies which promise to bloom in the summer. Velvet violets spot the lawn with shades of purple and white.

Clouds sail by across the bluest sky. Gulls swoop down for worms in freshly-plowed ground. Grass springs up green after a heavy rain. The air is fresh and easily breathed. The sun is warming and makes you forget the winter's chill.

Spring is here!

Newness of life!

Newfound joys shared with others!

Mountaintop experiences!

Even tears shed last night seem a little less necessary. Even pain inside has subsided a bit, and living seems a little more important, and dying a little less scary.

Spring is here!

It was here last year too, but this year it's different. Better . . .

Happier . . .

Or sadder . . .

Fuller or emptier for you and for others.

Spring is here! And, Easter is coming!

New clothes. Thirty-pieces-of-silver offerings for church, clutched in grimy little hands, white gloves, and calloused fingers—given for the Master's use and in commemoration of his betrayal and the price for which He was sold.

A picture of the Cross on which He hung and bled and died, for the good, the bad, the rich, the poor.

The empty tomb testifying to His resurrection: "He is not here; He arose as He promised."

Spring speaks eloquently of a risen Saviour, a living God. Scoffing men call it all a myth and chastise you for believing it. Isn't it sad? Yes, and too bad—for them and for those who are swayed by their "learned" discourses. Pseudointellectualism!

The risen Christ is seen in every blade of grass, in every bud on every tree, in every flower that shows its face. The risen Christ is heard in every song sung in Wingdom, in every ripple of every brook, in every bleat of every lamb let out to spring pasture.

The whole world speaks of the risen Christ. Only men try to deny it.

Satan is suppressed a little more in the springtime. He speaks of death, but who can concentrate on death when so much is living and taking on new life and added vigor? Buffet Satan. Give him a crown of thorns. Christ now wears a heavenly crown. Give Satan the lashes, the rebuke, the humiliation. Christ has gone on to glory—and so shall we!

Snow-white bunnies, Easter egg hunts and egg rolls on a big lawn can never adequately represent the observance of Easter. Christ is in Easter, and He should be kept in Easter. He's the reason for it, and we should not have to be reminded of it.

Just look at spring! Even if your timidity prohibits your voicing His name and acclaiming His resurrection, spring does it unashamedly—and gloriously!



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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

An Easter story

by
MAE PARSONS BUSH

As April and the dying breath of winter hung warm and fragrant over the garden. And now it was a calm, quiet afternoon. For some time I sat on the patio drinking coffee and looking at the gentle beauty of this place. The flowering almond was in full blossom, hanging over the patio.

At Easter afternoon I knew I had never met a woman could have. Memories of hours spent with my husband and young children when something special happened—something that emphasized the role of sharing, of being loved, and of helping a living creature for its own sake.

Now I recalled the Easter egg hunt in the woods behind our house, and the memories of that experience are those of humanity and ministering to others—signs of God's purpose for all Christians.

"This is as far as I go," I stated, sinking down against the old tree stump, rubbing my scratched leg with one hand. "The briars are too sharp and there aren't any more eggs hidden in the bushes anyhow."

Bud, who had been several strides ahead of me, trying to keep up with little Frances, had turned around with an indulgent grin.

"Okay, party-pooper," he said, and then called out; "Hey, Frances, Mama says that the Easter bunny didn't hide any more eggs around here." He came back to slouch down beside me on the stump.

Frances came running up, carrying an Easter basket filled with the colored eggs I had hidden the day before. Bud's eyes softened as he looked at this, his youngest, and I knew that to him, she was a beautiful child in her simple blue dress, her long blond hair loose over her shoulders, and the high color of excitement on her pale little face.

There should have been four of us on this Easter egg hunt, but Elizabeth was an embryo of sophistication this Easter, her straight black hair as long as the girls' in high school. Before she had gone to Sunday school she had tied it back with a bright pink bow that matched the healthy glow of her cheeks.

When we started out, she'd put down the comic section of the Sunday paper to look at her father, respectfully. She knew he required discipline other than her own choosing. Bud had been determined that we become not a conventional family, but a family of Christ, that each family member belong to each other in a personal sense; that his daughters become related to one another as sisters in Christ; that our family carry on a personal involvement in life together with each other. We loved each other, and she loved her father for this Christian viewpoint of the family she belonged to.

Now she stood up with her back straight, shoulders erect, head high, "I'm too old to hunt Easter eggs." And then, this child who all her young life had appeared to be friendly to the deepest interests and needs of other children with different cultural backgrounds, offered, "I'll stay here and feed the two white baby rabbits. They are really afraid and alone. They don't understand why they're away from their family. They might run away if everyone went off and left them."

Bud nodded his consent and the three of us went off into the woods. Half an hour later we were sitting in the woods, enjoying the beauty of the Virginia mountainside with the clouds and sky bright overhead and an occasional flight of birds. Everything was peaceful and tranquil as we felt a real belonging together in Christ—a personal sharing of

life which was the heart of our family. Frances kept poking around among the leaves and the underbrush to make sure that she hadn't overlooked any of the brightly-decorated eggs.

As I watched her, I became aware of a soft, whimpering sound coming from behind the old stump on which Bud and I were sitting. I pushed back the brush and saw, huddled and motionless, a small brown dog that looked like a terrier lying on the ground. Her eyes were wary, but she made no attempt to run away.

"Bud, it's a sick dog," I cried, catching his arm, and pointing downward.

"She's been hurt," he said, getting up and going around behind the stump to squat down beside the animal. "Poor thing. She's an old dog too."

"Should you touch her?" I warned, with the natural instinct of wanting to protect my own. "I've heard that even gentle dogs will bite when they're hurt or afraid."

Suddenly, Frances was at her father's side, looking down at the dog with wide eyes. She reached out to touch her, but Bud held her back.

"Wait, Frances, don't touch her yet." With gentle fingers, he examined the small body, trembling now but yielding to his touch. "Looks like she may have been hit by a car and dragged herself into the woods. She may be hurt inside."

As I watched my husband, I remembered that he never failed to help anyone he met; and I knew that in his heart the fact that the suffering creature was a dog made no difference in communicating life and help to where it was needed. He was going to help the suffering dog.

He stood up. Then I knew that the dog would be treated as though it were a person, for my husband's values could only be recognized in the context of the relativities of his ordinary life. Christianity, to him, could not be instituted independently of the processes of all life.

"I'll go down to the house and bring a box to move her. I won't be long," Bud stated.

After he left, I moved closer to the dog. She lay very still, her head on the ground, her brown hair matted here and there with dried blood. Frances crouched close, her hand gently patting the dog's head. The terrier didn't seem to mind; she didn't move or flinch but just whimpered and closed her eyes. It was, in fact, necessary to be reminded in the

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2

A FINE TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN CHRISTIAN HOMES

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:29

"I have not been able to find a single and useful institution which has not been founded by either an intensely religious man or by the son of a praying father or a praying mother. I have made this statement before the Chambers of Commerce of all the largest cities of the country, and have asked them to bring forward a case that is an exception to this rule. Thus far, I have not heard of a single one."—Roger Babson.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Nor will we hear of one. May we make that our prayer thought. May we never find "an exception" to this rule. Prayer works miracles!

MONDAY, APRIL 3

WE NEED GOD

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:5

If we do not have the Spirit of God, it were better to shut the churches, to nail up the doors, to put a black cross on them and say, "God, have mercy on us." If you ministers have not the Spirit of God, you had better not preach and you people had better stay at home.

I think I speak not too strongly when I say that a church in the land without the Spirit of God is rather a curse than a blessing. If you have not the Spirit of God, Christian worker, remember that you stand in somebody else's way; you are as a tree bearing no fruit standing where a fruitful tree might grow.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we go about our daily tasks with the true Christian spirit within us? Let's examine ourselves closely. We do not want to stand in somebody else's way, do we?

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

"A GREAT LONGING"

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 3:13

A consignment of sheep had been sent from Scotland to Australia. The ship contained not only the sheep but a supply of hay for their food. Just before reaching

Australia, the sheep refused to eat. At the same time a dense fog covered the waters and for two days the ship was obliged to stop. The sheep paid no attention to their food and the owner feared that he was about to lose them. Then the fog lifted and before them were the green fields of Australia. The sheep had smelled the succulent pasture in the land not far distant, and it made them lose all appetite for the dried hay.

Aged sheep of God who read these lines, I wonder if it isn't that way with you. The pasturage of this earthly life eventually loses its appeal and in your heart is a great longing for the green fields on the farther shore.—*The United Presbyterian.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we grow older, is it this way with us? May we work toward this, because it seems to fall in with God's plan for us! Do we feel this way? We should!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

WHY THE ANSWER CHANGED

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:7

A minister was passing a certain farm one day, when he noticed a fine rick of hay, just finished and ready for thatching. He said to the farmer who was standing by, "That's a very fine rick of hay. Who made it?" "I did," said the farmer. "I made it." A few weeks later the minister had occasion to pass the farm again. To his astonishment he saw that the rick, through a heavy gale, had capsized and fallen to the ground. He went to the farmer and condoled with him on his misfortune, and again asked, "Who made the rick?" "There were several of us," was the reply. That's it! When things go well, we are apt to say, "I did it"; but when they go wrong, we say, "There were several of us."—*Christian Herald.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have we been eager to receive praise when things go right and ready to "pass the buck" to get out of unpleasant situations? Let us try to accept criticism as well as praise—graciously.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

THINK LITTLE OF YOURSELF

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 11:2

Suffer a fellow pilgrim and fellow laborer, who has known a little of Shechem's trouble and Bethel's joy, to leave you one result of his brief experience. Distrust yourself, your plans, your efforts, and your successes; habitually think little of yourself before God; and above all things, avoid listening to the need of praise which even your fellow Christians will pour into your ears. If you fail in this, better, far better, relinquish the service which is accompanied with apparent external successes, then carry about a soul dwarfed in its affection and communings, and which has exchanged to its immense loss in time, a

low place before God for a high one before men. To the Christian "vox populi" never "vox Dei."—*The Witness* (London)

PRAYER THOUGHT

"Vox populi" (popular sentiment or people's acclaim) is never "vox Dei" (God's claim). Let's try for God's applause rather than that which comes from mankind. Public opinion is important to be sure, God's opinion is more important.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

FORGIVENESS

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 24:17, 2

Forgiveness of those who have wronged us is very difficult but very Christlike.

It was told of Governor Stewart, a former governor of Missouri, that on one occasion he was examining a convict with view to pardoning him. He recognized the man a former mate of a river steamer on which he had served as a cabin boy. The man had been notorious for his cruelty to those at work under him on the boat. In handing him his pardon, the governor said: "I want you to promise that you never again take a stick of wood and drive a sick boy out of his berth on a stormy night, because some day that boy may be governor and you may want him to pardon you for another crime. I was that boy. Here is your pardon!"—*Westminster Telegraph.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How many of us could have done what this man did? What a wonderful Christ this man was! If something comes our way that hurts us, however minute, will we give? God help us to. Suppose something hurts us deeply, will we still be able to forgive?

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

DEATH OF A PRAYER MEETING

Scripture Reading—Romans 8:31

Death was caused by serious neglect on the part of careless Christians, and under the Lord raises it up in answer to the prayers of a few exercised saints, the funeral will take place shortly. The remains will be taken to the judgment bar of God, where He will hold an inquest, having all the facts relative to the wicked neglect of those who forsook the prayer meeting, causing such a sad and untimely death.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Will we be among those who will be before that bar for judgment? Our consciences will guide us. May we be found not guilty! We can heal or kill prayer meetings by our attitude.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

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by

MRS. NORVELL DAWSON

Route 1

Dunn, North Carolina

ICKLY the bright lights of New York City faded behind us as the Jumbo streaked across the dark Atlantic. Then, I could not believe that my dream of going to Israel was becoming reality. A heavy deluge of rain had fallen just prior to our landing in the ancient city of Tel-Aviv; but it was on the road to Askalon that the dream became a reality, as high on a hillside I saw a shepherd tending his sheep. A scene, such as I have never experienced before, surged through my entire being proclaiming, "This is His land!" That thrill never left me during my stay in the tiny, amazing land of Israel. It is impossible to walk the hills of Galilee without experiencing the presence of the Galilean. I felt an awe and reverence as I stood on the Mount of Olives, knowing that I was on the very spot where Christ ascended to His Father and where He will one day return. I felt His agony as I knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane and prayed, "Father, forgive me; for my sins I commend Him to the Cross." As I trudged through the cold, flagstone streets of Old Jerusalem and saw the indifference of the Jews and Arabs, who do not know Him, and do not care to know Him, I shared His loneliness. "He came to his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). The road "up to Jerusalem" was fol-

lowed by the road "down to Jericho"; and it was downhill all the way. As the steep, winding road twisted around huge boulders it was easy to visualize the plight of the man who "... fell among thieves which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead" (Luke 10:30). On the mound of Jericho, where the walls fell flat, I saw before me the most fertile valley I have ever seen. Yet, by simply turning around on the same spot, I saw the most desolate region. High above the rocky mound looms the barren Mount of Temptation, where Jesus met every thrust of Satan victoriously.

The place of the skull is very much the same as it was two thousand years ago. Erosion has taken its toll of the craggy, dome-shaped hill; and it seems that huge, vacant eyes stare at the indifferent crowds passing by. In a light, misty rain I walked in the lovely, natural setting of the garden tomb. I listened as a tiny stream gurgled among the rocks and stood on the rocky wall where a gaping hole indicates clearly, "He is not here: for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:6). Accepting the invitation, I stooped and went inside and was overcome by the simplicity of the crypt hewn out of solid rock. Sunday morning I joined hundreds of other Christians from all over the world on the hill of Golgotha and listened to a young Dutchman preach a dynamic sermon on "City of the Great King." A young lady from South Africa sang and a Christian Arab closed the service with prayer.

At Corinth I shared the frustration of Paul who, seeing the indifference of the wicked Corinthians, declared, "I go to the Gentiles!" Yet, etched deep in the Fountain of Pierenne, I saw the crude shape of a fish, the ancient symbol of Christianity, and I know that Paul's preaching was not in vain. Standing on Mars' Hill, I learned a deeper appreciation for Paul's message to the people of Athens as he declared that the true God is not worshiped with things made with human hands. I know assuredly that he was preaching against the pagan idols and temples on the Acropolis that rises two hundred and forty feet above the city.

The Jews are doing a marvelous job of reclaiming the land of Israel. "The fig tree is budding" and though they do not know it, the King is coming soon. In spite of their indifference, from the thirteen hundred feet below sealevel at the Dead Sea to the top of snow-capped

Easter Takes the Sting Out of Death

Too many Christians suffer from the fear of death, though we are sure they do not fear as others do. But the flesh is weak and we shrink from death. The cure for this is to be found in a fuller confidence in our Heavenly Father and in the assurance of immortality.

The late Ian Maclaren told of a dear old Scotch lady who wanted badly to go to the City of Edinburgh. But for years she could not be persuaded to take the railway journey, because of her great dread of the tunnel through which she would have to pass. One day, however, circumstances arose which compelled her to take the train for Edinburgh. But before the dreaded tunnel was actually reached the old lady, worn out with excitement, dropped peacefully off to sleep, and when she woke the tunnel had been passed.

The resurrection hope allays the fears of God's people when they enter the valley of the shadow of death.—H., in Full Gospel and Rescue Journal.

Mount Hermon, the entire land vibrates with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep your eyes on Israel. Truly, it is "His land!"

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The Walk of Faith

I cannot see the way I go;
I go not knowing why;
But this I know, each step is set
By Him who is Most High;
And so I gladly tread His path,
Nor fear whate'er betide,
Assured that when I win His smile,
I shall be satisfied.

—Sue M. Voorhees.

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If Jesus Christ is a man,
And only a man, I say
That of all mankind I will cleave to Him
And to Him I will cleave away.
But if Jesus Christ is a God,
And the only God, I swear
I will follow Him through heaven and
hell,
The earth, the sea, and the air.

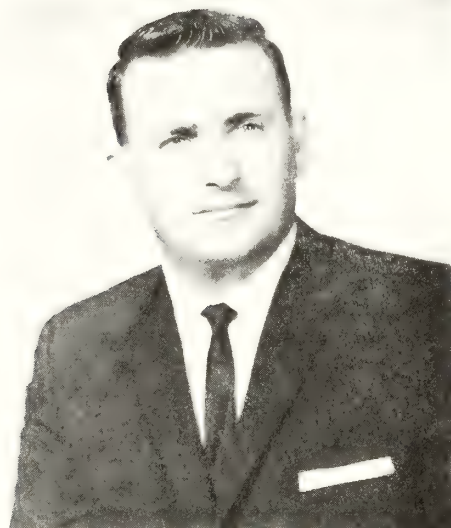
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No man ever repented of being a Christian on his deathbed.—Hannah More.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Revival Services at Pleasant Grove Church



Revival has already been experienced at Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, North Carolina. Over the past several weeks many have rededicated their lives and a good number have received the Lord Jesus for the first time. In order that maximum participation is afforded to all church members and the community, revival services are scheduled for the week of April 9-15. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Bobby Jones, pastor of Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Middlesex, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Charles N. Parrish. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

Kenly Church Announces Revival

The Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of April 3-8. The Rev. Earl H. Glenn will be the guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor of the Kenly church, the Rev. James V. Joyner.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p. m. and will feature special music each night. The public is cordially invited to attend and to pray for this series of spirit-filled services.

Revival to Be Held At Tees Chapel

Revival services at Tees Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, seven miles east of Smithfield, North Carolina, on Brogden Road, will begin April 3 and will continue through April 7. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with the Rev. Francis Garner, pastor of Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Dunn, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Various groups from the local church and nearby churches will render special music throughout the week.

The church members join their pastor in extending a cordial invitation to all friends to be in attendance for these services.

Rock Springs Announces Revival, April 2-8

The Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, one mile west of Bailey, North Carolina, announces spring revival the week of April 2-8 with the Rev. Royster Martin as the visiting evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:45. Special music will be rendered each night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Fremont Church Experiencing Revival Fires

The Fremont, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church has been experiencing revival fires since Christmas. Under the

Coming Events . . .

April 5—Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Nashville, North Carolina

April 12—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

preaching of the pastor, the Rev. B. Shook, someone accepts the Lord as Saviour in almost every service. There is a spirit of love existing among members that can almost be felt. Boyd is a man of God who is being by the Spirit to lead the church to great awakening of the Lord. He preaches the Word with power and love. The church membership feels very fortunate to have such a man of God for their leader.

On March 26 the spring revival began at the Fremont church with the Rev. Dewey C. Boling of Clayton, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. The services are beginning each evening at 7 and will continue through Friday evening, March 31. The church is looking for great things to happen during the meeting. Along with good preaching, special music is being rendered each evening.

The pastor and the church membership invite everyone to attend the remainder of these services and get a taste of the Lord's Spirit in this revival. The hope will never end.

King's Cross Roads Church Announces Spring Revival

The King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, announces its spring revival for the week of April 9-15. The evangelist for this meeting will be a former pastor, Rev. L. B. Manning of Fountain, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Joseph H. Lehmann, assisting Mr. Manning. Along with good gospel preaching, special music will be rendered by the local church and visiting singers. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Otway Church Has New Pastor

The Otway Free Will Baptist Church near Beaufort, North Carolina, is pleased to announce that the Rev. J. E. Thompson of Smithfield, North Carolina, is now serving as full-time pastor of the church. His mailing address is Route 2, Box 7, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516.

Ralph Sumner, Evangelist Wooten's Chapel Revival

The Rev. Ralph Sumner, pastor of Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, will be the speaker for revival services at Wooten Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Raleigh, North Carolina, near the intersection of Highways 42 and 50.

al is for the week of April 2-7, beginning each evening at 7:30, preceded by prayer bands at seven o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Jesse B. Caton, will be participating in the services which will feature special singing each evening. A service will also be provided. The pastor and the church membership cordially invite the neighboring churches and the public to attend.

William Stanley, church reporter, states: "Reaching our youth for Christ and winning souls is our greatest interest and our concern. We desire the prayers of all interested Christians."

Ant Tabor Church Have Revival

The Rev. Fred Johnson, pastor of the First Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Watsboro, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for a series of revival services that will be held April 3-7 at the Ant Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina. Services begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Larry Barbour, assisting as evangelist.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

Church, Tarboro to Hold Eagle Burning, Dedication, Revival

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, North Carolina, will hold an eagle burning and dedication service on Sunday morning, April 2. The church was organized September 6, 1883, from a prayer meeting group with the cooperation of the State Mission Board. It immediately borrowed money from the Central Conference to buy lots and launched out into a building program which consisted of a large two-story educational building. It has had several building programs during its history, and now the church rejoices that it is debt free.

On Sunday night, the spring youth revival begins, with the Rev. De Wayne Eakes as the evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser. Each night will feature special music by the church members and other groups. Several of the young people's Sunday school classes are holding special visitation and evangelistic efforts. The services begin at 7:30 on Sunday night and will continue through Monday night.

The church extends a cordial invitation to its many friends to attend these services and to pray with them for God's continued blessings.

Easter Sunrise Service At Black Jack Church

The Rev. Harry A. Jones Sr., pastor of Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, announces an Easter Sunrise Service to be held at the church Sunday, April 2, at 5:45 a.m. The guest speaker for the service will be the Rev. C. H. Overman of Ayden, North Carolina. Following the service a fellowship breakfast will be served in the Cherry education building. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Revival Scheduled For Arapahoe Church

Revival services will begin at the Arapahoe, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church April 3, and will continue through April 8, with the Rev. J. B. Starnes, pastor of Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church of Newport, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. "The Four in Christ" will be rendering special music on Friday night. Friday and Saturday nights are being dedicated to the youth. The public is cordially invited to attend all of the services.

Revival to Be Held At People's Chapel Church

Revival services will be held at the People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina, the week of April 3-8, with the Rev. De Wayne Eakes serving as guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Delmas Brown, will assist in the services which begin nightly at 7:45. The public is urged to be in attendance.

Ormondsville Woman's Auxiliary Sponsors Sunrise Service

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, is sponsoring an Easter Sunrise Service at the church beginning at 6 a.m. Easter morning, April 2. The service is under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia Allen with appropriate music by Ralph A. Bowen, church organist, and soloist, Mrs. Clovis Bowen. The program, written and narrated by Mrs. Allen, depicts Jesus' last week on earth before the crucifixion and resurrection, closing with communion and a candlelight service by the twelve disciples.

At the close of the service a continental breakfast consisting of coffee, ham biscuits, and doughnuts, will be served in the recreation building. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Johnston Union Church To Have Revival

Revival services will be held at the Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina, the week of April 3-7, with the Rev. Clyde Cox of New Bern, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. He will be assisted in the services, which will begin nightly at 7:30, by the pastor, the Rev. Eddie Edwards. There will be special singing rendered during each service.

The Johnston Union church is located three miles west of Smithfield, North Carolina, on Highway 70. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Woodlief Conducts Two Successful Weekend Revivals

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief of Marianna, Florida, conducted two successful weekend revivals recently: February 5, 6 at the Cedar Springs, Georgia, Free Will Baptist Church, of which the Rev. David Matthews is pastor; and February 25-27 at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Orange Park, Florida, of which the Rev. Bobby White is pastor. It is reported that a refreshing spiritual experience was enjoyed by those in attendance.

PRESS CLOSED EASTER MONDAY

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation bookstores in Ayden, Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson, North Carolina, along with the printing department in Ayden, will be closed Monday, April 3, in observance of the Easter holiday. They will all be opened for business, Tuesday, April 4, at the regular hours.

ARE WE AHEAD OF TIME?

Peter McKenzie, the famous Methodist preacher, was noted for the replies often made to those who favored him with remarks on spiritual matters. "My prayers are not answered," complained a Christian to him one day. "Oh," replied Peter, "possibly that's because your prayers are like some promissory notes—presented before they are due."—The King's Business.

PRAYING—BUT

"Yes, we're praying for a revival," said a godly woman, "but we don't expect it. And others are praying for it, but I don't know of anyone who expects it."—The King's Business.

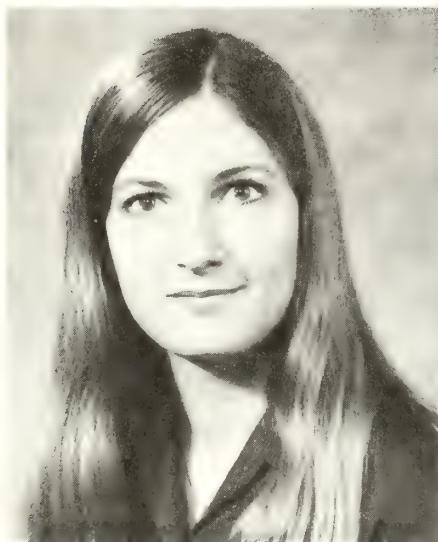
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MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

EXPLO '72

by Marilyn Miller
Mount Olive College Student



When I first heard about Explo '72, I could see no possible way that I could go. In spite of this, I had the strangest feeling that God would make a way for me and He has.

The feelings of anticipation I have cannot be expressed in mere words. There is a well-spring of joy bubbling inside me because there is a great blessing to be received at Explo '72 and I pray that the minds of those of us attending will be wide open for whatever God will reveal to us.

We must all be sure that we attend Explo with the right purpose in mind. This is a great opportunity to visit a place many of us have never seen before and to make new friends. However, we should all pray that our primary purpose will be to learn an effective means of spreading the message of Christ throughout the world.

I ask for the prayers and support of all who are interested in this great opportunity that has been opened to us. God said that where there were several gathered in His name, He was also there. With our unified prayers, Explo '72 can

be a truly great experience that all who attend can bring back to share.

Miss Miller is a member of the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church near Beulaville, North Carolina.

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Ministerial Students in Revival

Two ministerial students from Mount Olive College, John Williams and Reb Lancaster, will be in youth weekend revival services at Jakin Free Will Baptist Church, Jakin, Georgia, during Easter weekend.

The Rev. J. O. Fort, pastor, has announced that services will be held beginning with the evening service on Friday, March 31, and continuing through the evening service on Sunday, April 2.

Mr. Williams is from Morehead City, North Carolina, and is serving as president of the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship at Mount Olive College. Mr. Lancaster is from Kinston, North Carolina, and is a member of The Young World Singers, well known throughout Eastern North Carolina for their evangelistic services.

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Bryan Foundation Grant of \$10,000

The trustees of the James E. and Mary Z. Bryan Foundation, Inc. have voted a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to Mount Olive College to be used during the 1972-73 academic year. The grant is for the purpose of providing scholarships for students who meet the following criteria:

1. The recipients must be truly deserving students who need financial assistance in order to continue their education.
2. Awards from this grant can be made only to bona fide residents of the state of North Carolina.

The grant for 1972-73 represents an

increase of \$4,000 over the grant for the current academic year. The size of the scholarships will vary depending upon the merits and needs of the applicants.

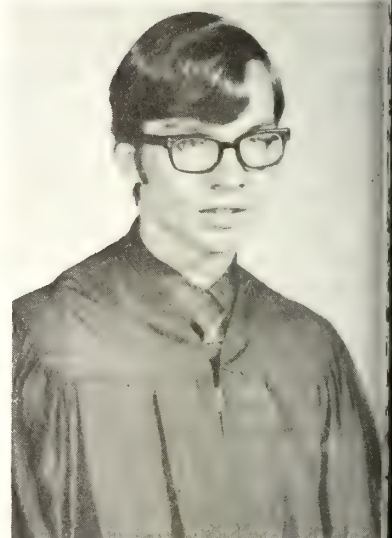
Bryan Scholars, in addition to receiving scholarships, are eligible to participate in a special honors study program for which beginning next year they will receive academic credit.

In commenting upon the Bryan grant, President W. Burkette Raper declared, "The annual grants from the Bryan Foundation have made a significant contribution toward developing the academic quality of Mount Olive College, helping to bring to our campus some of the most qualified and dedicated college students to be found anywhere."

High school seniors who may be interested in applying for a Bryan Scholarship at Mount Olive College for the following year still have time to do so. They may send their letter of application to Dr. I. R. Swords, academic dean.

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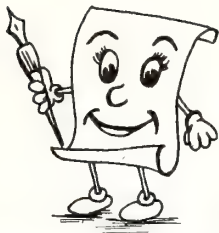
Evans, Assistant to Manager at Cragmont



Tommy Evans of New Bern, North Carolina, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College, will serve during the summer as "Assistant to the Manager" of the Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina. The announcement of Evans' appointment to this position was jointly announced today by Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, and the Rev. N. Bruce Barber, Sr., manager of the Free Will Baptist summer encampment at Cragmont.

Evans will begin his work in mid-June and will continue until the beginning of August.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



VOTES

by Nina Grace Register

The first successful blood transfusion was made during the seventeenth century by Jean Baptist Denis, using the blood of a sheep!

Most subsequent transfusions were unsuccessful even though physicians used animal blood, until the four blood types were classified in 1901 by Karl Landsteiner. They are A, B, AB, and O. Persons with Type O blood are known as "universal donors." Notice the O: an open circle, the symbol of eternal

Before World War II, transfusions of whole blood were made directly from donor to the recipient. In cases where there was more than one transfusion was necessary, this was an imposition on the donor who had to "stand by" at the hospital until needed. During World War II surgeons discovered a way to store whole blood with an anticoagulant in a container under refrigeration about a year. Improvements have now extended this time to three weeks, after which red cells lose their oxygen and it must be discarded. Between 10 percent and 25 percent of whole blood stored in a container gets too old and is poured out, a waste.

An average 150-lb. adult has five or six quarts of blood and can contribute it four times a year. There are now private companies which pay their

the fall semester at Mount Olive College in late August.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mil Evans of New Bern, and is a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in that city.

James will be performing his services for the student aid program of the college. In commenting upon this appointment President Raper declared, "James's assignment will give him an invaluable experience in working with hundreds of young people from throughout North Carolina and at the same time will contribute greatly to his preparation for the Christian ministry."

FREE WILL BAPTIST

PRAYER MOTIVES

by J. W. Jepson, Evangelist
Lyons, Oregon

HAVE you ever wondered why some prayers are not answered? Of course you have. So have I. But one day while reading my Bible I came across James 4:3, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." That gave me a real clue to the reason for some unanswered prayers—selfish motives.

This means that God not only listens to the words of our prayers, but also considers the purposes behind our praying.

Jesus took time one day to describe the long prayers of the Pharisees, only to point out that they amounted to nothing because the wrong motive was behind them. He said: "... they love to

donors. Blood transfusions may cost from \$20 to \$70 per pint, depending on whether the blood was donated or sold. Open heart surgery requires about 16 pints.

Separation of plasma proteins was accomplished in the 1920's, and large-scale fractionation accomplished during World War II by Edwin Joseph Cohn and his associates immediately became useful in the treatment of such diseases as measles, infectious hepatitis, infantile paralysis, and in surgery.

Sin is a fatal disease but the malady can be cured by the blood of Jesus Christ. The fountain flows ceaselessly at Calvary, but unless someone is there to receive it, it falls to the ground, useless.

How wasteful, to think of the many pints of blood, the very essence of life, given for nothing!

"... Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

pray . . . that they may be seen of men. . . ." (Matthew 6:5).

I believe it's safe to say that the higher and more unselfish the goals are that we seek in prayer, the more likely our prayers are to prevail with God. Notice that when Jesus gave us the basic structure of prayer, He emphasized that our praying should consider first that the Father's name be hallowed, His kingdom come, and His will be done. When these things come first in our praying, God is pleased.

Of course God wants to bless us and answer prayers for our own personal needs. But He wants us to keep our prayer priorities straight. Even in asking for personal blessings, we should think of His glory first and our personal benefit last.

This leads us to some pointed questions. Do some wives pray for the conversion of their husbands more from a concern for themselves than for the glory of God and their husbands' salvation? "Things surely would be easier for me if he were a Christian!" Could this be the real goal in praying for him?

And what about that teen-ager who has been experimenting with drugs? Do we become nearly as fervent in prayer when we think of a precious young life that might be wrecked as when we think of the harm being done to the family reputation?

Which really sets us to praying for revival—the advancement of the kingdom of God and the conversion of the lost, or the prospect of a blessing for ourselves and of being able to boast about the growth and spirituality of our church.

I believe the point is clear. In all we do, including prayer, our highest concern must be the glory of God. Secondary values are important, but they are still secondary.

To keep things in proper perspective when we pray, we have the help of the Holy Spirit. He helps us to comprehend the dimensions of our Saviour's love. Lesser interests recede as vital ones are vividly dramatized before our enlightened minds. Temporal considerations no longer provide the strongest impulse toward prayer and service. Instead, Christ's love becomes the fountainhead of our prayers and activities.

This love is the motivation of all who are successful in prayer. In it our prayers rise to the highest level of nobility before God, so that He can trust us with the invitation: "... ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

AN EASTER STORY

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midst of all our happiness that there are certain things which are changeless and essential to the mission of God, His suffering creatures deserve to have their suffering eased.

"I wish she knew we're her friends and want to help her," I said, sickened by the death-fear in the animal's eyes.

"She knows, Mama," little Frances said.

There was silence. Suddenly, I understood why my daughter fed every stray animal that wandered by. There was a sort of understanding—a communication between them.

Bud touched my shoulder; he was back with the box. As he lifted the dog gently in his arms, he spoke, his voice filled with sad memory. "She looks like Old Brownie, the dog I had when I was a boy."

Frances walked beside the dog, patting her head. The poor creature thumped her tail feebly in the box once or twice, and I thought how strange and marvelous it was that an animal so consumed with pain could still express her appreciation for our attempts to help her.

We tried to make the dog comfortable in our backyard. Elizabeth came out and joined us, looking down at the terrier with stricken eyes as she told her father, "I called every vet in town. They're all away for Easter and won't be back until tomorrow."

"Then, we'll just have to do the best we can to make her comfortable until then," Bud said. "Get her some water and we'll watch her and keep her warm."

"She won't drink any water," Frances told him, sadly. "I already tried. And she wouldn't eat a piece of chicken, either."

Bud went into the house and got some water in a small glass. Returning, he lifted the terrier's unresisting head and managed to get a little of it down her throat. She wasn't afraid of him, but now and then a convulsive tremor ran through her. Nevertheless, Bud was doing all he could for her; in his way he was bringing the hidden meaning of life to visibility, and he was expressing his care for life. I knew the truth of the matter was that Bud's life as a Christian father and husband bore witness to God's loving grace to all His creatures, however small.

Frances broke the silence: "She's cold," she wailed.

"Couldn't we take her inside, Mama?" Elizabeth asked, her blue eyes full of pity for the suffering animal.

I looked at my daughters, knowing that compassion for animals had always made them vulnerable. Frances' face muscles twitched, and a lone tear rolled down her cheek.

"We could take her down to the basement," I decided. "It'll be warmer down there tonight."

"Come on, Frances," Elizabeth cried, springing into action. "Let's get those old blankets in the garage and make her a bed."

By the time Bud carried the dog down the basement steps, the girls had fixed a comfortable pallet in the corner by the furnace.

"Over here, Daddy," Elizabeth called. "Be careful, don't hurt her."

"I won't," he said, placing the dog with tender care on the blankets. It was very strange. Almost the instant the dog touched the bed the girls made for her, it was as though something was released, something ended. Without a sound, her head fell forward on the floor.

"She's gone," I said softly.

Frances knelt beside the dog, lifted her head and placed it back on the blankets. Then she kissed it on the nose. "Goodbye—good old doggie," she said.

Elizabeth quickly averted her head and hurried up the basement steps to her room.
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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "If any man to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own self, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). What is meant by the word "hate"? Does not the Bible in other places tell us to love these relatives?

Answer: Some other word would have been better in expressing the original meaning of the statement found here. Mr. Barnes, in his **Notes**, on Page 99, says the following to say: "The word 'hate' here, means simply to **love less**. It may thus be expressed: 'He that comes to me, and does not love his father and mother as he loves me, he cannot be my disciple.' We are not at liberty literally to hate our parents. This would be exactly contrary to the fifth commandment."

It is indeed true that we are taught to honour and love our parents. "For ye are commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth his father or mother, let him die the death" (Matthew 15:4).

There are verses that teach both children and parents to respect each other, and to love each his rightful affections: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest prosper and be long on the earth. And, ye fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4); "The first commandment I give unto you, is that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34, 35); "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be ye affectioned one to another with pure love; in honour preferring one another" (Romans 12:9, 10); "And walk as Christ also hath loved us, and given himself for us an offering

and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour" (Ephesians 5:2); "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints" (1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13).

We are to love God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with all our hearts, souls, minds, and spirits. Thus we should love God more than ourselves, showing this kind of love by laying our lives wholly on the altar of sacrifice to Him. We are to love our neighbor as ourselves, and the lost as God loved us lost sinners and gave Christ for us. See John 3:14-17; compare, "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him" (John 5:23); "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12); "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24); "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27).

Paul describes himself as doing these things Christ asks of all Christians: "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (Philippians 3:8); compare "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, . . . Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:10, 12); compare "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it" (Mark 8:35); "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for

us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

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Question: Who were Paul's parents?

Answer: I do not know. The names of these are not to be found in the Bible; that is, the Bible nowhere points out names and designates them as belonging to his father and mother. We do, however, find, ". . . when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul" (Acts 23:16); "Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. . . . Salute Herodion my kinsman. . . ." (Romans 16:7, 11). If any of his blood relatives are mentioned anywhere in the Scriptures it seems that this would most likely be these, and I think they must have been. Some think these were only friends, and that had they been blood relatives, the fact would have been more clearly put. Some say that these are no more blood relatives than Timothy or Titus whom he called sons.

Lenski seems to have no other opinion about the relationship between Paul and this young man of Acts 23:16 than that it is his nephew and Lenski is regarded as an outstanding New Testament scholar. Here is what R. C. H. Lenski says of the verse on Page 945 in his book, **Interpretation of the Acts of the Apostles**:

"So Paul has a sister, and she has a son who is already a **veavias**, a young man between twenty and forty. That is all that we actually know. Guesses are, of course, built up about these meager facts: This sister was much older than Paul who had lived at her house in Jerusalem when he studied under Gamaliel, and this nephew was now studying under this same teacher and thus learned of the plot. Others think that the sister lived in Tarsus, but that her son had come to Jerusalem in order to study there. So also we have no intimation as to how the young man heard about the plot. The accusative is used to designate what one hears. Whether he himself was a Christian or not, he certainly was concerned about his uncle's imprisonment and what the Jews were doing about it. The moment he discovers the dastardly plot he goes to warn Paul."

William R. Newell, also a Christian writer who is widely recognized as a biblical scholar of note, thinks these so mentioned were blood relatives. On

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STORIES

for our youth



EASTER SURPRISE

PAULINE ROTHRAUFF

HOW much money do we have? Count it again," urged Molly.

"We have exactly one dollar and fifty cents," replied her brother Jack. "You know how much we have, and it's not even half enough."

"There must be some way we can get more!" exclaimed Molly. "I want Mother to have that azalea from the florist's for Easter. I know that she'd love it."

Jack sighed and shook his head as he gazed at his sister. "Look, Molly, we've been all through this a dozen times. It is Friday afternoon now, and Sunday is Easter. We haven't much time to earn any more money, and the azalea costs five dollars. Let's buy a lily with the money we have. Mother will like an Easter lily."

"No!" Molly shook her head decidedly. "The florist said that he'd keep the azalea for us until Saturday at three o'clock. That gives us until tomorrow afternoon. Let's think really hard and try to find a way to buy it."

Molly and Jack's mother was a widow who worked at a bakeshop during the day, so Molly and Jack were home alone. Today they had been pricing potted plants, and Molly thought that the azalea was the most beautiful plant she had ever seen. It was big and bushy and entirely covered with pink blossoms. The florist had said that it could be put out in the yard later on when the weather was warmer.

At times Molly earned money by helping with the neighbor's children, and Jack ran errands and did whatever he

could, but since he was twelve and Molly was eleven, it was difficult for them to accumulate very much money.

"Mother doesn't get many pretty things," observed Molly. "And she works so hard for us."

"I know," muttered Jack. "I'd like to get it for her. I'll tell you what. Let's go around the neighborhood ringing doorbells and ask people whether they want their yards raked and cleaned up. It's been so cold this spring that no one has done anything outside, and the lawns look shabby and should be cleaned for Easter."

Molly's eyes sparkled. "That's a good idea. Let's hurry. We can work the rest of today and tomorrow."

The air was piercing cold, so they both bundled up in coats and scarfs before going out. Molly went down one side of the street, and Jack went down the other.

It was nearly dark when Molly trudged back home. Jack came along a few minutes later.

One look at Jack's face and Molly knew that his experience had been as disappointing as her own.

"Find any work?" he asked.

Molly shook her head. "Everyone said that it is too cold. They said that this is the coldest Easter we've ever had, and that they'll wait until it's warmer and more springlike to clean up."

Jack nodded. "Several people told me to return in a couple of weeks when the weather will be warmer. A lot of good that'll do."

"Mother will be home soon. We'll have to decide on something," he said. "Let's buy the lily."

"No!" Molly set her lips in a firm line. "I'll tell you what, Jack. Let's pray. Let's ask God to help us find work so that we can buy the azalea. Let's ask Him to send us an idea."

"All right." Jack bowed his head and began to pray aloud as Molly joined in their prayer. They explained to their mother and the Easter gift they wanted for her. "Please help find some work between now and tomorrow afternoon," pleaded Jack and ended his prayer. And Molly added another "please" before she murmured "amen."

Then they set the table and had supper started when their mother came home.

"You're the best children in the world!" she cried happily. "I just could show you how grateful I am for all your help."

Jack and Molly beamed, and Molly whispered to Jack, "You see how pleased she is when we do things for her. She loves the azalea."

"Tomorrow will be a busy day for me at the bakeshop," said their mother before supper. "So let's all go to bed early."

A busy day for us, too, thought Molly. We'll be trying to earn money for plant.

Snug and warm in their beds, Molly and Jack were soon asleep. The wind howled around the house, and Molly thought as she fell asleep that it seemed more like Christmas than Easter.

And when she awoke in the morning she thought that it was Christmas that she must be dreaming. The ground was covered with thick blankets of snow and it was still coming down at a moderate rate.

"Jack! Jack!" she called, running to her room. "Surprise! Look at the snow! Snow for Easter!"

Jack sat up in bed and rubbed his eyes sleepily.

"Now we can't get any work cleaning lawns," he moaned.

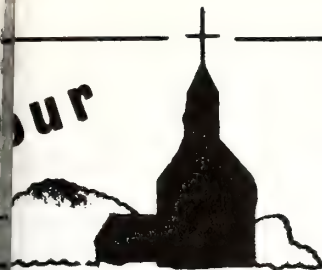
Molly stared at him with tears in her eyes. "Oh, Jack," she sighed. But the next minute her eyes twinkled, and she danced up and down in her excitement.

"Jack! We can shovel snow. We can work all day shoveling snow. We'll earn more than we ever would have by cleaning yards! People have to have snow shoveled, but they don't have to have their lawns raked!"

After a hurried breakfast Molly took the snow shovel and started out again to seek work.

Jack had to borrow a shovel from a neighbor. In exchange, he offered to clean her walk for free, but she paid anyhow.

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Church Auxiliaries

Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, 12, Nashville, North Carolina, Wednesday, April 5. The theme of the convention will be "Occupy 'Til I Come" Scripture taken from Luke 19:13. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

- Registration
- Hymn, "In the Service of the King"
- Devotions, Mrs. Billy Peele
- Welcome, Mrs. Clarence Manning
- President's Remarks, Miss Frances Boyette
- Report of Denominational Enterprises
- Hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes"
- "Occupy Through Missions," Mrs. Roland Cherry
- Special Music, Stoney Creek Ladies Quartet
- "Occupy Through Benevolence," Mrs. James McGee
- "Occupy Through Our Faith," Mrs. Earl Bass
- Hymn, "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?"
- Offering
- Special Music, Stoney Creek Ladies Quartet
- Convention Sermon, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark
- Lunch

Afternoon Session

- Hymn, "Ready"
 - Memorial Service, Host Church
 - Special Music, Host Church
 - Business Session
 - Installation Service, Mrs. Raymond Jones
 - Closing Hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be"
 - Adjournment
- The following directions may be helpful

to those who do not know the way to Mount Zion church: Those coming from the Kenly area should take Highway 581 to Spring Hope, North Carolina; then take Highway 64 East to Momeyer and turn right at Bass Brother's I.G.A. store; follow this route and turn left on the first paved road which leads to the church. Coming from the Wilson area, take Highway 58 to Nashville, North Carolina; then take Highway 64 West to Momeyer and follow the directions above.

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Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptist will convene with the Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, Thursday, April 13, 1972. The convention theme will be, "Come now, and let us reason together, . . ." (Isaiah 1:18). The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 10:00—Hymn, "Rescue the Perishing"
- Devotions, Mrs. Robert May
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Oscar Willoughby
- Response, Mrs. Wilson Moore
- 10:20—President's Message, Miss Alice Webster
- Recognition Time
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Reading of Minutes
- Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- Mission Offering
- 10:45—Special Music, Local Auxiliary
- 10:50—News of State Convention, Mrs. Bruce Barrow
- 11:00—Offering for Brenda Batts' Clothing
- 11:15—Mission News, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
- 11:25—Hymn, "Send the Light"
- 11:30—Message, Mrs. Edwin Roper

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Hymn, "Work for the Night Is Coming"

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church near Creswell, North Carolina, is looking for a full-time minister for pastoral services. This church has a parsonage and is a member of the Albemarle Conference. Any minister interested in serving this church please write Mr. Fentress Simmons, P. O. Box 177, Creswell, North Carolina 27928, or phone 797-4448.

- 1:05—Prayer, the Rev. Robert May
- 1:15—News from the Children's Home, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr.
- 1:30—News of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
- 1:40—Report of Youth Work, Mrs. Matthew Parker
- 1:50—Report of Other Denominational Interests
- 2:00—Business Session
- 2:20—Report of Committees
- Report of Treasurer
- 2:30—Closing Hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour"
- Benediction

Bookstore Hours

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- * The Free Will Baptist Press
- * Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:
- * Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 9



THE WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Lesson Text: Matthew 18:19, 20; John 4:24; Acts 2:41-47

Memory Verse: John 4:24

I. INTRODUCTION

The growth of any church depends upon the quality of its community worship, the togetherness of its members in their mutual approach to God. To grow as it should the congregation must see to it that all influences that tend to disrupt that togetherness are curbed and eventually dismissed. No community of Christians, whether it be a local church or a group of congregations, can effectively worship together when alien influences are at work.

The size of a congregation may have little to do with the effectiveness of its group worship. Two persons may constitute a Christian fellowship, so may two thousand. The secret of successful and cordial worship and fellowship lies not in few or large numbers, but in the fact that Jesus Christ and His influence lie at the center of the concentration of worship. Congregations, however large or small, that gather around this center which is Christ find mutual agreements, mutual concerns, and mutual compassion.

Alien influences such as jealousy, envy, greed, malice, misunderstandings, complaints, and the like tend to destroy the concord that Christ seeks to establish at the center of worshipful concentration. The first concern of every church is to put these alien forces aside and replace them with the fruits of the Spirit, among which are love and patience. Happy is the church that soon learns these things.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. True worship must be based upon facts not fancy.
2. True worship is fellowship with our Lord.

3. True worship is born out of faithfulness.

B. The Promise of Christ's Presence in Worship (Matthew 18:19, 20)

1. Here is one of the great prayer promises of the Bible.
2. It shows the power of unity in prayer.

C. The Characteristics of Acceptable Worship (John 4:24)

1. True worship is not confined to a place.
2. True worship is a necessity for God's people.
3. True worship must come from the heart.

D. Worship in the Apostolic Church (Acts 2:41-47)

1. The church and baptism.
2. The church and its practices: doctrine, fellowship, and prayer.
3. They had all things in common.
4. The characteristics of this first church:
 - a. They were united.
 - b. They were steadfast.
 - c. They were filled with joy.
 - d. They were a witnessing church.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. God chose the Sabbath as the day we worship Him. Probably this was chosen as the holy day because when our bodies are relaxed and rested, we can turn our thoughts to His work without the interruptions of a workday.

He certainly did not intend that we forget Him on workdays. We must remember Him at all times. We have to use His way in everything we do. But on Sunday we can quietly sit for awhile and turn our whole minds over to thinking of the wonderful things He has done for us. We can think of how we can put His will into our work more than we have done. We have opportunities to go to church and have other people help us to learn more about God and the way He would have us live everyday. These

people have spent much time studying and learning about God's work. are able to help us make our lives Christlike.

Even though we no longer have to bind us so strictly, many people their Sundays get so crowded with things that they forget to take even a little while to talk quietly to God, listen to Him speak to them through ministers, teachers, and the Bible.

Some people make all appearance of worshiping. They are at every church service and would never think of being away from church on Sunday. But even though they are sitting in church, they really are not worshiping. They are busily looking around to see what others are wearing. They cannot understand the message God is sending through the minister because they are thinking about the things they want to say to different ones they see at church.

Just being at church isn't enough. We really do as God wants us to we must let our whole hearts and minds be taken up with worship.—The Intermediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. We learn in today's lesson that we can worship God in any place and at any time. Surely one of the best places for Christians to worship is in the home. It may be at the hearthside, at the kitchen table, or in the den that the family meditates daily upon God's truths and offers prayers and praise to Him. Parents who lead in worship in the home teach their children love and reverence for God by their example and open the door of the home to rich spiritual blessing.

Worship often takes place in solitude as one lets his own thoughts coincide and merge with the divine thoughts of God. Alone, one can experience a more thorough harmony with God.

There is another aspect of worship that must not be overlooked—the worship of Christians in assembly. Sunday worship involves the interaction of hearts and souls of Christians united together in praise and adoration of God and brings mutual encouragement and spiritual uplift. Early Christians were urged not to forsake the regular assembly on the Lord's Day. The church meets for many purposes, but paramount is the worship of God. Every Christian should joyfully exclaim, "I was glad when thou said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1).—Standard Commentary.

C. Our God is a jealous God! He desires that His creatures render true worship (continued on page sixteen)

N EASTER STORY

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It was a part of her new sophisti-
that we mustn't see her cry.

nces raised a placid, untroubled
to me. "Don't be sad, Mama," she
"She doesn't mind being dead be-
she's not hurting any more. She's
somewhere else—to 'dog heaven,' I
Isn't that right?"

s, that's right," I replied.

reached out and smoothed the
head. "Can we bury her, Daddy?"
sense, her new understanding of
and maturity were almost synony-

the morning, first thing," Bud told
"We'll cover her with a beach
tonight."

en morning came, I shared with
Christian husband the wonderful
age of showing our two young
sters what death means to a Chris-
It was important that these two
children have a proper perspec-
of death. So we wrapped the dog
piece of white sheeting, put her in
k and buried her out in the woods
e the lofty trees could watch over
All four of us were there. I had
heard Elizabeth telling her best girl
d that she couldn't meet her that
ing at the malt shop because she
'something important to do."

d shaped a mound and put a large
at its head. People would not
into these woods—no one but us—
the sound of the wind through the
and the gurgling of the stream near
grave would be company for her.
would not remember the hurt and
gain, or that she had been lost and
died away from her home and her
e.

I stood there for a time, somehow
tant to leave the woods with the
dogwood trees scattered here and
, and the new grave beneath the
ing sun. Then, Frances put her
around me, her head snuggled up
st my side. "I shall love her until
" she whispered.

know, honey," I said, putting my
on her soft, blond hair. "But we
to let the dead rest. You must
your love now to your other pets
to people who are living."

he was suffering, Frances," my hus-
added. "Death was easier than
or her." He was a father explain-
o his young children about death.
ter he finished speaking, Frances'
were shining with unshed tears.

"It was ugly and wrong for someone to
run over her and leave her to die," she
said. But then, the shadow of a smile
softened her lips, fleeting as the shadow
of a bird's wing over the treetops. It
was as though her young eyes could see
what we older ones could not. She took
a long breath. "But she's all right
now," she added. "She was as import-
ant to God as any other thing in the
world."

I stood there, trying to fix it all in
my memory, my whole being caught up
in the holy ecstasy of the moment. I
now saw that the death of the stray
animal was the means through which
Christ imparted His truth to my chil-
dren and that every small ministry is a
ministry of Christ's grace. We had
shared in the holiness of God's message
that every small creature is as sacred
and precious to God as every other.

Elizabeth looked at me, and I knew
then that the strong bond between us
was still there, and that no matter how
much growing up she'd do, it would al-
ways be there.

With a bright smile, she held out her
hand to her little sister. "Come on,
Frances. Those white rabbits are prob-
ably getting hungry. I'll help you feed
them."

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Questions & Answers

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Page 552 of his **Romans Verse by Verse**,
we read:

"Salute Andronicus and Junius, my
kinsmen, and my fellowprisoners, . . .
such ones as (**hoitines**) are of note among
the apostles, who also were in Christ
before me. From Verse 21, we learn
that three others of Paul's kinsmen were
with him at Corinth when he wrote Ro-
mans. It is precious to note how, like
our Lord himself, he won his relatives!
(See Acts 23:16-22.) But here we have
two kinsmen converted **before Paul!** but
who had, however, shared his hardships.
Having the apostolic gift (though not
among the twelve), they were 'of note'
in it. Bishop Moule remarks, 'Not im-
probably these two early converts help-
ed to "goad" (Acts 26:14) the conscience
of their still persecuting kinsman, and
to prepare the way of Christ in his
heart.'"

Why Paul never gave the names of his
parents in his writings found in the Bi-
ble can be no better explained than why
the parents of other Bible writers that
are not given by them were not given

there. The all important thing to us is
that we read and obey that which God
has seen fit to give us in the inspired
Word.

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Cragmont Camp Schedule

(May 15—October 15, 1972)

June 5-10—**Youth Frontier Conference—**
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wood Smith, codirector.

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gmont Assembly, Inc., Route 1, Black
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Please send your registration fee of
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THE SERMON LINCOLN PREACHED

Abraham Lincoln put it rather strong-
ly but effectively nevertheless, when he
said: "I do not care for cut and dried
sermons. When I hear a man preach I
like to see him act as if he were fight-
ing bumble bees!"—Selected.



GOD'S WONDERFUL PLAN

Curse of curses, borne for me;
Agony upon the tree;
Loneliness and bitter gall;
Victorious Saviour over all!
Atonement—oh, the price He paid!
Reconciliation made . . .
Yielded to the Father's will.
Lord, I'm Thine, my being fill!

Alone, Thou wast, God hid His Face!
Numbered with those in disgrace!
Denied, while darkness covered Thee!
My Saviour, all of this for me!
Thou lovedst me before I knew—
Hearth broken, body wounded too,
Ever willing thus to die . . .
To bear the guilt for such as I!

Eternal Father, Holy Plan,
Merciful to sinful man;
Pardon through Thine only Son;
Triumph over Death is won!
Yearning, Lord, am I for Thee:
My Risen Saviour soon I'll see,
Standing at our Father's side!
Precious Gift Thou didst provide!

Trusting Thee, my heart I bring;
Of Thy wondrous love, I sing!
Miracle of grace sublime:
Bought by precious Blood Divine!
At Thy cross and empty tomb
New Life in Christ springs forth to bloom.
Fragrantly these blossoms sweet,
Holy God, Thy Plan complete.

— Sylvia A. Storms

ing Him as the absolutely sovereign.
The worship of God involves far
than attending a church service,
singing a hymn, having a position
church, engaging in the various n
ary projects of the church, or
liberally to the work.

Those who profess to be Chri
often forget who or what it is we
worship. It is not past tradition
church, the preacher, or the cre
orthodoxy that we worship. A
portant as these and a host of
things are, God alone is to be w
ed.

Without controversy, God's g
desire for His own is that they
give to Him undivided and uninte
ed love and worship. Prayer i
means of worshiping God. T
Scripture lesson introduces us t
Saviour's invitation to prayer, His
tation to worship, and an illustrat
worship.—Bible Expositor and Illu
tor.

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Boys' and Girls' Story

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The morning sped by quickly,
when afternoon came the busy ch
returned home with more money
they had seen for a long time.

Jack's cheeks were red and cold
he was smiling as he greeted Molly

"Let's go and get the azalea
away," he suggested. "Who'd have
thought that God would answer our
ers by sending snow?"

"God always answers prayers if p
look for the answers," replied J
"But before we go for the azalea,
thank Him for helping us."—My Plea

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Preaching That Costs

A clergyman once told his bishop
he would preach and think nothing
it, and the prelate replied that
parishioners were of the same op
Work done easily, service which
nothing, will have little come of it.
Begin the day by pleading with Go
men, and then go forth to plead
men for God.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Sunday School Lesson

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ship to Him and to Him alone. Many
years ago when the framers of the West-
minster Catechism said, "The chief end
of man is to glorify God and to enjoy
Him forever," they were on biblical
ground.

Many have terribly distorted views of
worship. Often the meaning of the term
is not even understood. There are
many activities that are considered as
worship by many people. The scriptural
worship of God has to do with loving
Him, honoring and adoring Him, surren-
dering to His control, and acknowledg-

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THE PARENT'S LIFE

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CHILD'S COPY BOOK

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND BIG PEOPLE"

"I DON'T UNDERSTAND BIG PEOPLE"

Cover Photo by Ed Car

He edged up to her desk where she was hovering over some important papers that needed her attention. She had not seen him come in, and he startled her slightly with his questioning greeting: "Aunt Gladys?"

"Oh, hello Tim. I didn't see you come in."

"I know," the little six-year-old replied. "I came in real quiet so I wouldn't 'sturb you."

Gladys smiled at his attempt to use impressive words as he did at times when he wanted to show how grown-up he was becoming. "Have a seat over there, Tim." Gladys pointed toward a chair beside a table heavily laden with magazines, some of which would appeal to his childish nature. "I'll be able to talk to you in just a minute. I have to sort these papers."

Something was troubling Tim—something which he wanted to speak to his Aunt Gladys about. He had just gotten out of school for the day and had stopped by her office on the way to the nursery where he stayed each day until his mother or daddy would pick him up after work. He fidgeted awhile, looking at a few magazines, none of which really held his interest. Why was it taking Aunt Gladys so long to sort those papers?

Again, edging his way to her desk and catching her eye as she shuffled the last group of papers into a neat stack, Tim knotted his eyebrows in a quizzical way and spoke: "S'cuse me, Aunt Gladys, but I wanted to ask you a question."

Smiling, Gladys motioned for him to sit in the chair beside the desk; and shifting her position so as to look directly into his face, she answered: "Sure, Tim, anything at all. I'll be glad to try to answer your question."

The next few moments were torture for Gladys. She had never expected such a young mind to come up with such a question, to say nothing of his conclusion concerning it. Her smile was hastily wiped away as Tim began to speak: "Aunt Gladys, you and Uncle Ben are separated. Aunt Jean and Uncle Jack are separated. Now Mommy and Daddy are separated. . . . You know, I just don't understand big people—do you?"

A tear stole down Gladys' cheek. She shook her head. "No, Tim, sometimes big people don't understand themselves either." She quickly changed the subject to schoolwork, asking to see what his booksack contained. She felt helpless and unqualified to discuss such a serious problem as to why "big people separated" with such a young fellow. Little Tim had been through a traumatic experience. His parents, seemingly the perfect, happy couple, had decided to call it quits. Tim just wasn't able to understand.

His attention diverted, the little boy showed the 100s and the "very goods" he had made on his schoolwork. He replaced them to their crumpled posture in the well-used booksack, said good-bye to his Aunt Gladys, and left the office, satisfied that if Aunt Gladys didn't "understand big people" then maybe it wasn't so bad if he didn't.

Gladys watched him until he was out of sight, and for a long while she stared at the neatly piled papers on her desk and wondered why marriages couldn't be arranged so—but sometimes they couldn't.

"I just don't understand big people." This statement of Tim's has a haunting refrain. So many times we "big people" create insurmountable problems for "little people." No wonder so many of them go wrong and stray from that favorable path. No wonder reform schools and prisons are full of young people who shame the older members of society with their accusations and condemning, pointing fingers.

No wonder the heart of God breaks at our apparent disregard for our children and our living in such a manner as to lose their respect and love. No wonder so many of the very young look at us who are supposed to have more sense, and are unable to comprehend our reasoning and our unadult actions. No wonder they cry and are plagued with nightmarish thoughts and dreams that trouble their sleep. No wonder they rebel and fight back at the unfairness of life. No wonder. . .

Dear reader, try never to put yourself in a position where some precious little one can look at you and ask, "Why did you do it?" and then in his childish, yet very wise little mind, decide that he just doesn't "understand big people." You'll never be able to forget it.



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PRAYER

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DAY, as we look about ourselves, we see the evil forces of Satan at work every hand. These powers of evil are sowing in upon the church, trying to silence her witness and defeat her purpose. Speaking to the followers of Christ, the writer of Ephesians said: "Ally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:10-12). To defeat the enemy we need to become strong prayer warriors. We need to do as did Mary—sit at the feet of Christ and learn His teaching. Only by doing these things will we be able to discern the good and the

the Gospel according to Mark, first cast a deaf and dumb spirit out of the son of a man who had at first brought him to the disciples for healing. The disciples failed to cast it out. When they were alone with Christ, the disciples asked Him why could not they cast the spirit out. Christ said: "... This kind cometh forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29). Prayer is communion with God, and fasting is a denying of self. Christ taught that to be a disciple of His we must deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him.

In the Bible we find many promises given by God—even promises concerning prayer. John 15:7 reads: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." All through the Scriptures we notice that when God makes a promise He usually does it on certain conditions, and so it is in this verse. If

we expect to receive the promise, then we must meet the conditions. Here the conditions are that we abide in Christ and His words abide in us. The promise is that we shall ask what we will and it shall be done unto us. The question each one should ask is, "Am I abiding in Christ—and are His words abiding in me to the extent that I am perfectly willing for His will to become my will?" If not, then we need to become more consecrated or dedicated to Him and His cause before we can expect to claim this promise. Christ prayed, "Not my will but thine be done"—and we should pray likewise.

In the Book of James we read words which advise us that we ask and receive not because we ask amiss. I think this is the reason we have so many unanswered prayers. Too many of our prayers are of a selfish nature. We are too self-centered.

Prayer is a supplication or petition solemnly addressed to God the heavenly Father. It is offered in the spirit of humility and is usually accompanied by adoration, praise, thanksgiving, and confession. In early times prayer was associated particularly with sacrifice, and any place where sacrifice was offered was a favorite place for prayer. Later the temple became the chief place where people went to pray. Many Jews prayed facing the temple. You remember that Daniel prayed three times a day with his windows opened toward Jerusalem, even after the king had signed a decree to cast anyone in the den of lions, who, for the length of thirty days, asked a petition of any god or man except the king. In New Testament times prayers were made in the synagogues, on housetops, on street corners, by the riverside, and other out-of-door places. We might ask the question, Where should we pray? The Bible says that it is the Lord's will that men pray **everywhere**. We don't

have to be in a particular place to pray, neither do we have to be in any particular posture. The Bible gives instances of prayer being made while standing, sitting, kneeling, bowing, and in prostration.

There are many prayers recorded in the Bible. Some are very long, while others are very short. It seems that in the Old Testament times only certain individuals such as the prophets, priests, or kings prayed to God. They would intercede in behalf of the people. Sometimes they did this of their own accord, and sometimes the people would ask them to pray in their behalf. I don't know if the people in general prayed privately or not. They probably did. In the New Testament it was quite different, for it seems that many did pray individually. The Bible teaches that we should pray for one another. Samuel considered it a **sin** against the Lord not to pray for others. On one occasion he said: "Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way." In these words we see the importance of intercessory prayer. Intercessory prayer is an indestructible and penetrating weapon that can always get through to places we may never be able to go—such places as the foreign mission fields or behind the iron curtain. In the epistles of Paul many exhortations to pray are found.

Jesus made prayer an important subject of His teaching. He taught that it should be sincere and simple in form, be addressed to God as a loving Father, be offered in the spirit of brotherly unity, and include a petition for the welfare of enemies. He warned against using vain repetitions as was the custom of the heathen.

It was Christ's custom to pray preceding great crises and at other specific times, including: at His baptism, at the calling of the twelve, at the transfiguration, at the raising of Lazarus, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and on the Cross. He spent much time in prayer, and we should do the same. You remember on one occasion while Christ prayed in a certain place, when He ceased praying, one of His disciples spoke these words: "Lord, teach us to pray." Christ often prayed to His Father, and no doubt the disciples realized the importance of prayer and the power that could be had with God through prayer. The Lord answered the disciples' request by teaching

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SUNDAY, APRIL 9

DO YOU REALLY KNOW IT?

Scripture Reading—Psalm 10:9

Reichel was conducting the final rehearsal of his great choir for the production of the "Messiah." The chorus had sung through to the point where the soprano solo takes up the refrain, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The soloist's technique was perfect—she had faultless breathing, accurate note placing, flawless enunciation. After the final note all eyes were fixed on Reichel to catch his look of approval. Instead he silenced the orchestra, walked up to the singer with sorrowful eyes, and said, "My daughter, do you really know that your Redeemer liveth? Do you?" "Why, yes," she answered, blushing, "I think I do." "Then sing it!" cried Reichel. Tell it to me so that I will know, and all who hear you will know that you know the joy and power of it." Then he motioned the orchestra to play again. This time she sang the truth as she knew it and had experienced it in her own soul, and all who heard wept under the spell of it. The old master approached her with tear-dimmed eyes, and said, "You do know, for you have told me."—*The Presbyterian of the South.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we really know that our God lives? By our action, do other people know that we know? May we let everyone know!

MONDAY, APRIL 10

AN UNSELFISH PRAYER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 28:6

A little twelve-year-old girl, Marian Richardson, won first place in the 1938 National Spelling Bee at Washington, D. C. She was not only a leader in spelling, but a leader in prayer and Christian principles. After winning the honor of the National Speller, she was asked if she had prayed that God would help her win. She replied: "I prayed, but prayed that the best speller would win." It was an impressive lesson for the minister who asked, as well as to all of us who heard her answer.—From a real life experience, in *Sunday School Times.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

When we pray, may we be as this little

girl. We find it hard when there are things we want so much. If only we could say, "Thy will be done," and really mean it.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

THE COST OF OBEDIENCE

Scripture Reading—Exodus 19:5

Pierre Barlot was a gunner in the fort of Mont Valerin during the Prussian siege of Paris. One day he was standing by his gun when General Noel, the commander, came up and leveled his glass at the Sevres bridge. "Gunner," he said, "do you see the Sevres bridge over there?" "Yes, sir." "And that little shanty in a thicket of shrubs to the left?" "I see it, sir," said Pierre, turning pale. "It's a nest of Prussians; try it with a shell, my man." Pierre turned paler still. He sighted his piece deliberately, carefully, then fired it. "Well hit, my man, well hit!" exclaimed the general. But as he looked at Pierre he was surprised to see a great tear running down the gunner's cheek. "What's the matter, man?" "Pardon me, General," said Pierre, "it was my house—everything I had in the world."—*The Sunday School Chronicle.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

To have to give up everything that a person owns in this world would be tragic indeed. And it does happen sometimes. How comforting to know that in the world to come we will have everything we will ever want—and more!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

HOW MUCH DOES GOD LOVE?

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 37:17

"Fond parents often say to a little child: 'How much do you love me?' The answer is usually a kiss and a hug. If you put the same question to our heavenly Father, the answer is—the Cross. . . . We can glimpse the sufferings of Christ in the garden and on Calvary; but who can picture the sorrows of the Father in heaven in that last hour?"—*The Boston Transcript.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There are not enough words in our vocabulary to express how we feel about His great love for us, are there? May we strive for more words and actions!

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

HOW MUCH DID HE LOVE HER?

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:2

A young man spent an entire evening telling a girl that he couldn't live without her; that he'd go to the ends of the earth for her; yes, go through fire for her, or die for her. But when leaving he said, "I'll see you tomorrow night—if it doesn't rain." How often we say we love God, yet deny it by our actions. John said, "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."—*Secret Place.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Words come so easy for some of us. May we weigh them and see if it would be better if they were not said—or if we are sure they're always true.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

THE EASIER WAY

Scripture Reading—Romans 5:5

There are two ways of traveling on the Continent. In the first, you do everything for yourself. You obtain your ticket, look after your luggage, get your seat in the carriage, ask at least three porters whether you are right; and if you have an imperfect knowledge of the language, you have perpetually an uneasy sense that perhaps you are wrong. . . .

There is another method of foreign travel. You employ a Tourist Agency, which obtains your tickets, sees to your comfort, gives you precise directions, provides you where necessary, with a conductor, and at every terminus waits to greet you. . . . And in this we have an apt illustration of the easier way of traveling to heaven. . . . I am at rest in the indwelling and inworking of the Holy Spirit. Only see that He is not grieved, and He will see to all else.—*King's Business.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Just think how easy it will be for us to go to heaven. We have a Guide who never fails—He never gives wrong directions. Let us follow Him!

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

A CHRISTIAN SOLUTION

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:5

A certain ranch in California had been leased for several years to a fine Japanese family. Both that family and the owner of the ranch were greatly dismayed when the order came telling that the Japanese must be evacuated to the interior. The owner, badly needing help, succeeded in securing a Chinese family to replace that of the Japanese. Through some mix-up dates, the Chinese family arrived a week before the Japanese family left. There was only one tenant house, and the owner did not know what to do. However, the problem solved itself. Both the Chinese and Japanese families were devout Christians. They decided that as brothers in Christ, they could live together in the one house and be happy. Each day they worshiped together, praying morning and evening in English. The Japanese helped the Chinese to start with the work, and the Chinese helped the Japanese family to get packed and ready to go. When the time came separate, each family promised to pray for the other. In a situation where prejudice and hatred might have divided Christians, the love of Christ was great enough to keep their minds and hearts in perfect peace.—*Secret Place.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It sounds so easy, doesn't it? Surely, who profess to be Christians will get along with one another. We have little reason not to, don't we?

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Are We to Take a Stand on Moral Issues?

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TODAY the validity of our moral action is being questioned more than it has in the past. This may mean we are less moral or our moral standards are not what we claim them to be. This writer is not attempting to answer any moral question; rather, he is trying to get us to take a serious look at the moral issues of today.

There are three approaches to Christian ethics which are commonly used according to Joseph Fletcher's book, *Situational Ethics*. (1) The Legalistic Approach—The law says not to do certain things and under no circumstances does one obey. (2) The Antinomian—One does what he wants to because he is not guided by any rules or laws whatsoever. (3) The Situational Approach—Armed with principles and laws, one decides what would be best for each individual situation.

Each of us has to take a stand somewhere along the line, but unfortunately, sometimes we take a position only because it is popular and not meaningful to us as Christians. In other words, we avoid the real issues which faces us as Christians. Let us look at a few examples of these positions and see where we stand.

For example, let us take the commandment which says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Of course this may not be an issue for us but it will help to illustrate the three approaches. First of all the legalist would say that under no circumstances should a person commit adultery. To him there would not be any situation by which a person would be justified for this act. But the antinomian would come alone and say that if one sees someone's wife which would be a good prey, then go and get her.

He might say that if one wants to have an intimate relationship with his neighbor's wife then go ahead—but don't get caught by her husband. Thirdly, the situationist would agree with the legalist in that the law condemns adultery, but he would say that there might be certain situations which might justify this forbidden act. A case in point would be an incident recorded by Fletcher. Mrs. Bergmeier was picked up by the Russian army as she was trying to find food for her three children. Her husband was in a P O W camp in Wales. She was carried off to a prison camp in the Ukraine. Her husband returned home only to find his family separated and lost. After finding his children, one in hiding and the other two in a detention camp, he continued to search for his wife. Somehow she heard of their desperate need for her and tried to find a way out. However, the only way she could leave was (1) if she needed medical help in which case she would be sent to a Soviet hospital elsewhere and (2) if she became pregnant. After much consideration she asked one of the guards to impregnate her and he did. After a medical examination she was sent home to her family which welcomed her with open arms. After little Dietrich was born, they loved him dearly because it was this child which brought the family together again. Of course the question is, What would you have done?

Every Christian needs to take a stand on issues which confront them. So often we have taken the approach of Mom and Dad, the preacher, or any close friend. In taking their views we have failed to see what the real issues are. To illustrate let us take the problem of drugs. When one says drugs, many peo-

ple start condemning the young generation. Here we have a young boy about ten or twelve years old and his father tells him if he ever tries "pot" he will be hooked for life, and before the father finishes speaking to his son, he yells out to his wife to fix him another martini. Now does the father have the right to tell his son not to get hooked? What about all of us who smoke tobacco? Do we have the right to tell our young people not to smoke "pot"? Is it right to do something just because the law says it's all right? Is it wrong to do something else even if the law says not?

In the New Testament Christ teaches us to show love, compassion, humility, and kindness. One of the issues facing us today is that of bussing. Only in the last few years has this become a hot issue. The question to be raised is not whether one is for bussing or not but where was our love, compassion, and kindness—Christian attitude—ten or fifteen years ago when our black citizens were being bussed across the towns and counties of our state?

The point in this is that all issues are directly or indirectly relevant to people which profess to be Christians and we should not wait until we are involved directly before we take a position. Rather, we should examine the issues, and after finding the Christian approach, we should stand firmly.

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Harrells to Be Honored At Wilson Store

Irene and Allen Harrell will be honored at an autograph party at the Wilson Bible and Bookstore, Saturday, April 8, from 9:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. This party is being given in honor of the publication of the Harrell's new book, *THE OPPOSITE SEX*. Both Judge and Mrs. Harrell will be in the store to autograph copies of their new book. They have written individual books, and this joint effort promises to be a real success.

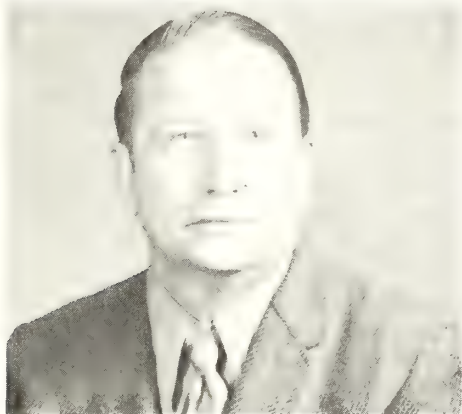
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THE FAMILY CIRCLE

"The picture of the family circle, the father, mother, and children sitting together reading the Bible, is a scene of inspiring beauty. There the Word of God is at work—molding character, lighting the path of good, inspiring deeds of service. Religion has a vital meaning, touching every aspect of life. God is there in the home, working through purposeful lives to create His kingdom."—J. Edgar Hoover.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Pleasant Grove Church Announces Revival



The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church located one mile west of Pikeville, North Carolina, on Highway 1002, announces revival services for the week of April 10-15, beginning nightly at 7:30. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald, will assist in the services which will feature good preaching and good singing each evening. Also a nursery will be provided for the children. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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Teen-Age Youth Rally Shady Grove Church

The teen-age youth group of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, will sponsor a Youth Rally Saturday night, April 15, beginning at 7:30. The rally will be held in the Midway High School near Spivey's Corner, North Carolina. The rally will feature "The Revelators," "The Oriental Experience" from Mount Olive College, and others. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this rally.

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Revival Services At Otter's Creek

Revival services will begin at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, North Carolina, Monday night, April 10, and will continue through Saturday night, April 15. Services will begin each night at 7:30 with

the Rev. David Charles Hansley of Goldsboro, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Mr. Hansley will be assisted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Foy Futrelle. Special music will be rendered during each service.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Cedar Grove Church Announces Revival

The Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Williamston, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of April 10-15. Beginning each evening at 7:30, the revival will feature the Rev. Vance Link, pastor of the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Weldon, North Carolina, as guest evangelist. He will be assisted in the services by the pastor of Cedar Grove, the Rev. Charlie D. Hamilton.

Special music will be presented nightly. The people of Cedar Grove are expecting an old-time revival meeting rich in fellowship and spiritual experience. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to come out and be a part of it.

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First Church, Tarboro To Have Revival Services

Revival services will begin at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, North Carolina, Sunday night, April 9, and will continue through Friday night, April 14. The time of the services is 7:30, with the Rev. De Wayne Eakes serving as guest evangelist. The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, pastor of the church, will assist Mr. Eakes. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Coming Events . . .

April 12—Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention, First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

Revival at Mt. Zion
April 17-23



The Rev. J. B. Starnes, pastor of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, the week of April 17-23. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor, the Rev. Charles Overton, assisting Mr. Starnes. Special music will be rendered each evening by various singing groups of the church. The pastor, along with the church membership, extends to everyone a cordial invitation to attend.

The church reporter states: "Please pray for this revival, that God will bless it in a great way, and at the close of the week, many souls will have been saved and the hearts of each individual will have been truly revived."

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Young World Singers At Yelverton's Grove Church

The Young World Singers will be at Yelverton's Grove Free Will Baptist Church located east of Smithfield, North Carolina, just off Highway 40, Saturday evening, April 8, beginning at 7:30. The group will conduct a service of gospel singing and testimonies. The pastor, the Rev. W. A. Martin, along with the church membership invites the public to share an evening of real spiritual blessings.

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W. O. Lassiter to Hold Revival at Riverside Church

The Rev. W. O. Lassiter, pastor of Harold's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for revival services at Riverside Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Princeton, North Carolina, the week of

April 9-15. Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with the church pastor, Rev. C. M. Coats of Smithfield, North Carolina, assisting Mr. Lassiter. Special music will be rendered each evening. The pastor and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these evangelistic services.

Evangelism in Progress

Elm Grove Church

Evangelism services are in progress at the Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, April 15. Serving as guest evangelist for this series of services is the Rev. Charles W. P. pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina. He is being assisted by the pastor of Elm Grove, the Rev. Kemery Ard. Special singing is being featured during each service, and the public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

First Church, Oak Ridge

Serving Period of Revival

The Christ Free Will Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, North Carolina, is observing (continued on page ten)

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at

The First Free Will Baptist Church
Smithfield, North Carolina

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MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 17, 7:30 P. M.

at

The First Free Will Baptist Church
Wilson, North Carolina

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THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 20, 7:30 P. M.

at

Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church
New Bern, North Carolina

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ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 6

Ayden, North Carolina

FORM AND SUBSTANCE IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST DENOMINATION: A CRITICAL INQUIRY

by
N. B. "TEX" BARROW

THE title which has been proposed is a rather technical sounding phrase for a very basic problem which faces not only Free Will Baptists but men of every faith. Every religion faces the basic problem of eventually deciding which is more important, its rituals or the meaning and truth behind these rituals. We must choose for ourselves whether we shall be primarily concerned with the propagation of our rituals or the propagation of the underlying truth of our faith.

Let me draw an example of what we are talking about from one of our basic ordinances. Which is primary in our celebration of the Lord's Supper, the actual bread and wine and the ensuing ritual, or the reality of a present and living Lord and the ensuing communion with Him and each other? Obviously, we would (or should) affirm that the latter is primary. My question, however, is whether our life as a denomination reflects our affirmation.

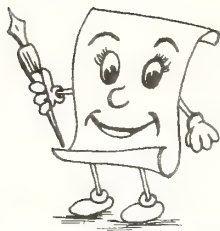
Our heritage as a people demands, I believe, that we elevate substance over form. Protestantism, viewed as a whole, has its seeds more or less in this problem. An angered Catholic monk once hammered a paper on the door of his church protesting the elevation of form over substance. He contended that his church had taken a meaningful and useful form (indulgences) and had stripped it of its substance. Martin Luther, the father of Protestantism, began his protest over this question we are now discussing. Because he asserted that this particular use of form was meaningless, he was excommunicated. Because he chose substance over form, he became the father of a movement of which we are now a part. I wonder, however, if we have been true to our heritage. I fear that we have not.

Let me now cite an example that may somehow serve to illustrate my point. In baptism we believe that we have an outward and visible sign of an inward and invisible fact. We would deny most vehemently that any grace is conferred in the act itself. We believe that im-

mersion is the proper means of baptism. Thus, our affirmation is that baptism (the form) is a sign of what has already happened in the individual (the substance). Since we would deny that the form without the substance is useless (i.e., if an unregenerate were baptized), we are concerned primarily with substance. Now, this is all well and good, but our trouble comes when we look a bit deeper. If one of another denomination presents himself for membership in one of our churches, we accept him upon his profession that he is already a Christian and upon receiving his letter from his home church. **However**, if this person has not been immersed, we do not freely accept him. If he has been **baptized** by any form other than immersion, we either (1) require him to be immersed, (2) reject him if he refuses, or (3) must hold a special vote to allow him admission to our church.

We, in short, require him to do what no one of us would do ourselves. That is, we require him to affirm by his actions that this particular form (immersion) is more important than the substance (his repentance and conversion). To me, this appears to be a most hypocritical stance. We believe that one ought to know in his heart if he has experienced conversion. If one's baptism is valid and meaningful for him, who are we to judge his baptism? If then a member of another church comes to us for membership, we ought to accept him **freely** upon his profession of faith and upon receiving his letter from his home church.

Our brothers of the Southern Baptist denomination have already faced this question. They failed. They merely substituted one form (local autonomy) for another form (immersion). We must do better. Let us protest loud and clear as did our father, Martin Luther. Let us proclaim anew that in Christianity it is the substance and not the form which counts.



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

The first word spoken to an individual inside the empty tomb was "Woman" (see John 20:13).

At least four women went to the tomb that morning. Joanna, the wife of Chuza, house steward of Herod the Tetrarch, was probably healed by Jesus (see Luke 8:1-3). Because of her position as a member of Herod's household she may have had information which could have saved His life, had He so chosen. She was genuinely converted, loved Jesus deeply, and followed Him faithfully.

Mary, the mother of James and Joses, the wife of Alphaeus, was related to Mary, Jesus' mother. Generous with her time and means, faithful to her cause, loving, true, and brave, this woman's reputation is established as a good mother. Her elder son probably wrote the Epistle of James and preached in Palestine and Egypt. She and they helped establish early churches.

Better known as "the mother of Zebedee's children," Salome was wealthy, socially prominent, with servants in her home on the shore of the Sea of Galilee at Capernaum or Bethsaida. Like many mothers, she desired success and fame for her children. After Jesus rebuked her for asking that her sons sit at His right and His left in the kingdom by saying, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your servant," she abandoned these political aspirations. Any further record of Salome shows her in a helpful, not ambitious, role.

Who knows what tortures of mind and body Mary Magdalene endured before she met Christ? There has been much speculation about whether she suffered from a nervous disorder which had recurred seven times or actual demon possession. Whatever it was, she became a living monument to the healing power of Jesus, poised, unafraid, influential, and serene. Having come from living death into new life, herself, perhaps she best understood His transition from flesh to spirit.

So she ran with the proof of His resurrection: "I have seen the Lord!"

Young Minister Available for Pastoral Work



The young man pictured above is the Rev. Jimmy Webster. Mr. Webster plans to return to Mount Olive College this fall to continue his education. He would like to secure two part-time churches or one full-time church within commuting distance of the college. He will be available for pastoral work beginning the first of September.

Mr. Webster was ordained by the Albemarle Conference in 1964 and has been preaching since that time. Presently, he is a member of the Albemarle Conference and is serving as minister of Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina. Anyone desiring reference of Mr. Webster's qualifications may contact Dr. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Webster is married and has three children. He may be contacted by writing Route 1, Box 219, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865; or by telephoning 943-2042, Belhaven, North Carolina.

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"HAVE I EVER SEEN A CHRISTIAN?"

A father was one day teaching his little boy what manner of man a Christian is. When the lesson was finished, the father got the stab of his life, when the boy asked, "Father, have I ever seen a Christian?"—W. B. K.

A woman brought death and separation from God into the world; a woman carried the triumphant message that death was overcome and fellowship with God restored. Women are important, aren't they?

Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with the First Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Wednesday, April 12. The convention theme will be, "Love in Action." The Scripture is taken from 1 John 3:18: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed, in truth" (1 John 3:18). The Rev. H. Glenn is host pastor. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Love Divine"
—Devotions, Mrs. Geraldine Brock
- 10:20—Welcome, Mrs. Margaret Wall
—Response, Mrs. Billy Nowell
- 10:25—President's Message, Mrs. D. Dudley
—Hymn, "Let Others See Jesus in You"
- 10:30—Business Session
—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Appointment of Committees
- 11:00—Children's Home Report
- 11:10—Special Music, Oriental Experience Group
—Offering
—Convention Message, Mrs. D. Dudley
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Hymn, "Love Lifted Me"
—Devotions, Testimonies by Oriental Experience Group
- 1:15—Memorial Service, Mrs. D. W. Stephenson
- 1:30—Missions Report
—Mount Olive College Report
—Cragmont Assembly Report
—Superannuation Report
—Youth Chairman Report
- 2:00—Business Session
—Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie"
—Benediction

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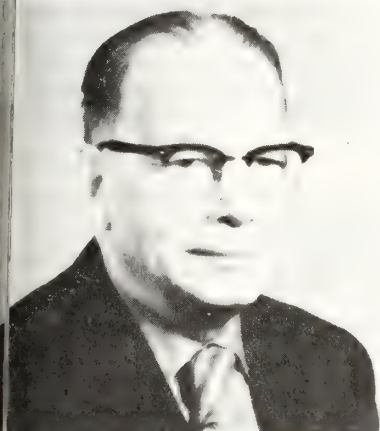
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MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

BUNDY NAMED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Sam D. Bundy

The president of Mount Olive College, W. Burkette Raper, announced today that Sam D. Bundy of Farmville, North Carolina, has been named to the board of trustees for the College.

He was elected by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists to fill the expired term of the late Bonner D. Wyer.

Bundy is a graduate of Duke University and received his M.A. degree from North Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina. He has been principal of schools in Duplin, Edgecombe, and Martin Counties, serving 18 years as principal of Farmville Public Schools and five years as principal of the Sam D. Wyer School from which he retired in 1970 after 42½ years of service in North Carolina.

The new board member is a 32-Degree Scottish Rite Mason and member of Sun Temple of the Shrine, past president of the Tarboro Kiwanis Club, past district governor of the North Carolina Kiwanis District, and past president of the Northeastern District North Carolina Education Association (N. C. E. A.).

Bundy has been very active in his church serving as president of the North Carolina Christian Men's Fellowship

(twice) and as president of the State Convention of Disciples of Christ.

He is extremely popular as an after-dinner speaker and has addressed business, professional, fraternal, civic, church, and school groups in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, New York, Michigan, Colorado, Maryland, Georgia, and Tennessee.

In 1971 Bundy held a seat in the North Carolina General Assembly.

President Raper, in making the announcement of Bundy's appointment to the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees, said, "We are most pleased to add a professional educator to the board, and we believe that his long and distinguished experience in the field of education will be of immense value to the College in articulating our programs with the public schools of the state. A large number of students at Mount Olive College are majoring in areas that lead to service in the area of public education and most of these students come from public schools. Therefore, we are most happy about the addition of this special dimension and perspective to our board of trustees."

Mount Olive College is a two-year liberal arts institution sponsored by the Free Will Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. It is located on a spacious and modern multimillion dollar campus in the community of Mount Olive. Mount Olive College offers its students some of the most progressive educational advantages in North Carolina, including; individualized instruction, continuous admission, and accelerated degree programs.

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Pride Is a Weed

Plants grow only in certain soils, or at certain heights, or under certain lines of latitude. Unlike these, pride is a weed that, springing up in every heart, grows at all elevations—as well in the humblest as in the highest stations of life; and under every system of religion, the true as well as the false.—Gospel Herald.

HOMECOMING AND DEDICATION AT UNION CHAPEL

The Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, was organized in 1941. The Rev. Tillman Renfrow was chosen as pastor by the first members. He and Mrs. Renfrow are pictured in front of the old church building.



These people were dedicated Christians, and it is felt that without the guidance of the Holy Spirit and their allowing Him to work in their lives, the present congregation would not be able to have the dedication service which is coming up April 9. The church membership is thankful for Mr. and Mrs. Renfrow, dedicated pioneers of the church.

Things went well for Union Chapel through the years until the people seemed to grow cold spiritually. Old Satan jumped at this and decided to slow it down. Sure enough, he was able to for awhile. And, in 1966 the Western Conference voted to seel the church property. Things went from bad to worse. Surely people were not praying with faith! Have you ever seen a "For Sale" sign in front of one of God's houses? This is what can happen when people lose faith and don't let God's will be done.

The people of Union Chapel thank God for two dedicated men who were present at that conference meeting: the Rev. Willie Renfrow and Walton E. Parrish. They couldn't bear the thought of God's house being sold. With faith in God they rolled up their sleeves and went to work. With a lot of work and much prayer and thirsting in God to lead them, Union Chapel was soon opened again. When the church was reopened, the Rev. Walton E. Parrish was chosen as pastor. With thirteen members, and two of these (Donald Williamson and William Earl Price) deacons, certainly God had work for them to do.

The community responded slowly at first. It took a lot of praying and visiting. God did answer prayers. Soon, more Sunday school rooms were needed. The church decided to build a new sanctuary and use the old one for Sunday school. With a lot of faith, and no money, the foundation was laid. Now success has been realized!

The pastor and church membership invite everyone to attend the dedication service and homecoming observance at Union Chapel, Sunday, April 9. Dinner will be served on the grounds, and a good time in Christian fellowship is expected.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Robert Rollins wishes to announce that he is available for full-time pastoral work, having resigned his present church Sunday, March 26. Any church interested in contacting him may do so by writing P. O. Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina 27568, or by telephoning 965-8626.

The King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, is in need of a minister to serve its people as of July 1. The King's Cross Roads church has church services each Sunday morning and evening and prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. There is no parsonage.

Any minister interested in serving the church is asked to contact Mr. Richard M. Bundy, Box 163-C, Route 2, Farmville, North Carolina 27828; telephone (home) 753-5502, or (business) 753-4173.

NEWS NOTES

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a period of revival which began April 3 and will continue through Saturday night, April 8. Beginning at 7:30 nightly, the revival is featuring the Rev. C. C. Burris as guest evangelist. He is being assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Wiley Jerry Combs. The Christ church is located three miles on the left beyond the Oak Ridge Military Academy on Highway 150.

The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services.

GETTING OUT OF RANGE

A little boy's prayer on the night before leaving for the country unconsciously expressed a situation that is tragically real even in homes of Christian belief: "Good-bye, God, we are going to the country tomorrow." There are still modern Jonahs who feel that when they get away from familiar scenes they get out of range of God.—Christian Herald.

HANDS

These hands are shaped as God's, and so
Let them be careful what they do.
Let them be quick to lift the weak;
Let them be kind as they are strong.
Let them defend the silent meek
Against the many-language wrong.
These hands are shaped as God's. Take

CARE

They catch the sparrow hurled from a
Lest God look down from heaven and see
What things are wrought beneath the
sun
By us, His images, and be
Ashamed of what His hands have done
—Sara Henderson Ha

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

Listed below are the Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina who are on the superannuation list of the State Convention. Also listed are widows of Free Will Baptist ministers of the state who are receiving aid through the superannuation program. As in the past, during holiday seasons, on birthdays, and throughout the year, cards, gifts, and any other remembrances for these who have served the denomination so faithfully throughout the years, will be greatly appreciated.

MINISTERS

The Rev. Herman Wooten
104 Avery Street
Garner, North Carolina 27529
Birthday: February 15, 1893.

The Rev. Wiley Ferrell
608 Tower Street
Selma, North Carolina 27576
Birthday: September 27, 1902

The Rev. B. F. Ringgold
Route 5, Box 47
New Bern, North Carolina 28560
Birthday: August 22, 1898

The Rev. W. G. Boykin
Dorothea Dix Hospital
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Birthday: October 10, 1900

The Rev. Milford Hales
Route 2
Kenly, North Carolina 27542
Birthday: February 5, 1898

The Rev. L. H. Boykin
Route 3
Kenly, North Carolina 27542
Birthday: March 2, 1891

WIDOWS

Mrs. Vedia S. Reynolds
P. O. Box 302
Columbia, North Carolina 27925
Birthday: March 17, 1907

Mrs. W. R. Glover
Box 408
Coats, North Carolina 27521
Birthday: September 28, 1884

Mrs. M. A. Woodard
60 Lemon Street
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
Birthday: June 5, 1891

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington
83 Dahlgren Avenue
Portsmouth, Virginia 23702
Birthday: March 22, 1880

Mrs. J. R. Bennett
Bridgeton
North Carolina 28519
Birthday: May 23, 1908

Mrs. Duffy Toler
131 N. Eastern Street
Greenville, North Carolina 27834
Birthday: February 8, 1884

Mrs. Emelina Rhodes
Route 2
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
Birthday: March 7, 1893

Mrs. Julia W. Snyder
Box 162
Erlanger, North Carolina 27292
Birthday: August 25, 1896

Mrs. Mary J. Parrish
Box 43
Elm City, North Carolina 27822
Birthday: September 23, 1903

Mrs. J. W. Alford
c/o Mrs. Earl Lewis
Box 163
Knightdale, North Carolina 27545
Birthday: October 11, 1881

Mrs. G. C. Joyner
c/o Mrs. Norma Eubanks
Route 3
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
Birthday: April 15, 1894

Mrs. Bessie G. Mitchell
Box 65
Pikeville, North Carolina 27863
Birthday: July 18, 1891

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "By which he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water" (1 Peter 3:19, 20). Who are the spirits in prison?

Answer: There are numerous conflicting interpretations given of these spirits. Albert Barnes thinks these could be none other than the spirits of those God used Noah to preach to during the 120 years when the ark was being prepared as a means of salvation against the coming judgment God had promised to bring on that generation of evil doers in the form of a flood water of which He said: "And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. . . . And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them" (Genesis 6:3, 7).

In the New Testament God uses this judgment and that which He brought on Sodom and Gomorrah to illustrate the judgment He says that He will bring upon the world at the end of this age when He is to destroy the false church. And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded: But the same day Lot went out of Sodom it rained

fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:26-30). (See and compare Matthew 24:33-39, 44; 1 Thessalonians 5:1, 2; 1 Peter 5:8.)

Here in part is what Albert Barnes says on the subject: "In regard to the inquiry, then, who these 'spirits' were, there can be no difference of opinion. **They were that wicked race which lived in the days of Noah.** There is no allusion in this passage to any other; there is no intimation that to any others of those 'in prison' the message here referred to had been delivered."—Barnes Notes, Page 178, James-Jude.

Barnes does not believe that we are to infer that Christ did any preaching between the time He was crucified and that at which He was resurrected. Some scholars think that Christ appeared before these spirits in Hades to prove or confirm the message Noah preached during the days of the 120 years he was engaged in preparing the ark.

George Sandison puts it somewhat differently: "It is generally interpreted as meaning that preaching to the spirits 'in prison' implies not the preaching of the Gospel, but the announcement of Christ's finished work. Nor does it imply a second day of grace. The spirits were clearly those of the Antediluvians. The passage, however, is mysterious and has puzzled Bible students in all times. Peter is the only Bible writer who mentions the occurrence, whatever it may have been, so that there are no other passages to shed light upon it. The apostle was speaking in the context of the operation of the Holy Spirit and it has been generally thought by Augustine among the Fathers and by Dr. Adam Clarke and other modern commentators that referred to the Antediluvians as having, like others who lived before Christ, been under the Spirit's influence, though they repelled it. In that case his meaning would be that Christ had from the beginning been preaching through, or by, the Spirit, to men in all ages, as he

preaches to men now by his Spirit through his ministers. Other theologians, Dean Alford among them, contend that somewhere in the universe these Spirits were imprisoned and that Christ preached to them in the interval between his death and resurrection, though that view is surrounded by other difficulties which are obvious. The reference is incidental and does not practically concern us so much as does the lesson Peter is enforcing, that through the Holy Spirit we are enabled to live to the spirit and not to the flesh."—Pages 197, 198, 1000 **Difficult Bible Questions Answered.**

Dr. Kenneth S. Wuest thinks that Christ appeared to demons at the time your question is concerned with. Here is a part of his discussion which is to be found on Page 100 in his book, **First Peter**: "But are the spirits of our First Peter passage angels or demons? Peter tells us that these spirits were in prison. There are just two prisons in the unseen world where evil spirits are confined, Tartarus (2 Peter 2:4, 'hell' tartarosas) where fallen angels are kept; and the bottomless pit (Revelation 9:1-12). When our Lord was about to cast out the demons from the maniac of Gadara, they besought Him not to cast them into the deep, the **abusson** (Luke 8:31). The words 'bottomless pit' of Revelation 9:1 are literally 'the well of the **abusson**,' same Greek word as used in Luke 8:31, which fixes the bottomless pit as the prison house of demons. To which place did our Lord go and preach? Peter in his first epistle (3:19, 20) and in his second epistle (2:4, 5) links spirits and angels with the flood and states that they sinned at that time. The inference should be clear that he is referring to the same beings, for Hebrews uses the words 'angels' and 'spirits' as designating the same created beings, and Peter is just following the practice of other inspired writers."

R. C. H. Lenski has this to say on Pages 167, 168 in his book, **The Epistles of St. Peter**: "Let us note that Peter's interest does not lie in the **contents** of Christ's proclamation. The **fact** that Christ went to hell and made it, went there in the instant of his vivification after his death and made a proclamation to **the damned** in hell—this is the point that Peter impresses. The fact that the proclamation was not evangelical but damatory goes without saying. When one is answering the question as to why Peter says this about the descent into hell one should not think only of these damned spirits (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



HEAD OF THE CLASS

CARMEN VERA

CISSY burst into the house, giving the door a slam that rattled the dishes.

"Cissy, that isn't any way to shut a door," her mother called from the kitchen. "What's wrong? Did you have trouble in school today?"

Cissy paused in the doorway, her face red with indignation. "My literature teacher doesn't like me," she declared hotly. "My theme paper was the best in the class; yet she gave Debby the highest grade. She got an A, and I got only a B+."

"Your grade is nothing to be ashamed of," remarked her mother. "I'm sure you did your best, but perhaps Debby's theme was written better."

"Oh, you never take my side!" exclaimed Cissy, angrier than ever. Turning around quickly, she left the kitchen and took refuge in her bedroom, where she could sulk in private. After a few moments she began to simmer down, and by the time her mother had announced dinner, she was almost back to her normal, pleasant self.

As soon as dinner was over and the dishes were put away, her mother said, "Don't forget to write to your grandmother tonight to thank her for the dress she sent to you for your birthday."

"I don't have time tonight," Cissy replied. "I'm going to study math. This year I want to come out first in my class."

Her mother gave Cissy a long, searching look. "Your desire to be the leader

in everything sometimes worries me," she said.

"Don't you want me to get good grades?" asked Cissy.

"Of course, but your attitude is wrong," replied her mother. "All you seem to want is a top grade, and you have no sympathy for other students who are also doing their best to excel."

Cissy shrugged her shoulders. She had heard the same words before, but her mother never understood. There were still two months of school left, and she was determined to be at the head of her class.

One Friday afternoon Cissy dashed into the house, shouting, "Mom! Guess what? I made it! I'm first in my class! Oh, I'm so excited! Debby took second place."

"Honey, I'm so proud of you, and your father will be very pleased, too," said her mother, smiling.

"Mom, the certificates and awards will be given out at the end of next week, and all the parents are invited," said Cissy. "Please, please, may I have a new dress?"

"I think we can stretch the budget that far," replied her mother.

The next day, Cissy and her mother went shopping. They visited store after store without finding a dress that would satisfy Cissy. Her mother was practically out of patience when Cissy's blue eyes fell upon a beautiful green dress hanging in a shop window. "Mom! Look!" she cried, pointing. "There's my dress. Let's go in and buy it!"

"Yes, it's lovely, but have you noticed the price?" asked her mother. "You could buy two dresses for the price of that one."

"But Mom, Dad said that I could have whatever dress I wanted," Cissy protested.

"Very well, I guess that it is a special

occasion," agreed her mother. Then she stepped inside the small dress shop and asked about the dress in the window.

"We don't have a green one in your size," replied the clerk. "I believe the only color we have left in your size is blue."

The clerk showed the dress to Cissy. And after Cissy tried it on, she found that blue was even better because it matched her eyes.

"I hope that you will enjoy it," said the clerk as she folded it and placed it carefully in its box. Cissy's eyes beamed with anticipation. She thought of the effect the new dress would have upon her classmates. She could almost hear their cries of admiration.

Cissy had fully intended to tell her friends about her new dress on Monday during recess, but before she could do so, she happened to notice Debby standing by herself. She looked so unhappy that Cissy walked up to her and asked, "What's wrong, Debby?"

"Oh, something dreadful has happened," replied Debby with tears in her eyes. "Yesterday my father was in an accident and broke his leg. He's going to have to stay in the hospital for several days."

"Oh, I'm so sorry!" exclaimed Cissy sincerely. She knew that hospitals cost money and that Debby's father would be unable to work for several weeks. "Then he'll miss the program at school, won't he?"

"Yes, and he feels so sorry, because now he can't afford to get me the new dress that he promised me," replied Debby.

"Oh, dear, what will you wear?" asked Cissy.

"My mother is fixing a dress that my sister has outgrown," replied Debby. "It's almost new, and I don't really mind."

Cissy didn't mention dresses again, but she thought about them all day, especially about the blue one hanging in her closet. It was almost too beautiful to wear for the program, especially when Debby would be wearing a simple one that once belonged to her sister. That night she talked to her parents about it. "Maybe I'd better wear the dress I got for my birthday instead," she declared.

"But then what will we do with your new dress?" asked her mother.

"Can we return it?" asked Cissy.

"Yes, I'm sure that we can," replied her mother.

"Oh, I know what we can do,"

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of February, 1972. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing; but totals are shown here only from the conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for February, 1972, compared with February, 1971.

| Religious Contributions Received | 1972 | 1971 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Emerald Conference | \$ 162.94 | \$ 261.88 | (\$ 98.94) |
| Blue Ridge Association | | | |
| Blue Fear Conference | 282.71 | 191.00 | 91.71 |
| Central Conference | 1,595.71 | 2,035.14 | (439.43) |
| Eastern Conference | 2,259.41 | 1,518.08 | 741.33 |
| Fe Dee Association | 147.63 | 96.31 | 51.32 |
| Fidmont Conference | 17.40 | 22.90 | (5.50) |
| Blackfish Conference | | | |
| Western Conference | 1,215.43 | 1,772.80 | (557.37) |
| Statewide Bodies | 159.08 | 128.97 | 30.11 |
| Other States | 75.65 | 21.62 | 54.03 |
| Total Religious Contributions | 5,915.96 | 6,048.70 | (132.74) |
| Gratuities and Bequests | 180.25 | 180.25 | |
| Life Endowment | 9,146.20 | 11,243.77 | (2,097.57) |
| Parents and Relatives | 854.20 | 45.00 | 809.20 |
| Friends and Others | 137.00 | 352.00 | (215.00) |
| Farm Income | 12.25 | 2.00 | 10.25 |
| Anteen | | 311.00 | (311.00) |
| Miscellaneous | 52.79 | 1,393.40 | (1,340.61) |
| Total Other Income | \$10,382.69 | \$13,347.17 | (\$2,964.48) |
| Total Income For Month | \$16,298.65 | \$19,395.87 | (\$3,097.22) |

The above was received for the following:

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| General Fund | \$15,335.40 | \$19,390.87 | (\$4,055.47) |
| Education Aid Fund | 777.00 | | 777.00 |
| Loan Savings Account | 186.25 | | 186.25 |
| Esse Woodard Fund | | 5.00 | (5.00) |
| Total | \$16,298.65 | \$19,395.87 | (\$3,097.22) |

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| Blue Fear Conference | | Holly Springs | 200.00 |
| Bethel | \$100.00 | St. Mary's | 191.13 |
| | | Sound View | 101.50 |
| Central Conference | | Western Conference | |
| Black Jack | \$103.96 | Sherron Acres | \$125.00 |
| Aspen Grove | 132.00 | St. Mary's | 195.10 |
| Gum Swamp | 105.00 | Micro | 129.00 |
| Hull Road | 246.70 | Auxiliary Convention | \$159.08 |
| Winterville | 108.82 | | |
| Free Union | 177.40 | Gifts were received in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harper Dail. | |
| Eastern Conference | | There is one application for children pending in our files. | |
| Wintergreen | \$357.00 | | |
| Bethlehem | 100.00 | | |



By Margo Mangum

As the beautiful, feathery snow fell across the country club golf course last Saturday in dear old Wake County—I recognized a lone, familiar figure still on the course—striving for that eighteenth hole, maybe.

It brought back a conversation (whether it was original or not is immaterial) that I overheard at this same friend's breakfast table. The wife had several things planned to do on this particular Saturday morning, so winking her eye at me she looked at her husband, saying, "Bob, surely you're not thinking of playing golf today—now are you?"

Without a moment's hesitation he said, "Of course not honey, whatever gave you the idea? Will you pass the putter, please?"

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Humor can and is always found—sometimes it takes awhile.

Tribute to Our Pastor

It is with deep regret that we inform others of the resignation of our pastor, the Rev. Robert Rollins, effective June, 1972.

We believe Mr. Rollins to be a dedicated pastor preaching the Word of God and trying to live it. He believes in visiting the sick, helping others in need, and treating all members the same.

If your church is seeking a pastor with these qualifications, we recommend him highly. May God guide and bless Mr. Rollins and his family as he continues in this field of service. We need and ask for your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Dedicated Members Of
Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 16



Organized for Missions

Lesson Text: Acts 6:1-7; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Timothy 3

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:11, 12

I. INTRODUCTION

In our lesson last Sunday we saw how the church established its form of worship and Christian fellowship. We also saw how the Christians were accepted by the people and for a time were held in high esteem by them. But this was only for a time; coming events of persecution had already begun to cast their shadows before.

It was never Satan's intention to stand idly by and see this infant church succeed. It was not long before he began to set in motion factors that would tend to disrupt the church and negate its influence. His attack took a dual form: (1) he endeavored to hinder the work from within the church and (2) he brought assaults from without the fellowship.

The first attack took the form of complaints and dissensions among the members themselves, necessitating a reorganization of the church policies with a view toward a total embracing of the church members' needs. The second attack came in the form of persecution that was marked by the death of one of the church leaders.

Strangely enough, God permitted both to happen, particularly the latter. He had told them to go into all the world and preach the gospel. The early Christians had become too content to remain in Jerusalem, to the neglect of the unsaved in Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. Persecution would change all that, and the gospel would begin to spread because of it, which was as God had planned it to be. Let us see what we mean by this.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The mission of the church is to win

men to Christ that His body may be made whole or complete.

2. In order to do this the church needs some organization.

B. An Administrative Problem (Acts 6:1-7)

1. The problem which the church faced.
2. The Lord gave the equipment for handling this problem.
3. The ministry of deacons as revealed by this passage.
4. The qualifications for deacons as set forth in this passage.
5. How the deacons were selected and set apart for their work.

C. The Church Equipped for Mission (Ephesians 4:11-16)

1. God gave the workers need to carry on the work of the church.
2. God will give these workers power to do the work of the church.
3. This work of the church is building up saints.
4. This work is also the winning of men to Christ that the body of Christ may be complete.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the early days, the church grew very rapidly. In a short time, there was so much to do that the apostles could not handle all the work. In those days the followers of Jesus shared with one another all that they possessed. Therefore, it was not easy to make sure that all had their fair share. In fact, some of the people complained that they were being neglected.

The apostles called a meeting of all the Christians of Jerusalem. "It is not sensible that we should leave off preaching the Word of God in order to look after matters of food and clothing," they told the people. "Choose from among yourselves several men who are fully trusted among you, men who are filled with the Holy Spirit. Let them look after all business matters so that we may give all our time to prayer and teaching," they continued.

The followers of Jesus thought was an excellent plan, and they chose seven young men to do the work of feeding the poor.

These seven men were called deacons. Their names were Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas.

The newly elected deacons of the church were asked to kneel down before the apostles who placed their hands upon them and prayed, asking God to set them apart for the work which was to be done. This act of laying on of hands and praying is called ordination. This practice is still used today to ordain preachers as well as deacons. As a result of choosing seven deacons to help after the physical and material well-being of the church members, the apostles were given more time to preach the gospel and more souls were saved, including a number of priests.—The Intermediate Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. God's question to Isaiah resounded in the ears of Christians today: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

The office girl, happy with her work and making a genuine contribution to a worthy business, wonders, "But what about the harvest fields of the Lord? What can I do?"

The businessman may be justly proud of his worthwhile achievements. Still, there is an uneasiness in his mind. "What about the souls of the lost? I do something to reach them?"

The preacher seeks to win souls of Christ week after week. But wider horizons often catch his vision. His fellow laborers in other fields have different struggles. "What can I do to help?" he wonders.

Many Christian young people are already doing their best to serve the Lord. They view the future and see the spiritual needs of the world. "What can we do?" they ask.

If the concern, compassion, time, talent, wealth, and prayers of all these people pass through the gate of Christ's commitment they will be enlarged and multiplied and their influence will be felt in meaningful ways all across the globe. Do you doubt that this is true? Try it and see!—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. Soon after the church was born and those who were a part of it began to propagate the gospel, persecution began. In the second great persecution the apostles were put into prison. Through a miraculous opening of the prison doors they were released. (continued on page fifteen)

PRAYER

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the model prayer, or as we often call it, "The Lord's Prayer." Romans 8:26-27 reads: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Prayer is a means of communication with God. God speaks to us when we read His Word. We speak to Him when we pray. Prayer is a means of being drawn closer to God. The Bible teaches us if we draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to us.

Christ never did anything amiss. He was sinless; therefore, He had no need to ask His Father for any forgiveness; but as He hung dying on the Cross, He had concern and compassion for others. He prayed: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." The Bible declares that we have all sinned and are short of the glory of God. We need to seek forgiveness of God. When we seek His forgiveness, we need to pray with a spirit of forgiveness; that is, we would be willing to forgive others if we expect Him to forgive us.

The Bible has a lot to say about prayer. Great sermons have been preached on the subject. Many have felt the impact of prayer upon their own lives, because "the fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much." Therefore, whatever things are wrought in prayer on this world dreams of.

I hope that these few remarks I've made, broken as they may have been, will cause each of us to realize more fully the importance of prayer and the power of prayer. May we commit ourselves to sincere and earnest prayer.

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BLIND PUT THEIR HAND IN GOD'S"— HELEN KELLER

Helen Keller, shortly before her sixteenth birthday, expressed pity for the blind unseeing, for those who have eyes but do not see. Her long years of physical blindness have given her a spiritual sight which enabled her to enjoy life to all its fullness. She says: "If the blind put their hand in God's they find their way more surely than those who are blind but have not faith or purpose."—Western Recorder.

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Questions & Answers

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since Peter himself adds all that follows about those who were saved in the flood, what their saving typifies for his readers through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his enthronement in heaven at God's right hand with all angels, authorities, and powers subject to him who died and was vivified in his human nature. The descent and the ascent with its eternal enthronement belong together. Our comment should not separate them."

We conclude by reminding ourselves that it is more in keeping with the spirit of God's message to us as set forth in first Peter to let these warnings be a reminder to us that in God's mercy He has given us Christ to save us from our sins because He is not willing that any perish, but that all should come into a saving knowledge of God's Son before it is too late. He gave those of Sodom and Gomorrah a short time to repent. He gave those before the flood a short but sufficient time to repent; but in both cases, only a few escaped the damnation of God's wrath. In the case of the flood it came after Noah preached and built the ark through a period of 120 years. The angels warned Lot, and Lot plead with those of his generation to turn from their wicked thoughts and plans that were devised against Lot as well as the angels; and in Noah's case against God and all His servants. "Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are there unto called, that ye should inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3:9).

Here are a few of Lot's words as he pleads with the wicked of his generation: "And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly" (Genesis 19:6, 7). One might read all of Genesis 19 in order that he see the **long-suffering** of God in His dealings with unguarded sinners whose passion for lust has driven them insane to the degree they seem to exercise no control whatsoever. So let us heed the warning that Christ gave us of this generation and accept, put in practice, and personally apply all we are able to understand in God's Word. Then we shall understand more. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:17); "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And know not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. . . . Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:36-39, 44).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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declared Cissy. "You said I could buy two dresses for the same price. Can't we use the money and buy two dresses?"

"Oh, Cissy, why do you want two new dresses?" asked her father.

"One for me and one for Debby," replied Cissy. "May I, please?"

"Yes, dear, I think that is a splendid idea," said her mother. "I'm glad to see that you are beginning to consider others, and I know that God is pleased. He said that when we do something for others, we are also doing it for Him." (See Matthew 25:40.)

"Yes, Cissy, and I'm proud of you, too," added her father. "Even without the grades, you still belong at the head of the class!"—My Pleasure.

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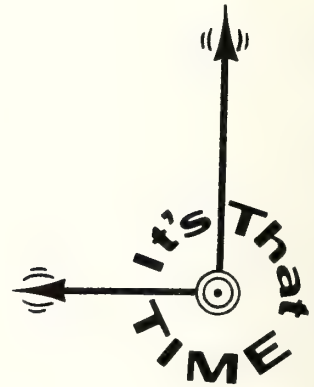
Sunday School Lesson

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prison doors, they left the prison and went into the temple and proclaimed the Word. Again they were brought before the religious council and commanded not to speak in the name of Jesus.

A certain Pharisee named Gamaliel, who had great respect among the people, warned the council concerning the apostles. He reminded them of past incidents which were to serve as reminders to them of the danger of possibly fighting against God (see Acts 5:34-39).

The council took Gamaliel's advice. They beat the apostles and then released them. The apostles proceeded to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 5:40-42). The result of their ministry was a tremendous increase in the number of disciples. God prospered His Word. Problems arose because of the great number of people who needed to be served.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.



NEXT WEEK IS THE TIME
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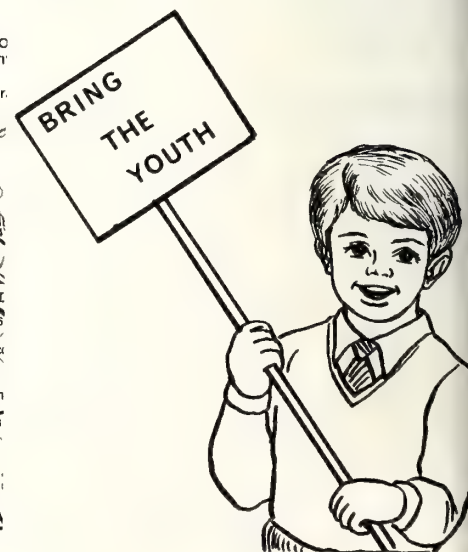
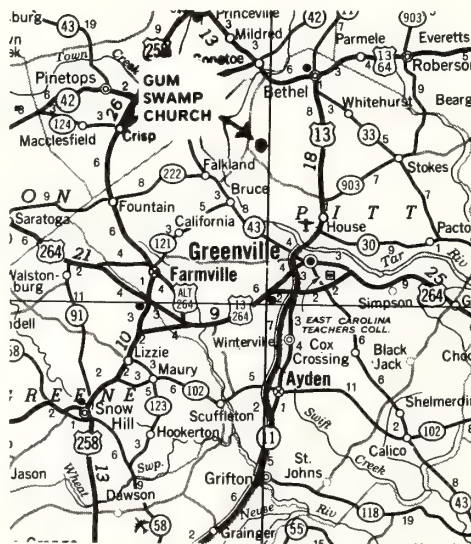
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A special youth program will be presented by the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Weldon, North Carolina. It is believed that if our Sunday school workers will attend this convention with the purpose of working together as a team this can be the most fruitful Sunday school year in Free Will Baptist history!

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GATHERING MATERIALS FOR WHAT?

GATHERING MATERIALS FOR - WELL...

There he goes again—that gray and white bird that keeps flying by our window. He was spotted only a week or so ago, and we wondered why he made frequent visits to the Japanese holly bush that decorates the corner of the building. On close examination it was discovered that he had been busy at work.

You guessed it. He has been busy building a nest—and still is, for that matter—slowly, surely, and patiently. It seems that he has all the time in the world. Nothing is pressing about the task. Only he knows when it must be finished. He has worked for days, since about the first of March probably (when most birds begin building). Hour after hour he has searched for just the right twigs to form the foundation. Entwined around the twigs will be strings, pieces of yarn, feathers, small bits of cloth, hair, cotton, moss, paper, straw, and blades of dried grass. The nest will be a work of art, engineered by a master nest builder—sturdy and compact enough to be secure, yet light and loosely-woven enough for proper ventilation and drainage.

It was decided that the bird is a mocking bird because of his coloration and long legs. It then occurred to us that we may be referring to the bird in the wrong gender. It seems that the female does the building—not the male (at least in some of the 9,000 species of birds that inhabit the earth). Too, the female is usually the less beautiful; and though graceful, this particular bird is not beautiful. Yet, for convenience sake (and with apologies to the bird), we will still refer to him or her as a “he.”

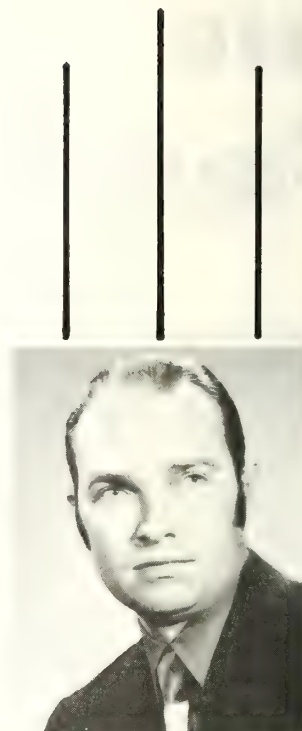
This bird flies sometimes a mile or more in search of just the right material for the nest, and he isn't satisfied with second best. The question arises, What is so important about a mocking bird and his building a nest in a Japanese holly? The answer: Nothing, except for the fact that we can learn a lesson from this bird and his industriousness, his persistence in completing his task. Sometimes he catches us looking and will drop the twig (which might have required more than an hour's search to find) and will fly to the top of the building and cock his head in our direction, perhaps scolding us for our startling him. Upon observation we find that he never reclaims that piece that hits the ground; he goes off again in search for one similar. Whether or not this is true with all birds, it is definitely a characteristic of this particular bird. If he drops part of the building material, he never recovers it—thus it takes longer to complete the task.

This brings us to this question: Friends, are you (like the bird) building a nest somewhere? We are not referring now to a nest in a Japanese holly bush—or a house, for that matter. What we are referring to is a nest up yonder somewhere. Are you sending up material day-by-day so that when you are ready to take residence in another life and in another place you are sure to have sent enough building material on ahead so your “nest” will be finished?

Are you careful not to drop your materials on the way? Are you selecting the right materials? If you are not, it is probable that your “nest” will not pass building inspection and your nest will not be livable.

The next time you see a bird busy at his task of building a nest (and this is the time of the year when you don't have to do much looking to see it), consider your life and the habits and attitudes and activities that make you the type of person you are. Consider the materials that you are picking up on the way and sending up. Consider whether or not you are making your nest secure and whether or not you have what it takes to persevere until the task is finished. If the bird loses interest in what he's doing, there probably won't be a home for little birds in that Japanese holly bush. . . .

Dear Christian, if you lose interest in what you're doing—well. . .



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MAE PARSONS BUSH

NE of the signs of hope in our day is that the church is taking seriously the doctrine that Christ became a real man in a real world. We read in the Bible about the sacrificial life and death of Jesus, the Christ. And for the present, His presence is still among His people. He constantly meets us in the common things of life. Christ is present with us. This is our faith.

But somehow fallen man finds it difficult in his pride and self-assessment to conceive of God producing so great and so lasting an achievement as salvation without his help. How refreshing it is to ponder the simple but profound declaration that the work of redeeming man from sin and reconciling him to God was done by Jesus Christ. We thank God for His payment for our sins, for His love for us, and for our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Whenever and wherever the Bible speaks of the removal or the remission of sin, it speaks of it in the past tense. Even then the Word was spoken of as being an accomplished fact. If a person gives one hundred dollars and the total amount is paid by a friend, he has no need to keep on paying. If Jesus Christ paid for all sin, then there is no need for further payment by anyone. In this light, it is wrong for Christians to condemn and ostracize the sinner. When we condemn him, we shut him off from the only solution for his needs: the salvation given to Him by the death of Jesus Christ.

In a psychological sense at least, many true Christians who have made mistakes live a miserable existence, as their sins had not been paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ. These people have asked to be saved and to be forgiven, but they have not quite accepted

God's forgiveness in all its scriptural fullness. Their unconscious mental anguish is quite unnecessary because Christ washed away all their sins when He died on the Cross.

God never intended that His children by faith in Christ should worry about their sins after they have come to Him. We recognize the priceless privilege that is ours as children of God. We recognize that after we have come to Christ, we become laborers with Him in telling the good news of His love to all the world. It is our task to make others His friends also—bringing reconciliation of man with God and man with man.

For the real Christian, the purging of his sins should be something in the past. Of course, the person coming to Jesus Christ confesses his sins. Then Christ offers purging of his sins in exchange for love of God. How wonderful it is to realize that full provision for the purging of sins was placed on Him as He hung on His Cross. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Is human character like concrete (and like some minds) completely set, or can people change? My personal experience has proven to me that lives can be changed by God's grace and by the experience of meeting Jesus Christ.

By escaping into alcoholism and drug addiction, I was simply crying out for what was missing in my life. When I was "hung up" on drugs and alcohol, I was looking for some place I could securely lay my life. The tragedy of it all was that it provided no solution for

my deep need for love and acceptance. But Jesus Christ was seeking me, the addict, because I was seeking God! And when I found Christ, I no longer needed to drink or take drugs, because in Him I found what I was looking for. Then, and only then, did I find relief from my suffering.

The task of judging me, then, belonged not to the church, but only to the one without sin, Jesus Christ. The church did not condemn me during the years I was an active alcoholic and drug addict; they did not drive me out of their buildings. Rather, they offered me the gospel of God's forgiveness and love. It was not the church's place to condemn me as a sinner. I believe that it is the responsibility of the church to proclaim the gospel, and to seek by every means at its disposal to heal the broken lives of humanity.

Unthinkingly, we sometimes tend to divide people into two groups—the young and the old, the religious and the irreligious—and then we assume that the older people and the religious groups are superior in the eyes of Christ. I am trying to be realistic because I love the church, but the church does not exist to condemn sinners of any age group. Certainly the church condemns sin. Part of the calling of the leaders of the church is to point out those things that are wrong, and point beyond them to a better way of life. In the church leaders, Christ is at work. So it was with the help of my church and its leaders that I began to live a new way of life.

As time passed, I began to feel that if I were to follow Jesus Christ's example, I must become involved with the real live issues that trouble the world; for Jesus was crucified on a cross between two thieves, on the town garbage heap, and at the kind of place where soldiers gambled. That is where He died; and that is what He died about. So I decided that is where I, as a recovering addict, should be and what my ministry should be about.

As a speaker, I deal with an increasing number of fine young people who have become alienated from Jesus Christ and from the church. They do not believe that Christ and the church meet their needs. As a Christian, I constantly seek spiritual renewal in order that I can lead these young people to Jesus Christ—not because I am still paying a debt, but because I want to share with them the good news of salvation.

This is my faith and my hope as I seek to minister in the name of the Christ.



SUNDAY, APRIL 16

THE WORST HURT

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 1:7

We who have believed can hurt Christ more than can the unbeliever. Enemies within the fort are more dangerous than enemies without. God's worst enemies when He sought the world through His Son were not the unbelieving Romans, but the Jews who believed in God and had worshipped Him for centuries.

What a responsibility this truth puts upon those who bear Christ's name. For the damage is just as severe from unintentional disloyalty as from open enmity. Every lowering of our standard is a worse stab at our best Friend and Saviour than can be dealt by sacrifice or unbelievers.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are we really "believers"? Do we want to hurt our "best Friend"? A lot of responsibility is put upon us if we answer these questions favorably. Can we pass the test?

MONDAY, APRIL 17

TRY TEARS

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 7:17

When General Booth received a communication from one of his captains, that the work was so hard he could make no progress, the General sent a telegram back, "Try tears." We are told success came to that corps. If the church of God followed the same advice more frequently, she might reap a larger harvest of souls.—*William Olney.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

There are very few articles written about the shedding of tears. Would it help if we did know more about crying? Has our crying helped in the past? Should we cry some more?

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

ROBERT MAFFAT'S CONVERSION

Scripture Reading—John 6:44

When Robert Maffat, the great missionary, was about twenty, he wrote this:

"Living alone in an extensive garden, my leisure was my own. While poring over the Epistle to the Romans, I could not help wondering over a number of passages which

I had read many times before. They appeared altogether different. I exclaimed with a heart nearly broken, 'Can it be possible that I have never understood what I have been reading?' turning from one passage to another, each sending light into my darkened soul. The Book of God seemed to be laid open, and I saw at once what God had done for the sinner. I felt that, being justified by faith, I had peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ."—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we have that peace with God that is brought about by faith? It makes everything altogether different, doesn't it? Do we know that kind of peace?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

"HE LEFT EVERYTHING!"

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:17

Is covetousness a disease? We believe it is. It is a disease of the soul which stultifies every noble impulse, shrivels the soul, and whelms it, at last, 'neath the bleak, black waters of defeat and despair. One day I had the funeral of an aged man who lived in squalor and in aloofness from his brother man. His clothes were tattered and torn. He lived on public relief. His clutching, covetous spirit hardened into hatred for mankind. He died, as he had lived, without friends and without God. There was not a flower or a mourner at his funeral. Now we come to the crux of our story: Among his personal belongings, ten thousand dollars were discovered, which will go to the state, along with some twenty additional thousands of dollars which this miser had hoarded!

"That man may breathe, but never live, Who much receives, but nothing gives; Whom none can love, whom none can thank, Creation's blot, creation's blank!"

—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We cannot help but pity this poor soul, can we? He never did really live, did he? May we live every single day that He gives us—to the fullest.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

A BETTER METHOD

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:1

There have been many who have criticized the method of Moody in asking men and women after his service to signify publicly their intention to take their stand for Christ.

A minister on one occasion took the evangelist to task for it. Moody listened to his objection, and said: "I agree with you, brother. I don't altogether like the method myself, and I am always looking for a better. What is yours?"

Considerably taken aback, the clergyman confessed he had no method, and did not invite men and women to make a public profession of their faith in the Saviour.—*The Reaper.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

However we take our stand for Christ may it be for real. Let us examine hearts and be honest with ourselves. Are we satisfied with our methods? Are we

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

"HE SERVED ME CRUELLY!"

Scripture Reading—Exodus 23:5

A man came to me and said: "I can understand it, sir, but it seems as if I am blotted out of my life. I used to be happy."

I said, "How is it?"

Said he: 'I think it has to do with treatment of my brother. He served me cruelly over my father's will, and I said I would never forgive him. I am sorry I said it, but he has been going from bad to worse, has lost his wife and child, and now on a bed of death, and I cannot go to him because I said I never would.'

I said: "My friend, it is better to break a bad vow than keep it. Go."

He went, and the smile of God met him just there.—*F. B. Meyer.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Just because we have been treated fairly we do not need to do likewise, do we? Maybe we could try that "extra mile" dare we?

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

SOMETHING HIS NEIGHBOR DIDN'T HAVE

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 24:17

Two men lived near each other. The river divided their farms. One day when the corn in the beautiful river bottoms was in roasting-ear stage, the cows of one neighbor got out of the pasture and crossed the river into the waving field of corn. They slashed and ruined perhaps a half acre. The man who owned the damaged corn rounded up the cattle and put them in the barn. He made the neighbor pay him a good price for every ear of corn that he had destroyed and then made him pay a good price for the cattle before he would return them to him. In the fall of the next year the hogs of the man whose corn had been eaten got out and crossed the river into the potato patch of the neighbor. They played havoc with it. This neighbor saw the hogs damage his potato patch, and he drove the hogs back across the river to the barn where they belonged. The owner saw them coming, got his gun, and hid himself with the avowal that if his neighbor harmed the hogs, he would shoot him. When he saw that he had no intentions of harming the hogs, he was surprised. He came out from his hiding, and said: "You have something I do not have. What is it?" The neighbor replied, "I am a Christian." The next night the unregenerate man and his wife went across the river and visited the neighbor. They were both converted before they left the home. On the next Lord's Day

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WHAT DID WE DO IN THE WAR?

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

HAVE you forgotten? There is a war still going on. We might ask ourselves, Where? The answer could almost be: all over the entire world. Are friends concerned about our husbands, sons, brothers, or fathers who are serving in the armed forces? Do they ever take time to write, call, or ask about them? Or are our friends' husbands, sons, brothers, or fathers fortunate enough and blessed enough to be home with their families and have good jobs?

Maybe you have never suffered the pangs of heartaches for a son or one of our family at war. This writer hopes and prays that you never will.

Today is a lovely day. The sun is shining, but it is cold enough to put a hurry on your steps. The spring flowers are beginning to peep through and stick their heads out of the cold earth. Buds are beginning to show on the plants and trees around us; yes, the cold winter is letting go to spring. New life is all around us. What about the husbands, sons, brothers, or fathers who have not come home from the war? Is it springtime in their hearts? Have flowers of friendship been their lot since they left home? Did we intend to write to a boy faraway from his family and friends but just did not have the time? You might say, "He never wrote to me." Have we ever lived in fear of our very lives day and night? Would we want a boy to write us about the horrors of war? We know what is going on at home, but he does not. Tell him! I believe this has kept many a boy alive "over there"—to be alert and have a desire to go home to family and friends.

How many special prayers have we prayed for our boys "over there"? Let us try not to forget, we might have young sons soon to reach the age "to go to war." Take a good look at them. Picture them in a faraway land, lonely, fighting, rushing to mail call; yes, even dying. My dear friend, it has happened to a lot of people. God has told us in His Word that today is the only time that we have. Please don't waste the opportunities coming our way. Put springtime into some boy's heart today by letting him know that the people back

home love him. God is on all lands of the world if we will only seek, ask, or knock. He is never too busy to stand beside our loved ones wherever they might be. He will give your boys on the battlefield the strength, patience, and courage to face the fighting that comes their way as they serve their country.

The Bible is God's mail call to each husband, son, brother, or father wherever they may be. Yes, God is big enough to be with us wherever duty calls us. Always remember that if any member of your family has to die for such a cause, God will surely go with them through time and eternity.

As Philip James Bailey says:

We live in deeds, not years;
In thoughts, not breaths;
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
We should count time by heartthrobs.
He most lives who think most,
Feels the noblest, acts the best,
Lives but a means unto an end;
That end beginning, means an end
To all things—God!

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The Expulsive Power Of Good Affections

Arnold Woodlief
Marianna, Florida

Try, above all, "the expulsive power of good affections." Empty by filling; empty of what is mean and impure by filling with what is noble and lovely. Your souls as Christians are a picture gallery. Let their walls be hung with all things sweet and perfect—the thought of God, the image of Christ, the lives of God's saints, the aspiration of good and great men, and the memories of golden deeds.

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PLEASE NOTE

We regret to have printed the name of the Rev. L. H. Boykin in the list of superannuated ministers and widows in the April 5 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. Mr. Boykin is deceased, and we apologize for this error in printing.

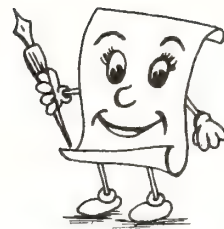
—the Editor.

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Utter Surrender

Let us give up our work, our thoughts, our plans, ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right into His hand, and then, when we have given all over to Him, there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about, or to make trouble about.—J. Hudson Taylor.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

When I get on my knees and say, "Lord, I've got a problem. Will you show me what to do?" and He does, and I do, and it works—I'm amazed!

Occasionally I begin to pray and a voice inside me says: "That has already been done." Then I just say, "Thank you," and don't try to understand it.

But there is a feeling of awesome wonder when He answers a prayer before it has been made.

A little difficulty with my work which could have gone on and on indefinitely began to look bigger each week. I decided I would consult the other person and find a solution. But I also began wondering if it were really urgent, or if the end of school might solve it; how to talk about it; if it were my fault; and if I could handle it alone, or if I needed help. I planned to pray about it in two or three days . . . after I got my thoughts in order.

Before then, though, a little girl brought me a note which entirely removed the problem. Before I could see it clearly or be sure exactly what it was, God took care of the whole thing!

It made me so happy, I immediately told a friend about His extra care. She wasn't at all surprised; she's had it happen to her.

We have similar experiences each day but hardly notice them. God cares for us with the commonplace daily things for which we never ask and are seldom grateful. He treats us much like we treat our own children, sometimes waiting until we ask, to see if we really want something enough to request it; and other times anticipating and fulfilling our needs because He loves us.

All these occurrences assure us ". . . your Father already knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8 TEV).

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

St. Mary's Grove Church Launches Building Program

The Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, recently signed a contract for the building of a new activity building.



Foundation of Activity Building

As you see from the picture, the foundation for the building has been laid.

On Monday, April 3, many of the men of the church came with their tractors, trucks, large bulldozers, and other equipment to help level the grounds and fill in for the building.



Leveling and Fill In for the Building

The Rev. R. H. Jackson is pastor of Saint Mary's Grove church.

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Friendship Church Announces Homecoming April 16

The Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming for Sunday, April 16. The services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message

at eleven by the pastor, the Rev. Walter Reynolds. At the noon hour a picnic will be served on the church grounds.

Following lunch there will be a program of singing in the afternoon with local as well as visiting talent. The pastor and the church membership extend to all former pastors, former members, and friends a cordial invitation to worship with them on this day of worship and fellowship.

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Pleasant Hill Church Announces Revival

Revival services are scheduled for Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, for the week of April 17-22. The Rev. Roland Cherry, pastor of the Micro Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. C. M. Coats, will assist in the services which will begin each evening at 7:30. He and the church membership extend to the public a cordial invitation to attend.

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Revival in Progress At Free Union Church

Revival services are in progress at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, April 15. The Rev. Harry Grubbs of the Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church near Wilson, North Carolina, is serving as guest evangelist for this series of services which begin nightly at 7:30. Special music is being featured during each service. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the meetings.

Coming Events . . .

April 15—North Carolina State Sunday School Convention, Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina

April 22—North Carolina State Youth Fellowship Convention, Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina

St. Mary's Grove Egg Hunt, Fellowship Supper, and Sunrise Service



On Saturday afternoon, April 1, Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina sponsored an egg hunt and picnic supper. The eggs were hid by the Young People's Auxiliary of the church, and those who hunted the eggs were divided into four groups: the nursery, primary, junior and older men and women. Each group was given a prize for finding the lucky egg.

Following the egg hunt, a picnic supper consisting of sandwiches and lemonade was served. There were approximately 100 attending, with ages ranging from one year to eighty-five years.

On Easter morning, April 2, a sunrise service was held at the church, beginning at 5:45. The Rev. R. H. Jackson, pastor of the church, was in charge of this service. There was a large congregation present, the first service of this kind for the church.

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Henry Armstrong to Conduct Robert's Grove Revival

The Rev. Henry Armstrong, pastor of Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for revival services April 17-22 at Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Dunn.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Francis Garner, pastor of the church, assisting Mr. Armstrong. Everyone is invited to attend these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Pastor Toured Holy Land and Shared Experiences with Church

The Rev. W. L. Bronson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina, has recently returned from a ten-day tour of the Holy Land. He made pictures of the places he visited and has just shared his experiences with the church he is now pastoring.

F. Bowen to Conduct Orndsville Revival



The Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, will be the guest minister for revival services at the Orndsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina. The services will begin Monday evening, April 17, and continue each evening at 7:30 throughout the week. Assisting in the services will be the pastor, the Rev. Peyton Rice.

This is no first for Mr. Bowen as he has held several revivals in the Orndsville church, and the congregation is looking forward with great anticipation to this meeting which promises to be one of good gospel preaching and special music.

The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial welcome to these services and prayer for the success of the meeting.

Stancil's Chapel Church Have Mission Service

The Woman's Auxiliary of Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, will have a mission service on Sunday night, April 16, at 7 p. m. The Rev. Joseph Ingram, secretary-treasurer of the State Mission Board, will be in charge of the service. The Rev. J. B. Godwin, pastor of the church, extends to everyone a cordial invitation to attend this important service.

First Church, Goldsboro Revival in Progress

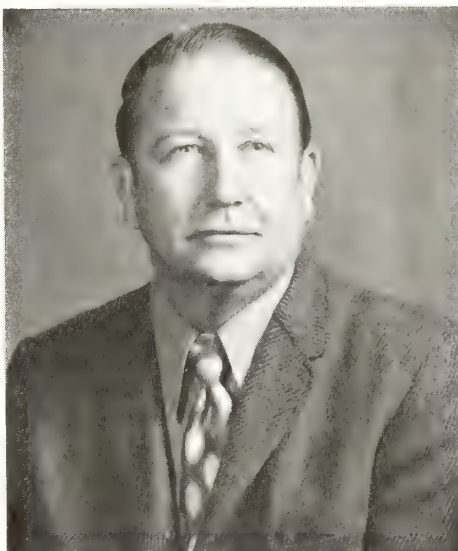
Revival services are in progress this week at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, with the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, pastor of the

Calvary church in Wilson, as the visiting evangelist. The services began Monday evening, April 10, and will continue through Saturday evening, April 15, beginning each evening at 7:30. The church pastor, the Rev. Earl H. Glenn, is assisting Mr. Boling in the services which are featuring special music each evening. You are cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

Stancil's Chapel Church To Have Youth Service

The Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, will have a youth service on Sunday, April 16. The Rev. Tommy Pearce will bring the worship message at eleven o'clock. The youth will be in charge of the services and will render special music. The Rev. J. B. Godwin, pastor, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to the public to be in attendance.

Hickory Grove Church Announces Revival



The Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church located on Highway 33, east of Bethel, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of April 17-22, beginning each evening at 7:30. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie, North Carolina. He will be assisted in the services by the pastor, the Rev. Hubert Burrell. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend these services.

New Layman's League Organized at Tee's Chapel

An organizational meeting with 15 men present was held in February at Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Smithfield, North Carolina, to char-

ter a layman's league to be known as the "Men's Fellowship of Tee's Chapel Church." In the meeting much assistance and advice were given by a member of the State Layman's League Board and an active member of his own local league, Mr. Denver Mitchell of the Stoney Creek church near Goldsboro.

The ambitious group of dedicated men met, as expressed by Mr. Johnny Woodall, the new president, to fellowship and find ways to serve the cause of Christ in the community. Other members have been added to the league since the organization.

The league has already sponsored a sunrise service, followed with a prayer breakfast. This event was fully enjoyed by the servants as well as those served. Also an expanding, though small, visitation program has been launched which is a new venture for all the men.

The pastor, the Rev. H. A. Grubbs, and the church membership are ready to recommend this program to every church, and assures all that the State Layman's League Board is standing ready to help if needed.

Woodlief Conducts Successful Revival

The people of Freeport, Florida, wish to commend the Rev. Arnold Woodlief of Marianna, Florida, for having come for a revival which appeared to have spread over the small city, though it was held in a local church, the Damascus Free Will Baptist Church. The revival was scheduled for March 5-10, but was extended through Sunday, March 12. Persons from various churches in the area were represented. There were 21 conversions, 12 of which were baptized on Sunday afternoon, March 12.

First Church, Wilmington To Have Revival Services

Revival services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church located at 4602 South College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina, beginning April 17 and continuing through April 22. Services will begin nightly at 7:45, with the Rev. James B. Hardee of Elizabethtown, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. Each service will feature special music. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Spring Revival in Progress At Saint Mary's Church

The Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of Kenly, North Carolina, is observing a period of revival, the services (continued on page fifteen)

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Chapel Being Planned for Mount Olive College



One of the long-felt needs at Mount Olive College has been a chapel for the new campus, but thus far there have not been adequate funds for this purpose. With the faith and hope that such funds can be secured, definite plans are now being made for the chapel.

A committee representing students, the faculty, and board of trustees has been appointed and has held two meetings to prepare specifications for the building. President W. Burkette Raper, who is serving as chairman of the committee, declared, "Our spiritual vitality is the foundation upon which the success of all of our other endeavors depends. A building itself will not solve our problems nor fulfill our spiritual needs. A building is only a facility and it can only be used as an aid to assist us in fulfilling our mission—a mission for our own spiritual development, a mission of Christian witness and evangelism, and a mission of Christian service."

The committee unanimously agreed that the chapel should be planned and used exclusively for religious purposes. It will be the central and focal building on the new campus and "it is our hope that will both symbolize and facilitate the fulfillment of the Christian commitment of our College," President Raper added.

In commenting upon the impression they hoped the chapel would make, one member of the committee said, "When I enter the chapel, I want to feel compelled to worship."

All friends of Mount Olive College are requested to join in fervent prayer for wisdom in planning this addition to the campus and for funds to make it possible.

Members of the chapel committee include, left to right: President W. Burkette Raper; Fred Mesler, director of development; Kenneth Dilda and Felix Ruiz, faculty members; Frank Harrison, College chaplain; Gary Bailey, student; the

Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace, member the board of trustees; John William student and president of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship; Dr. Michael P. chairman of the department of religion; Mrs. Rose Raper, member of the Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church; Dr. Jamil Shami, dean of students; Miss Jean Klingame, secretary to the president; and Robert Bynum, member of the board of trustees.

Residence Hall Directors

Mount Olive College is in the process of reorganizing the area of student housing. There are two openings for residence hall directors. One position is open for May 15, 1972, and the other for August 15, 1972. Salary depends on qualification and experience. Qualified men, women, and couples may apply by contacting Dr. Jamil M. Shami, dean of students, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

Mount Olive College Day

Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, Saratoga, North Carolina, will observe "Mount Olive College Day" on Sunday, April 16. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, will teach a Sunday school class at 10 a.m., and bring a morning message at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend this service.

Fraternity Tops in Competition

The Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity at Mount Olive College put in an outstanding showing at the recent State Convention in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The Mount Olive College group won more events in competition with other junior and senior colleges than any other college in North Carolina. In addition, they placed in more events than any other school.

Mrs. Robert Culp, of the Mount Olive business department, announced the results today.

Miss Aleta Wheeler, daughter of A.

and Mrs. Edwin Summers Smith of Fayetteville, North Carolina, took first place, statewide, in Spelling at the convention.

Eddie Dutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Dutton of Peachland, North Carolina, and president of the Mount Olive College Student Government Association, was selected as Mr. Future Business Executive. Dutton, a sophomore, won the competition over numerous other entries, including university seniors. He was chosen on the basis of his scores on a special test, interviews, and evaluation of his executive ability. Dutton is a member of the Peachland Free Will Baptist Church.

The Phi Beta Lambda Scrapbook, in the shape of a large leaf and complete with burned edges and detailed penmanship, allowed Denise Dail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Dail of Kenansville, North Carolina, to pick up another first place in that division.

Glenwood Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy D. Moore of Clinton, North Carolina, took second place in the Mr. Future Business Teacher event and was also named recipient of the State Phi Beta Lambda Scholarship for continuing his education.

Phi Beta Lambda is a community service fraternity made up of business students and the Mount Olive College Chapter is one of the finest in the state.

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Harrison at Free Union Church

The chaplain of Mount Olive College, the Rev. Frank Harrison, will be at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Beaufort County, North Carolina, on Sunday evening, April 16, at 7 p. m.

Mr. Harrison will be representing Mount Olive College at the church and has announced that "The Oriental Experience," composed of students from Mount Olive College, will accompany him for a program of music and witness.

Area citizens are invited to attend the program.

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An Impure Church

Said David Livingstone: "Nothing will induce me to form an impure church. Fifty added to the church sounds well at home, but if only five are GENUINE what will it profit in the great day?"—Western Recorder.

EXPLO '72

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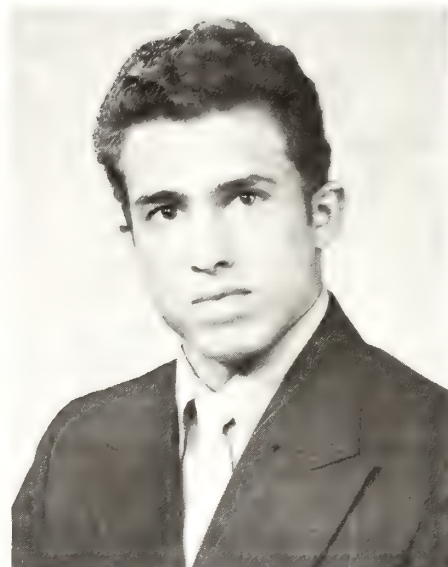
When I think of Explo '72, I think of the words exploration and explosion, not only because of the prefix explo, but also because Explo '72 is going to involve exploration and explosion. Young Christians will be setting out in uncharted or rather unfamiliar waters. We'll be learning how to witness. Precious is the promise of Christ when He said, "I will make you fishers of men." But how very frustrating it is not to realize this if one is serious at all about his commitment to Jesus Christ! Often fear and uncertainty make witnessing ineffective. Often fear and uncertainty keep a person from speaking out for Jesus. Perhaps fear and uncertainty result from ignorance of the Word. Explo '72 will be a positive step toward eradicating fear and uncertainty and ignorance. I believe Explo '72 will instill confidence and faith and trust. I believe the Lord Jesus will be there to guide us in steps we've never taken before. I believe that there are great spiritual discoveries to be made. As a Christian, I want to explore and venture out in faith—not anchor in one place. I don't want a faith that is limited to certain environment or limited by no new experiences.

Explo '72 will also involve explosion. Young people are anticipating a pentecostal experience. We're earnest in our prayers. We're steadfast in our faith. We rejoice in the experience we've already had since deciding to make this venture. The Lord has answered prayers; and so we anticipate great promises as Peter did reflecting on Pentecost in

Mount Olive College And What It Means to Me

Glassie Locklear, Student

In the fall of 1970 I entered Mount Olive College on a prayer and a hope; a prayer, because I knew that for me to ever succeed, I must work twice as hard as the next man.



My being an Indian entering a predominantly white college did not help my feelings one bit. I knew that for me to make it through college, I would need the help of one greater than I. I entered hoping that I would be accepted for what I was, but, even more so, hoping that my prayer would be answered, not for my sake, but for the sake of my father and mother who worked so diligently to prepare me for college life.

The Turning Point

I grew up in a home of ten children,
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the light of Joel 2:28 "... I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." The point is not whether this Scripture is taken out of context because the prophet had something else in mind; the point is that God has been pouring out His Spirit upon young people and that's what we anticipate from Explo '72. And when there is a great outpouring of His Spirit, a spiritual explosion takes place. We anticipate to be so full of God's Spirit that our shells of fear and uncertainty will explode. We expect our explosion rendering strength and encouragement and love.

THAT THE BLIND MIGHT SEE

A Meditation on John 9

by H. Adrian Grubbs Jr.

IN the Scripture it is written, "... and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" (Matthew 15:14).

One of the greatest moments of excitement for a person that I can imagine would be when he receives his sight for the very first time. Just think of it! No longer would he have to depend on others to lead him around; he then would be able to discern all the colors of the rainbow with his own eyes.

But an even greater moment of joy is when a person receives spiritual sight. Most of us depend too much on the physical signs of God's self-revelation and often refuse His words of truth. In John 6, for example, the people wanted to make Jesus king when He fed the five thousand with five loaves and two fish; but they rejected the word of truth when He told them, "I am the bread of life" (see v. 35). It is joy indeed to have one's eyes of faith opened.

This excitement over being able to see is evident in the ninth chapter of the Gospel of John. One day as Jesus leaves the temple after a heated argument with the Jews, He comes upon a man who had been blind since birth. The Lord plastered the man's eyes with mud and instructed him to wash in the pool of Siloam. He did as the Lord told him and received his sight. When confronted by some neighbors, he openly confessed that he was the man who used to sit and beg and that Jesus had opened his eyes. Then he was brought before the Pharisees who questioned him and accused Jesus. But the man who received sight was so happy and thankful that he boldly denied that Jesus was some sort of evildoer. The Pharisees declared of Jesus, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath. Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner" (see John 9:16). But the man who had been blind said, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see. We know that God does not listen to sinners. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing" (see John 9:25, 31, 33). The Pharisees excommunicated him because of his arrogance

and because he believed Jesus was the Christ.

As we come to the end of this chapter, we are led to ask, "Who really are the blind in this narrative—the religious Pharisees or the blind beggar?" There is something about this Gospel that as we read it we find ourselves also being brought under judgment. We Free Will Baptists are a very religious people; and sometimes we let our religion cloud our vision.

But who really are the blind? Surely not the religious; they know what is right. The Pharisees believed that the old-time religion was good enough for Abraham, it was good enough for Moses, and it is good enough for everyone else; and Jesus had no right to try to change those traditions and beliefs. It becomes obvious to the reader that the minds of the Pharisees are closed to new evidence of truth as it is revealed in Jesus. The religious are often tempted to grasp one small corner of truth and cling to it as though it were all the truth. Then when God's light begins to reveal truth elsewhere, they reject it and become dogmatic about what they already have.

Not only do the pious feel they know what is right, but they practice what they believe. People do not always practice what they say they believe, but they do live what they really believe in their hearts. The Pharisees were very devout in practicing their religion—they worshiped regularly, they paid their tithes, they fasted regularly. In their own eyes they were above reproach; their eyes were closed to their own sins. They resented a man from Galilee trying to change their religion; and, as well, they resented that unlearned beggar trying to instruct them on righteousness.

When the opposing two are placed alongside each other, most certainly it must be the poor beggar who is really blind. After all he did not even know the law, and he made no pretense of being righteous. But one thing raised him high above the piety of the Pharisees: He was open to the light of God's grace. He could see; he believed.

There are different kinds of blindness. Not many of us have ever been without eyesight; but everyone has had his eyes of faith dimmed. Blessed is the person who can confess, "Lord, I am blind; help my unbelief."

This beggar was acquainted with both kinds of blindness. Before he could ever see with his eyes, he began to see light through eyes of faith. When Jesus anointed his eyes and told him to wash

LITTLE BY LITTLE

by Mrs. Ora Barnhill
Richmond, Virginia

Little by little
I learned to pray;
Little by little
What can I say?
Teach me, dear Jesus,
The right way to pray,
Every night and every day.

Don't let me pray
For things I don't need;
Little by little
A prayer's full of greed.
Help me to be
As you want me to;
Little by little,
Faithful and true.

Dear Jesus, let me help,
I'll do anything for you;
But I feel so unworthy—
Oh, what can I do?
Little by little
I learn more each day;
I believe after awhile
I will learn to pray.

(The above poem was written by Mrs. Ora Barnhill, a former employee of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina. Mrs. Barnhill is now employed by the Richmond Home for Boys, P. O. Box 4568, Richmond, Virginia 23229. She would appreciate hearing from her many friends in North Carolina. She states that she enjoys "The Free Will Baptist" very much and has just renewed her subscription.)

in the pool of Siloam, he took Jesus at His word. Before seeing Jesus with his eyes he believed Him and obeyed Him. Would he ever have gone to Siloam if he had not believed? Then, when he had received sight, Jesus came to him and asked him if he believed in the Son of man. Through eyes of faith he replied, "Lord, I believe." Not only was he made to see with his eyes, but with his heart and mind as well!

Jesus once told Nicodemus that unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. And seeing is believing! To be able to see we need light, but what good is light if our eyes are closed? Christ is continually calling upon us to open our eyes and trust Him. There is plenty of light for us to see by. For Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (see John 8:12).

Lord, as you opened the eyes of the blind man that he might see, so open our eyes that we might believe. Amen

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Will the heathen that never heard the gospel be lost eternally? Does the Bible teach this?

Answer: Yes, in spite of the fact that such scholars as Justin Martyr and Clement held that they were called, justified, and saved by their philosophy and their virtuous living under natural law. Augustine taught that the heathen who had never been evangelized would be forgiven through the merits of Christ, although they had never heard of Him. Those who thus feel and teach usually give such Scriptures as: "Then began he to rebraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they could have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee" (Matthew 11:20-24); "For when ye Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: . . . Therefore if the circumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?" (Romans 2:14, 26, 27). Peter under inspiration of the Holy Spirit said, ". . . Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But to every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34, 35); "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but in longsuffer-

ing to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). John wrote, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" (John 7:17). Then Paul writes, "Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision" (Romans 4:9, 10).

God who judges all men righteously and justly has full knowledge of all people of all ages, all races, and the condition under which they have acted; the attitude they have shown under whatever light and opportunity they have had and with all the unlimited knowledge and intelligence He has, makes His judgment of all of us.

Jesus discussed this subject with Nicodemus a part of which discussion we have recorded in "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. . . . He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:3-8, 36). (Read all of Romans 10.) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. . . . So then faith

cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:13, 17); "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33). In Romans 8:6-9 we find, "For to be carnally minded is death; . . . Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Then we read in Romans 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: . . ." This, of course, means the second death or the eternal punishment of which the Bible has much to say. Jesus himself says, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). (See and compare this with John 3:36; Romans 10:8-18.) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. . . . Who by the mouth of thy servant David has said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. . . . For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together" (Acts 4:12, 27).

These Scriptures leave none out but the saved as being set in positive array against God and especially against His Son Jesus. This, today and forever, will be the case. The demons of Jesus' day despised Him and wanted none of His holy presence in their midst, and so was it true of the owners of the hogs into which the demons went when they were cast out of the Gadarene possessed of devils. They, then in Jesus' day, were of like mind towards Him as was Cain, and as will be the unsaved at the end of this world. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and until they are saved by Jesus, they will be against Him whether or not they have seen Him; and of necessity, He will be against them "for the wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men," until they have

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STORIES

for our youth



THE LOST BIRTHDAY PRESENT

MARIAN L. DEAN

JANEY slipped quietly into the kitchen, carefully closing the door before laying her school books on a chair. One scant glance into the living room told her that Mother must be upstairs, so she scrambled up onto a kitchen chair, continuing on her mission. Yes, there it was! The bank with all her money saved in it. Her hand closed about the china dog, hugging it close as she jumped down.

It should be enough, thought Janey. There was exactly one dollar and twenty cents, and there was something special she would buy. Dancing across the floor, ignoring the muddy footprints behind her, Janey raced toward Mr. McGregor's store.

There are so many pretty things, thought Janey. What would Mommy want for her birthday? There is so much to choose from! Then she came to the scarf department and selected a pretty blue one.

"I'll take this, Mr. McGregor. How much is it?"

The man with the spectacles bridged across his wide nose peered down at her.

"Well, let's see. Oh, yes, that is exactly one dollar. Is that too much for you?"

Janey smiled and shook her head.

"No, it's for Mommy's birthday. We're going to have a party cake, and Daddy said I could use this money to buy her a present. She doesn't even know it."

"All right, little lady. Here it is, all wrapped prettily for you." Mr. Mc-

Gregor finished tying the big bow, then counted the small pile of nickels, dimes, and quarters. Janey thanked him and skipped out the door, holding the package tightly against her. Would Mommy like this one? Yes, Daddy said blue just matches Mommy's eyes.

Finally she turned into the walk leading to her home. She slid the package under her coat and pushed open the door.

"Janey, is that you?" called her mother, but she ignored the call and raced up the stairs to her bedroom. When she had the present safely hidden under her bed, she ran downstairs.

"Janey, why didn't you answer me?" Her mother looked angry. "You are inconsiderate, young lady. And, may I ask, did you see what you did to my nice clean kitchen? I want you to clean every mark that you made, but first put your school books where they belong."

Janey sulked for a moment, then remembered the present upstairs. "I'm sorry, Mommy. I'll be good." She began to clean the muddy smudges she had made, and she smiled to herself. I guess I was wrong. But tonight after supper, Mommy won't be mad at me. She'll like me again.

Daddy came home soon after six o'clock, and supper was ready. Janey exchanged a wink with him, for he knew about the present, too, and how much Mommy would like it. At last the birthday cake and ice cream were eaten, and Daddy nodded to her.

"Excuse me, please," Janey said quickly. "I must get something upstairs."

"All right, dear," Mommy answered, smiling at Daddy as if they had a big secret. Well, she did, too! She ran up the stairs and into her room, reaching quickly under the bed. Then the happiness left her face! The paper and ribbon lay in pieces, the scarf was chewed

and snarled, and her puppy, Melissa, lay asleep on the remains.

"Oh, no, you bad dog. Look what you did to Mommy's present! How could you!" Janey burst into tears and raced down the stairs, flinging herself into Daddy's arms. "The present—Melissa chewed it up!" she cried.

Then Mommy said something that made her stop crying. "You see, Janey, how it hurts when someone you love disobeys? Melissa was inconsiderate to you, and it made you cry. God doesn't like you to disobey, either, for that sin in His eyes. Sin always makes God very unhappy."

"But I didn't mean to be bad," Janey cried.

"Then you must ask God to help you to do better. He wants to help you do what is right. You have to ask Him to take away the sin in your heart, and only then will He come and live there. You want to please Jesus, don't you?"

"Oh, yes! I'm so sorry, Mommy. I want Jesus to forgive me and make me better. I want Him always to be in my heart and help me."

It was then that Daddy reached into his pocket and pulled Janey close, whispering into her ear. She smiled and hugged him. They had a secret! The would go for a nice walk and buy a new surprise for Mommy's birthday!

Janey giggled! If Daddy had anything to do with it, the color would be blue because of Mommy's eyes!—Gospel Herald.

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Our Two Feet

Evan Hopkins said to a friend who was earnestly seeking victory over sin: "You know our hymns are called, 'Hymns of Consecration and Faith,' and those are the two feet we have got to walk on. You are trying to walk on one foot only—consecration. Do not worry so much. . . . go and have a good believing time.—Sunday School Times.

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Churches

Thank God for the sight of them:
The beauty, the dreams, and the right
them.

Churches that silently testify
With spires and crosses reared to the
sky,

That make us think every time we look
Of God, and right, and the Holy Book
—Chauncey R. Piet

INFORMATION ABOUT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

Superintendent Resigns

Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., has resigned his position to be effective on June 30, 1972. His plans are to continue to serve the denomination by returning to the pastoral ministry. Free Will Baptists everywhere are urged to pray for Mr. Pierce and for the board of trustees as it seeks to follow God's leadership in securing a new superintendent for the Home.

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Tutorial Program Reports a Good Year

We find our school year coming to a close before long. The homestretch is before us. The first semester all of our high school students had a "C" or above average. That included the ninth grade. The seventh and eighth graders had room for improvement with Terry Faircloth being the only "B" average and all others "C" or below. The primary grades have shown a marked improvement in conduct and grades. We still have a few poor readers in the first two grades who are receiving special tutoring at school and on campus. The merit box has been a constant goal to strive for each six weeks because anyone making a "C" on conduct could not draw. We have two more six weeks to award gifts. We are so thankful for the support you have given us in this area. We do need some more articles for the drawing after Easter, so if your auxiliary is planning to help we would appreciate your sending them soon after Easter.

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HOW TO ESCAPE CRITICISM

"Say nothing;
Do nothing;
Be nothing!"

—W. B. K.

ADMISSION POLICY

and

PROCEDURE FOR MAKING APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION OF CHILDREN

Many people have requested information relative to the requirements for admitting children to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. The person or agency interested in making application for admission of children to the Home should contact the superintendent for information, application forms, and/or an interview. If it seems probable that admission can be arranged, the admission policy to be followed includes:

1. Full orphans (children with both parents dead) will be given first consideration.
2. Half orphans (children with one parent dead) are considered secondly.
3. Nonorphans third (with both parents living, but where it is necessary that the children be separated from their parents or when they have been deserted by one or both parents).
4. Our age acceptance policy is 5 to 12 years of age. However, if it means keeping a family of children together, some exceptions can be made by vote of the board of trustees.

The following procedure for making application for admission should be followed after contact has been made with the superintendent:

1. These forms, which are furnished by the Home, must be completed:
 - a. Family Survey sheet, "Record of Child's Own Family."
 - b. Application for Admission form.
 - c. Child's Medical Record form.
 - d. Medical Agreement form.
2. In addition to the information called for in the above forms, the following are also required:
 - a. Birth certificate.
 - b. Wasserman Test result (blood test).
 - c. Recent photograph.
 - d. Psychological Examination report

(copy of the full report is required).

- e. List of diseases which the child has had (so far as is known).
- f. Tuberculin Test (we find it necessary to require both the skin test and chest X ray in those cases where there is a history of tuberculosis in the family).
- g. Record of immunization shots.
- h. School records.
- i. In the case of children with both parents living, both parents must sign the application for admission form, or if only one parent signs, we must have a copy of a court order or other evidence of legal custody. (The persons making application must have full legal custody of the child.)
- j. A recommendation from an Original Free Will Baptist Church that the child be admitted. This recommendation must be passed by the church while in regular or called business conference and must be signed by the pastor and church clerk.

It is very important that all this information be furnished completely so that we can learn everything possible about the child and his family.

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home is sponsored and operated by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. While services are not confined only to them, it should be noted that children of Free Will Baptist families are given first choice of admission. While no stated fee is required for admission of children, relatives and friends are asked to make contributions in accordance with their means to help pay for the cost of care. Furthermore, the Home must be the recipient of all Social Security and Veterans Administration benefits available for children in its care.

Persons knowing of children who are in need of care in our "Christian Home for Boys and Girls" are urged to file application in accordance with these procedures. All correspondence should be addressed to the superintendent.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 23



The Witnessing Fellowship

Lesson Text: Mark 5:18-20; Acts 8:4-8; 18:24-28

Memory Verse: Mark 5:19

I. INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose in the establishment of the church was to carry on the work of seeking and saving the lost of the world. The Holy Ghost was given not only to transform individual lives, but also to imbue those individuals with the power and desire to witness to the saving grace of their Lord.

Christians, by their very nature, possess the desire to share the blessings which they have received from God, and chief among these blessings are forgiveness of sins and the inheritance of eternal life.

Jesus has made the church custodian of the gospel, which is the power of God to salvation to all who will believe, and has charged it with the responsibility of preserving, propagating, and proclaiming it throughout the entire world.

Though this is a Herculean task that will demand the best which the church has to offer, the fact that Jesus has empowered it with the presence and guidance of His Spirit, which, working in conjunction and harmony with the dedicated wills of believers, will not only make success possible, but will serve to make the work enjoyable.

Our lesson text for today is composed of two selections: one from Mark and the other from Acts. The selection from Mark deals with the desire of one who wanted to accompany Jesus, but was sent to witness to the people of his own country; one of the selections from Acts deals with the witness of the disciples as they were scattered abroad by persecution, and the other deals with the conversion and ministry of Apollos.

The purpose of today's study is to inform us of our responsibility to witness for Christ. — The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Witnessing defined.
2. The difference between witnessing and soul winning.
3. Every Christian is commanded to be a witness not a soul winner.

B. Go Home to Thy Friends (Mark 5:18-20)

1. This miracle is recorded in all three synoptic Gospels.
2. Objections to demons:
 - a. Jesus did not know the full truth.
 - b. Jesus knew the truth, but adapted Himself to the language of the people.
 - c. The language is that of the writers and not that of Jesus.
3. Demons are a fact to be reckoned with.
4. The demons recognized Jesus and wanted to be left alone.
5. After Jesus had cast the demons out of the man, He told him to go home and witness.

C. "Everywhere Preach the Word" (Acts 8:4-8)

1. Persecution scattered the disciples.
2. And as they went they witnessed to Christ and the gospel.
3. This brought revival everywhere they went.

D. The Ministry of Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)

1. The man Apollos.
2. The ministry of Apollos.
3. The effect of Apollos' ministry.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In 1930, a man named Zoe Akins wrote a play, the title of which is the oft-heard remark, "The Greeks Had a Word for It." Apparently this playwright recognized that the Greek language possesses precision, a capacity to put into exact words the thoughts of the mind.

Take a look at this Greek word, *μαρτυρ*

tyus. In English it is pronounced *mar tyus*. Now look at another word that comes from the same root, *μαρτυρ*. It is pronounced *mar tyu reh oh*. If you listened closely you probably heard the syllables that sound like a word in the English language. The word is *martyr*. The common definition of this word is "one who is put to death for refusal to renounce his faith." All through history people have suffered martyrdom for the cause of Christ.

But here is the interesting twist to this word. In the New Testament, it is most often translated "witness." Does this help us to understand more clearly just what it meant to the early Christians to witness for the Lord? Jesus knew what reaction His followers would encounter when they told of His life, death, and resurrection. And it was long before the young church was severely persecuted. Jesus' command is no less binding on us. We too must witness for Him, even if it means we must endure suffering. But this word we have and we should not forget it: "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him" (2 Timothy 2:12).—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. Mohandas K. Gandhi, the great Hindu leader, tried to follow the teaching of Jesus all his life, believed the Sermon on the Mount the finest ever preached and required his followers to memorize it. Yet he never became a Christian. When asked why, he explained that as a young man he once tried to enter a fashionable church but was refused admittance because of the dark color of his skin. He never tried again. Who knows? Had he been welcomed when he tried to worship with Christians, he might have become a leader for Christ!—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. God will give a man courage to speak boldly about spiritual things. We need boldness in witnessing today. We must speak now. Someone has said, "Today is the first day of the rest of your life." It's no use fussing about the past, because you can't do anything about it. But you have today, and today is the beginning of everything that is going to happen from now on. Have boldness to speak in the name of Christ. God will honor and bless a spirit of boldness. Nothing so disgraces Christianity as cowardly Christians. An old Chinese proverb says, "A thousand-mile journey begins with the first step." The first step is the hardest; the most difficult half of any job is starting. But start now. Speak boldly.—Ray O. Jones.

Questions & Answers

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fully and personally become identified with Christ, God's Son. Hence John 6 applies to all alike.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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both joined the local church.—The
teacher.

PRAYER THOUGHT

*Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all
follow the golden rule, "Do unto others as
you would have them do unto you"? Let's
try harder!*

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

(continued from page nine)

My parents who taught the Good Book
instilled in me that I was to love
and not hate. But, how does one love
when he knows everyday he is being
slandered at and called names? It is not
easy, but to love in that kind of world
is possible. For me, it was made easier
at Mount Olive College.

When I entered, I was accepted and,
usual enough, when I walked down
the halls of Mount Olive College, I met
people who knew how to smile and say,
"Good morning," without being afraid
someone would hear them. Mount Olive
College has been the turning point in my
life. Through this institution and what
the workers have done for me, I feel I
will be able to complete this journey.

I have grown to love this institution
and what it stands for. I would write
until my fingers drew weary, but I could
never say in words, or on paper, what
my heart has felt. I realize that the peo-
ple who are associated with Mount Olive
College are not here for money. They
are concerned for those who want an
education and are willing to work for it.
Mount Olive College does not operate
as a government supported institution.
It operates on gifts given to the College
to help those earn an education who
want one. Its financial aid program and
scholarships have enabled me to con-
tinue my college career. Without it, I
probably would not be in college today.
Without the love gifts that come to
Mount Olive College from those who have
little and want to help a lot, this Col-

lege would not be in existence today.
It would not be able to help those un-
fortunate few who desperately want an
education, but do not have the money
to secure the education wanted.

Appreciation

Of the success acquired at Mount
Olive, I do not give credit to me and my
work. I do not give it to the College in
itself, but I give the credit to God upon
whom this institution is founded. And
I thank everyone who has found in his
heart to give to those who are in need.
It is through these gifts and the love
the people hold for Mount Olive College,
that I can proudly say that I know how
to love those who hate and appreciate
what has been done for me. May those
who have the heart to give reap the joys
of a great and wonderful life in heaven
after this life is over.

Biographical Note: Locklear will grad-
uate from Mount Olive College in May
and has been accepted by the University
of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where
he plans to continue his education. He
has been awarded a highly selective
scholarship by the Upper Division
Scholarship Program of the College En-
trance Examination Board.

At Mount Olive College he has been
active in the International Club, Hender-
son Science Club, and Baptist Student
Union. At the 1971 College graduation
exercises he was the recipient of the
Faculty Award for an outstanding fresh-
man at the College.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glassie
Locklear Sr. of Red Springs, North Caro-
lina.

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NEWS NOTES

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of which are now in progress and will
continue through Saturday night, April
15. The guest evangelist for these ser-
vices is the Rev. Franklin Brinson, pas-
tor of the Welcome Home Free Will Bap-
tist Church, Beaufort, North Carolina.
Beginning at 7:30 nightly, the services
are featuring special music, testimonies,
and gospel preaching. The public is in-
vited to attend the remainder of the ser-
vices and to be much in prayer for the
success of the revival.

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Mount Zion Church Announces Revival

Revival services will begin Monday
night, April 17, and will continue
through Saturday night, April 22, at the
Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church,

Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina. Begin-
ning at 7:45 nightly, the services will
feature the Rev. William L. Dale of Golds-
boro, North Carolina, as the guest evan-
gelist. He will be assisted by the pastor
of the church, the Rev. J. B. Godwin.
Special music will be featured during
each service. The public is cordially in-
vited to attend.

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Ralph Lightsey to Conduct Daniels Chapel Revival

Dr. Ralph Lightsey of Statesboro, Geor-
gia, will begin a series of revival ser-
vices at the Daniels Chapel Free Will Bap-
tist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, on
Sunday night, April 16, at 7:45.

Dr. Lightsey is a graduate of Mercer
University, Macon, Georgia; Columbia
Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia;
and the University of Georgia at Gaines-
ville. He is a former editor of the Free
Will Baptist Press and pastored Saint
Mary's church in New Bern, North Caro-
lina. He also served as minister of the
Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist
Church.

The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, pastor of
Daniels Chapel, invites the public to at-
tend the services which will continue
through Friday night, April 21.

SHOWING OF

1972 Daily Vacation Bible School Materials

"His Name Is Jesus"

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TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 11, 7:30 P. M.

at

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Route 2, Bladenboro, North Carolina

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THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 13, 7:30 P. M.

at

Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church
Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina

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MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 17, 7:30 P. M.

at

Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
Wilson, North Carolina

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THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 20, 7:30 P. M.

at

Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church
New Bern, North Carolina

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ANNUAL WORSHIP

Saturday, May 6
Ayden, North Carolina

East Carolina University Free Will Baptist Fellowship Needs You!

by June K. Whitehurst

Did you realize that you own a Free Will Baptist home near the ECU campus? If you didn't know it before, well, now you do; so let's do something about it. We have a two-story house that presently has eight girls living in it. Every Monday night we have fellowship meetings plus a supper prepared by our Free Will Baptist auxiliaries.

Parents! If you have students at ECU and they don't know about the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, please inform them. I know we have Free Will Baptist students at ECU, and we need their support. Also, we invite any Free Will Baptist to come by and visit the home to see the building that you own. I will be happy to show you our home (even the basement, which is in very bad shape).

I challenge all Free Will Baptist students to start coming to the fellowship meetings. Also, I ask every Free Will Baptist to pray that we students grow in our Christian faith. As I said before, **WE NEED YOU AND YOUR PRAYERS!**

The following information may be helpful for people interested in the Free Will Baptist Fellowship:

Where: 612 East Tenth Street

Time: 5:15 P. M.

Phones: (Fellowship) 752-6855
(The Rev. Charles Crisp, Director)
752-5600

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Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention

The Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet with the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Ahoskie, North Carolina, on Thursday, April 13.

We hope that each auxiliary in the district will be represented. We will be looking for you.

Alice Webster, President

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Robert Rollins wishes to announce that he is available for full-time pastoral work, having resigned his present church Sunday, March 26. Any church interested in contacting him may do so by writing P. O. Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina 27568, or by telephoning 965-8626.

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The King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Fountain, North Carolina, is in need of a minister to serve its people as of July 1. The King's Cross Roads church has church services each Sunday morning and evening and prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. There is no parsonage.

Any minister interested in serving the church is asked to contact Mr. Richard M. Bundy, Box 163-C, Route 2, Farmville, North Carolina 27828; telephone (home) 753-5502, or (business) 753-4173.

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Study Course on Missions

Mrs. Adaline Gray will conduct a study course on "Missions" at the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, Tuesday evening, April 18, beginning at 7:30. Mrs. Gray is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina, and has done outstanding work with the woman's auxiliaries throughout the state.

The woman's auxiliary of Saint Mary's church, along with the pastor, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox, urges all auxiliaries in the area to attend.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

STATE YOUTH CONVENTION AT BEAVER DAM

(Directions Given)

The State Youth Fellowship Convention will meet Saturday, April 22, at a. m., at the Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina.

Please make a list of the names and addresses of those attending from your church and have it ready to present to the registrar when you arrive (YFAE, AFCers, sponsors, ministers, and visitors).

Our program will consist of special music, declamations, essays, and the election of officers for the convention. Come meet the "Tater Family"; hear the Young Spirits of the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church; and hear the quartet from Vanceboro, North Carolina. A real treat is expected.

Each district members will wear name tags of different colors as follows: Albemarle, Royal Blue; Cape Fear, Gold; Eastern, Red; Central, Green; Pee Dee, Light Blue; Piedmont, Purple; and Western, White.

The following are directions to Beaver Dam church:

Traveling from Wilmington, North Carolina, take Highway 74-76 to Whiteville. At Whiteville turn right on Highway 701 (to Tabor City), and go about 10 miles before you turn left to go to Beaver Dam church. Signs will be placed along the highway showing the direction to the church.

If you come by Chadbourn, North Carolina, Highway 74-76, turn right on Highway 410. Go about 10 miles before you turn to the right to go to Beaver Dam. Be sure to watch for the signs.

See you there! Be ready for a great convention. Let's fill the church with our youth!

Mrs. David W. Hansley
State Youth Chairman

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1972

"WATER BOY" DUNN SUCCUMBS

With sadness that we report the passing of L. Wilbur "Water Boy" Dunn, for more than fifty consecutive years was an employee of the Free Will Baptist Press. We extend our sincerest sympathies to his family.

Held in high esteem by his co-workers and countless friends, "Water Boy" will long be remembered for many qualities that were his alone. A tribute will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Baptist.

His death came Wednesday, April 12, in Green County Memorial Hospital, Greensboro, North Carolina, after an extended illness.

—the Editor.



WOULD YOU ABUSE THESE LITTLE ONES?

CHILD ABUSE – A SERIOUS PROBLEM

(This week's guest editorial is written by Margo Mangum, editorial assistant at the Press.)

Have you ever beaten a child?

Did you use a razor strap that would "draw a blister," a dogwood limb that would "draw the blood," or a man's belt, using the buckle to "bruise a little"?

Have you ever **abused** a child? As one who has worked as a nurse, this writer has seen many who have suffered these afflictions—and the sights are not pretty to behold!

There are many methods of child abuse. To name a few: Burn them—with a flame or a cigarette or scalding water; lock them up alone for hours in a cold, dark room; let them go without food for twenty-four hours or more. Not only are their bodies tortured, but often their little minds suffer irreparable damage.

Now, dear reader, calm down. We know you wouldn't commit such barbaric acts. We are not even suggesting that you might. We know that all of you are cringing at the very thought of such cruelty. All of us love our children, don't we?

Strangely enough, though, in going through some back issues of newspapers for the year 1971—noting too that a nationally-syndicated commentator has come up with statistics to prove it—our dear old Tarheel State has been found **GUILTY!** For that matter, other states are guilty too.

Again we say that we love our children, and we **discipline** them because of it. There is a difference between **disciplining** and **abusing**. Disciplining indicates love. Abusing indicates something quite different, don't you think?

Most of us who really care bring these precious children into the world, feed and clothe them, and give them shelter. We take them to their pediatricians and dentists regularly.

We take them to school and to church.

We help them with their problems, pray with them, and guide them from day-to-day as long as they are in our care. It is a wonderful privilege indeed!

But—what about the cries of those tortured little ones—some reported, some not reported, some heard, some unheard?

Some self-styled legalists would advise you to "Stay out of it. That's really **their** (the parents') business."

Dear reader, just who are the statistics we mentioned—those abused children? Do you know even one? God help us all.

Little children—bless them—of such is the kingdom of God!



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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

"DON'T like you—you're not even my mommy!" stormed our seven-year-old daughter when I attempted to discipline her for taking the other children's toys from them. Elaine had been with us for only a few days when we realized that she was a rebellious, psychologically disturbed girl who needed help.

My husband finally had consented to let me take in a foster child, because I had decided not to do substitute teaching again this year. Having a foster child in the home was a new and challenging experience and called for adjustments by all of us.

Elaine's chief problem seemed to be dishonesty. When she had been with us for about a week, she burst into the

Elaine

house after school and blurted out, "Look at the teacher gave me today!" She held up a brightly colored, new lunch kit. When we inquired about the reason for such a generous gift, she explained, "The teacher gave each kid in our room a new lunch kit."

Needless to say, we were baffled by such a brazen lie, for what else could it be, unless you call it vivid imagination? After a lengthy discussion, Elaine finally admitted that she had taken the kit off the bus when its owner was not looking. A few days later Elaine came home from school with her pockets filled with playpens. My husband tried reasoning with her to explain the seriousness of stealing. To our amazement she had no apparent conception of right and wrong. She did not seem to realize that stealing was sin.

On other occasions she would take a much-prized toy from a playmate, hiding it under her clothes until she got it safely home. We made her return each stolen toy and apologize for her deeds. One day when I was in a hurry to dress Mary-Ann, our four-year-old daughter, for a birthday party, I discovered that her shoes were gone. I searched every possible place, but to my dismay had to let Mary-Ann wear an old pair

of shoes which were too tight for her feet.

After Elaine came home from school, I casually inquired whether she had seen Mary-Ann's new shoes. Her rebellious attitude aroused my suspicion. The usual loud outbursts of temper and stamping of feet preceded the disclosure of the truth. Finally she dug out the shoes from beneath her clothes in the drawer. This act puzzled us somewhat, because she, too, had recently received a pair of new shoes.

There seemed to be no end to this. Everyday there were new developments, or complications, that had to be dealt with.

We discussed this problem with several of our friends. A kind lady across the street suggested that we give Elaine a special portion of love and understanding. "Go out of your way to show her that she is special," she advised. I agreed wholeheartedly and attempted to do exactly that.

However, this girl, who had been de-

Discovers

prived of a mother's love and affection, apparently found it very difficult to respond. She acted up more and more, especially after she had been visiting in a friend's home or after we had company in our home.

Moreover, numerous people began to emphasize the negative side, suggesting, "Don't you think that Elaine is a bad influence on your own children? Soon your children will try to do the same. Why don't you return her to the agency?"

It was quite true that our children were frequently stunned by some of Elaine's actions. They, too, had to learn to adjust to another individual who had suddenly dropped into their little world. Besides, she was two years older than our oldest son, Mark. It was he who frequently admonished her about stealing, warning her, "The police will put you into jail for it." We had to smile when we heard the youngsters discussing matters in their childlike way.

One day we visited a friend who was a psychology teacher. We told him of our problem with Elaine and the different steps we had taken to correct her. Our friend advised a positive approach: "Try rewarding her for telling the truth and for being honest. Instead of get-

ting after her constantly, show appreciation for her efforts, even if they are not completely satisfactory right away."

We returned home, much encouraged. We tried rewarding her whenever we saw an effort she had made. We noticed definite progress for a few days, but our joys were short-lived as she seemed to have a complete relapse again. In fact she demanded so much attention and so many "prizes" that the new approach proved ineffective. "O God, what is wrong?" we cried in desperation.

One evening after a particularly trying day, my husband said, "The best thing for you to do is to call the Children's Aid Agency tomorrow morning and ask them to take Elaine back!" The words sounded hollow and hopeless. I felt frustrated and defeated, and I retired with a heavy heart, burdened for Elaine.

The next morning my husband repeated his statement, adding, "It is simply too hard for you." When I suggested another trial, he replied, "You're only wearing yourself out to no avail."

After my husband left the house for work, the children were still asleep. I returned to the bedroom and decided to search my Bible for help and comfort. My eyes fell on the words: "As thy days,

Honesty

so shall thy strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25). Other words which seemed to stand out were: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

I fell down on my knees and cried to the Lord, "Where have I failed you, Lord? Have I attempted to solve this problem in my own strength? Forgive me. This is your problem, Lord. I know that you can help Elaine. Thank you for your promise that you will give sufficient strength for this day."

I arose, feeling strengthened and prepared to meet the conflicts of that day. And I was confident that the Lord could and would solve Elaine's problem in His appointed time and in His way.

When my husband returned home from work that day, he received some surprises. First, I had not called the agency, so Elaine was still with us.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 23

IF YOU WERE BUSY

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 4:8

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it you would find,
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.

If you were busy being glad,
And cheering people who are sad,
Although your heart might ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.

If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

When you read the above, it makes you realize how true that is, doesn't it? Maybe we could do as it suggests. The truth of the matter is that we would benefit more than anyone else. Dare we indulge?

MONDAY, APRIL 24

MASTER NEVER OUT!

Scripture Reading—Leviticus 19:35

A storekeeper went away for the day and left his clerk in charge. A customer came in and asked a favor of the clerk, which meant he would have to do something dishonest. "You can do it, if you want to," argued the customer, "because your master is out." The clerk looked the man straight in the face, and said: "You are mistaken. My Master is Jesus Christ, and He is never out."—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If you work with people, there will always be someone superior—someone to whom we will be "accountable." If we "level" with him, will we have cause to worry about "measuring up" with the real Master?

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

WASHING FEET OF POOREST

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9:12

In the twelfth century a custom was originated in Bavaria which was carried on every year for hundreds of years. A prince of the royal family knelt before the multi-

tudes on holy Thursday and washed the feet of the twelve poorest men who could be found. He bathed their feet in a silver bowl and wiped them on a towel of the very finest linen. He spoke kindly to them during the ceremony and gave to each a gift of money.

It is conceivable that a prince might go through this ceremony once a year without being very humble in heart, but if we are to follow the example of our Master, we must be humble in heart as well as in deed everyday of the year.—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would we "wash the feet of the poor"?
Would we feed and bathe poor and dirty people who are unable to do so for themselves? Would we?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

CAN YOU QUALIFY?

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 27:2

Charles Fox, writes of "God's five-ranked army of decreasing human weaknesses." Concerning this army, many of us can qualify if we are

Foolish enough to depend on Him for wisdom;

Weak enough to be empowered with His strength;

Base enough to have no honor but God's honor;

Despised enough to be kept in the dust at His feet;

Nothing enough for God to be everything.
—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What do you think of this "five-ranked army of God's"? Check it out and see if you can qualify. It sounds easy. Let's see if we can. It will be wonderful!

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

RELEASED BY PRAYER

Scripture Reading—Exodus 32:9-14

Dr. Torrey in illustrating the definiteness of prayer, tells the following: "Up in a little town in Maine, things were pretty dead some years ago. The churches were not accomplishing anything. There were a few godly men in the churches, and they said, 'Here we are, only uneducated laymen, but something must be done in this town. Let us form a praying band. We will all center our prayers on one man; who shall it be?' They picked out one of the hardest men in town, a hopeless drunkard, and all centered their prayers on him. In a week he was converted. They centered their prayers on the next hardest man in town, and soon he was converted. Then they took up another and another, until within a year, two or three hundred were brought to Christ, and the fire spread out into the surrounding country." Definite prayer for those in the prison house of sin is the need of the day.—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Well, let's get with this business of pray-

ing—forming a prayer band. There are many things we could get together and pray about—and we'd see results too!

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

"IT ISN'T RAINING RAIN TO ME!"

Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:4

"It isn't raining rain to me,
It's raining daffodils!
In ev'ry dimpling drop I see
Wild flowers on the hills!"

"A cloud of gray engulfs the day
And overwhelms the town;
It isn't raining rain to me,
It's raining roses down!"

"It isn't raining rain to me,
But fields of clover blooms,
Where any buccaneering bee
May find a bed and roam!"

"A health, then, to the happy,
A fig to him who frets!
It isn't raining rain to me,
It's raining violets!"

—Robert Loveman.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Rainfall causes some to feel depressed but isn't it wonderful that we can also find beauty in the rain. Were it not for the rain we would not have the beautiful flowers. God never makes a mistake, does He?

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

AFTER THE PRAYER

Scripture Reading—1 Chronicles 23:30

A new organ, so the story goes, had been installed in a New York City church. A rare and costly instrument it was. The first Sunday it was used the electric current that was required to operate the console went off at a point early in the service. A hurried call for help brought a mechanic. So a note was sent up and handed to the organist. The note said, "After the prayer the power will be on!" That mechanic did not realize what depths and heights of truth were in the suggestiveness of those simple words. A prayerless church is a powerless church; a church that mightily prays will mightily achieve for God and His kingdom.—*Christian Digest*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Were truer words ever spoken? After we talk with God we know that everything can be well with us. We do know that don't we?

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SAYINGS OF MISSIONARIES:

Carey: "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God."

Judson: "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

"THANK YOU"

It is with deep appreciation that we say thanks to each of you who made contribution to the "Share-a-Bible" campaign. We were able to raise a little over \$1,600 for this cause. We have ordered 5,000 New Testaments to be shipped to the Bible Institute in Quemado, Texas. After these are given away, we will reorder another supply.

A special appreciation and praise go to the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Pikeville, North Carolina, and also to the Crab Point Free Will Baptist Church near Morehead City, N. C. Pleasant Grove made a contribution of \$262.50 and Crab Point church raised \$125 for this cause.

Because individuals and churches like yourself have a desire to share the Word of God and are willing to support this with your prayers and gifts, many will be able to have the Word to read for themselves. I am sure that God will be able to reach many through His Word.

—Joe Ingram.

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A View of the "El Buen Pastor" Mission in Monclova

by Antonio Castillo
(Mexican Missions)

As I am living in the city of Monclova, I have the opportunity to assist Brother Jose Cruz in the "El Buen Pastor" Mission to testify for Christ in this industrial area of the state of Coahuila. The mission is located in the southern part of the city in a place known as "Loma Linda," where the members of the mission decided to buy land for building a chapel. The main activity of the city is the steel industry, and the people have three different times of going to work: (shifts) from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m.; from 3 p. m. to 11 p. m.; and 11 p. m. to 7 a. m. Brother Jose is carrying on the Sunday school services, which are attended mostly by children. They receive the story of Christ through an illustrated biblical

book, so they enjoy it very much. The evangelistic service is held at 4 p. m., because electricity is not available for night services. He is trying to secure a gas lamp so services may be held at night and others will have the opportunity of hearing about the love of Christ. Several women are attending each service, and two laymen of the mission are responsible for the first part of these services. This holds true, too, for the prayer services.

One of the laymen who assist is Brother David Valdez, as the industry gives him Wednesdays off. He dedicates this day to the Lord and assists his pastor in visiting and giving testimony house by house. He leads the first part of the prayer meeting, and when Brother Jose is attending the Free Will Baptist Institute, Brother David is in charge of the preaching. He is also secretary of the mission.

The other active layman is Brother Francisco Rivera. He is a very cooperative Christian, ready to assist his pastor in any manner. He is the treasurer of the mission. These laymen are working in a wonderful way, witnessing for Christ, joining their efforts with Brother Jose's. They have witnessed in the commercial district of the city and at "Loma Linda" where the "El Buen Pastor" Mission is located, giving out tracts with the message of Christ, and speaking about Christ to the lost people in the area.

Through joining your prayers and efforts in North Carolina Free Will Baptist churches with ours here in Mexico, we hope soon to reach many souls for Christ and to establish the work well. We want to establish a Free Will Baptist church in this great and needy area of the state. The mission paid some monthly payments for the land with the special offering and wonderful support for missions that you in North Carolina sent for the cause of Christ. Thanks for the opportunity to serve God. As I assist Brother Timmons, pray for us that we may be able to "make known the mystery of the gospel of Christ" to our people.

Meet Miss Alice Cribb



Alice Cribb is a new missionary candidate for Free Will Baptists. Miss Cribb is a member of the Emerson Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Tabor City, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cribb of Clarendon, North Carolina. Alice graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington in 1970 with a degree in physical education. She will be attending Columbia Bible College in September for a year of mission preparation before going to the field. Please add Alice to your prayer list.

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Dear Lord, we do not know the road,
But we are sure you are the Way.
The words you spoke are the living truth,
Our guide in life, our stay.
O Lord, we do not understand
All that the future holds;
But we will trust and follow on
As each day your will unfolds.

—Author Unknown.

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Wanted: Full-time church member. Duties: Faithfulness in attendance at every service, wholehearted cooperation with the total church program. Salary: Rich blessings in the service of the King. Everyone who applies will be gladly accepted.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Senior Citizens Banquet Stoney Creek Church

The Layman's League of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina, sponsored a pre-



Easter banquet for the senior citizens of the church. The event was highly enjoyed by everyone including members of the families of the layman's league members participating. The male chorus



rendered several special numbers in song and the pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, offered the invocation. An outstanding Christian, Mrs. Ruth Killete, brought devotional thoughts to those in attendance.

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Northeast Church Management Day And Youth Revival

The Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Olive, North Carolina, observed church management day on April 16, with the young people of the church in charge of all of the day's services. The day's services began at 10 a.m. with Sunday school. Most of the thirteen class containing 276 pupils were taught by the young people of the church. The

teen-age choir, under the direction of Mrs. Mack Cooke, had charge of the morning worship. The choir rendered special music, along with a trio from this group. Also present for the morning worship was the Oriental Experience Group from Mount Olive College, who presented a program of song, testimony, and a special message.

On Monday night, April 17, a youth revival got underway at the Northeast church. The services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with a different young ministerial student from Mount Olive College delivering the message each evening. Also each service is being conducted by a young talented student from the college. The ministerial students who are speaking during the week are Reb Lancaster, Doug Skinner, Tommy Evans, Gary Bailey, and John Williams. Special music is being rendered each evening by the teen-age and junior choirs of the church and visiting youth singers.

The Rev. A. B. Bryan, pastor of Northeast church, states: "We expect this to be a week that the whole church community will long remember. Our people are praying and the pastor and the ministerial students speaking for the revival have covenanted with the Lord to let this be a week of renewal and get acquainted with God. Our young people are giving their best for this week."

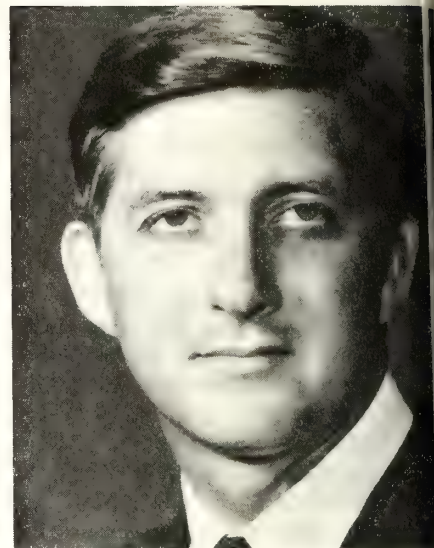
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Spring Hope Youth Choir To Be at Black Jack

The Youth Choir of Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Craven County, North Carolina, will bring the gospel in song and personal testimony on Sunday night, April 23, at 7 p. m., at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina. The youth choir will be accompanied by their pastor.

The pastor of the Black Jack church, the Rev. Harry A. Jones, along with the church membership, issues a warm invitation for the public to be in attendance for what promises to be a spiritually uplifting service.

Piney Grove Church, Kenly, Announces Spring Revival



The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of April 24-29. The Rev. Vance Lin pastor of the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Pittman, will assist in the services which will begin nightly at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Albemarle Union, League, And Sunday School Convention

The Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention will meet April 29, 30, with the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina. The scheduled programs are as follows:

Union Meeting

Saturday Morning, April 29

10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Larry Barbour

10:10—Welcome, the Rev. R. L. Norville

Host Pastor

—Response, Mr. Robert Spencer

10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton

Coming Events . . .

April 22—North Carolina State Youth Fellowship Convention, Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourne, North Carolina

May 6—North Carolina Bible Bowl Qualifying Runoff, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina

May 11—North Carolina State Woman Auxiliary Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Weldon, North Carolina

- 20—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches
- 45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
- Announcements
- 05—Morning Worship:
 - Hymn
 - Special Music, Host Church
 - Message, the Rev. Robert May
- 45—Business Session:
 - Reading of Minutes of Last Union
 - Report of Children's Home, via Literature
 - Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
 - Report of Missions, via Literature
 - Report of Press, via Literature
- 00—Report of Treasurer
- Other Businesses
- Announcement of Next Union
- Minutes Read and Approved
- 30—Benediction and Adjournment
- Lunch (No afternoon Session)

League Convention

Saturday Evening, April 29

- 30—Devotions, Miss Cindy Sawyer
- 40—President's Message, Lloyd Jones Jr.
- Appointment of Digest Committee
- Offering
- Roll Call of Leagues
- Sword Drill
- Hymn
- Recognition of Ministers
- Announcements
- Special Music, Host Church
- League Program
- Minutes of Last Convention
- Business Period
- Report of Digest Committee
- Awarding of Banners and Picture
- Treasurer's Report
- 00—Adjournment
- Pianist, Mrs. Lucy Jones

Sunday School Convention

Sunday Morning, April 30

- 9:45—Devotions, Mr. W. D. Gurganus
- 9:55—Welcome, Mr. Wayne Brett, Host Superintendent
- Response
- 0:00—President's Message, Mr. Irwin Foreman
- 0:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mrs. Priscilla Sexton
- 0:30—Enrollment of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches and Delegates Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
- Announcements
- Offering for Denominational Enterprises

—Prayer

- 10:55—Morning Worship:
 - Special Music, Host Church
 - Message, the Rev. John Owen
- 11:30—Business Session:
 - Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
 - Minutes Read and Approved
- 12:30—Benediction and Adjournment
- Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

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Homecoming at Piney Grove Church Albertson, North Carolina

The Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Albertson, North Carolina, will observe homecoming April 23. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by the morning worship service at eleven with the pastor, the Rev. Everette Harper, bringing the homecoming message. The afternoon singspiration will feature the Dixie Melody Boys and the Morris Sisters.

The pastor and the church membership cordially invite the neighboring churches, friends, former members, and former pastors to attend and to be in prayer that God will grant His blessing upon the day's activities.

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Jackson Heights Announces Spring Revival

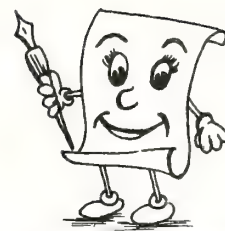
The Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of April 24-29. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Wayne King as the visiting evangelist; assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Ralph Sumner. Each service will feature good gospel preaching and special music. The public is cordially invited to attend.

1972 Daily Vacation Bible School Annual Workshop

Saturday, May 6

Ayden, North Carolina

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

There is a place where the river's shoreline curves on both sides, obliterating the horizon, and it feels like you're standing by a lake. The saffron water is transparent and tranquil. Seashells and rocks on the bottom change color as the sun's angles vary with any movement. Baby crabs sit, then dash madly with their lateral stride. Schools of infant fish study chasing, diving, jumping out of the water with happiness. The soft bottom kicks up a cloud of mud dust if you touch it, and they all scurry away.

The slight ripples can change to strong waves that splash the shore. Then it becomes a somber green and purple. The bottom is no longer visible, and the big fish may come in. Little whirlpools tell you they are chasing the kindergarten. Seagulls glide by, swoop, and fly away with dinner.

Everybody needs a place of renewal, and that's mine. It's multiform moods reminds me of the Sea of Galilee where fishing was a big industry, just as it is in our coastal waters.

Can you imagine a little boy on the bank with his fishing pole, and maybe Jesus came by, stopped and talked with him? By that sea, He called His disciples, Peter and Andrew and James and John. On a hill near there He healed the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and others. And fed more than 4,000 people with seven loaves and a few fish (see Matthew 15). He walked on that water; and Peter tried it and couldn't make it because he lacked faith. But Jesus could calm its winds and waves with a word.

There by the water it's easy to let the troubles and tensions float away on the waves and think good thoughts of Jesus and His friends—the things He has done and can do. I am confident God made all this and in His hands it's really a wonderful world.

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God needs you in His church, but not nearly so much as you need His church in you.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Dinners for High School Juniors And Seniors

Mount Olive College announces that it is holding three special dinners for all Free Will Baptist high school juniors and seniors, their parents, and their friends.

It is hoped that you will be the guest of the College for one of the following dinners:

April 25, Duplin County, Rose Hill Restaurant, Highway 117 South, (Rose Hill, North Carolina.

April 26, Sampson County, the Concord House, Highway 24, Clinton, North Carolina.

April 27, Wayne County, Wilber's Barbecue, Highway 70 East, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

All dinners will begin at 7 p.m.

Thomas E. Smith of the Mount Olive College admissions office will be present to talk with students interested in attending the College.

Smith will show slides of Mount Olive College and its student life program and will discuss the educational advantages available at the College. He will also answer questions, not only about Mount Olive College, but on attending college in general.

Mr. Smith states, "We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us for fellowship and the evening meal."

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Music Scholarship Auditions at Mount Olive College

Mrs. Viola Hilton, chairman of the department of music at Mount Olive College, announces that Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., has been set aside for music scholarship auditions at the College.

They will be held on the second floor of the main building of the downtown campus.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Hilton said, "We have a number of scholarships available for singing in the Mount Olive College Chorus and/or private study. In addition to these, we have a few larger scholarships available for singers who qualify for the small, select group known as 'The Mount Olive Singers.'"

"There are also scholarships available for accompanists; the size of the scholarship depending on the amount of work to be required of the accompanist.

"We feel that we have a sound music program in an academic atmosphere which places emphasis on the growth and development of the individual," Mrs. Hilton concluded.

All those who have aptitude in piano, organ, and voice and wish to pursue a music scholarship are requested to contact Mrs. Viola Hilton, music department, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365. Full information is also available on the new two-year music program at the College.

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MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

(March, 1972)

The following is a list of gifts given to the Moyer Library, Mount Olive College, for the month of March, 1972. Gifts were given in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or just as a gift, and totaled \$272.

In Memory Of

Mrs. Martha Adkinson by the Laura Wiggins Bible Class, Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Mrs. Montie Newsome Barnes by Mrs. Amy Blabock, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brinson Sr., and Miss Imettie Raper, all of Wilson, North Carolina; Mrs. Pearl B. Blalock, Little Rock church, Lucama Extension Homemaker's Club, Mrs. Pearl Raper, and Mrs. Mamie Redding and Betsy, all of Lucama, North Carolina; and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Waddell, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mr. Ted Brandon and Mrs. Martha Tew

by Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill M. Wren Dunn, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mollie Dilday by Mrs. Mag Chamblee and children, Ahoskie, North Carolina; and Miss Thelma Dilday, Albion, North Carolina.

Mr. Sam D. Evans by Greenville Christian Service Woman's Auxiliary, Greenville, North Carolina.

Mr. David Delmas Gaskill, Mr. Joseph Gilbert, and Mr. Ben O. Robinson by Mr. Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Nettie Goodman by Rooty Branch Woman's Auxiliary, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Titus G. Harrison by Hull Road Woman's Auxiliary, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

Mr. Ebbie G. Heath and Mr. Floy Watson by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Clinton E. Heath by Mrs. Nannie D. Heath, Deep Run, North Carolina.

Mrs. Naomi Evans Hinnant by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, Lawanna, and Wesley, Deep Run, North Carolina.

Mr. J. D. Hocutt by Mr. Davis G. Evans, Warsaw, North Carolina.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Jackson by Mr. Wilbur L. Jackson, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Minnie King by Rooty Branch Woman's Auxiliary, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Miss Teresa Gail Ragsdale by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wall and Wendy, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mrs. C. L. Scott by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrison, Grantsboro, North Carolina.

Mr. Percy Strickland by Mrs. Annie Bass, Dunn, North Carolina.

Mrs. Clarissa Jane Sullivan by Mrs. Wilbur K. Reed, Davenport, Florida; and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jackson, Maitland, Florida.

Sergeant Calvin Toler by Laura Wiggins Bible Class, Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, North Carolina.

In Honor Of

Mrs. J. C. Griffin Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Morris by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

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Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina.

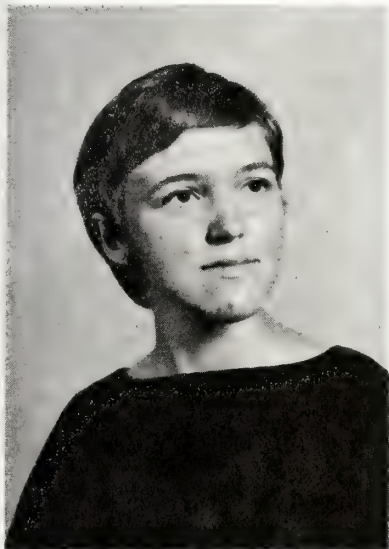
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The Sunday morning church bell tolls the spiritual death of the member who does not come.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

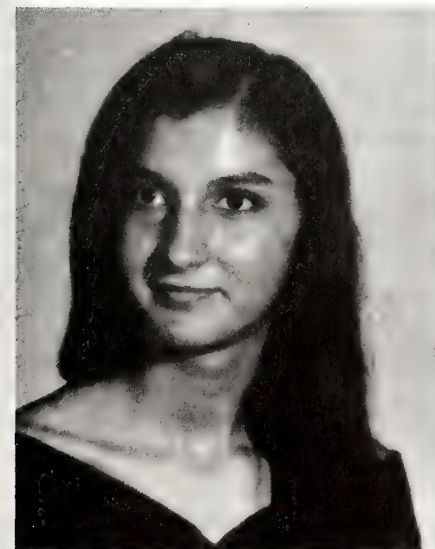
It was announced April 11 that scholarships at Mount Olive College had been awarded to Miss Connie Faye Otto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Otto, Clayton, North Carolina; and to Miss Sharon Rose Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Coleman Dunn, Four Oaks, North Carolina.



Miss Otto

Miss Otto is a senior at Smithfield-Selma Senior High School and a member of Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church. She will enter Mount Olive College in the fall with the intention of majoring in teaching education.

Miss Otto attended the Governor's School in 1971 and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Science Club and is co-editor of the school paper, "Spartacus."



Miss Dunn

Miss Dunn, a senior at South Johnston High School and a member of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, will enter Mount Olive College this fall with the intention of majoring in chemistry.

Her guidance counselor, Mrs. Mildred J. Barefoot, reports that Miss Dunn has received numerous other honors and recognitions including outstanding senior, marshall, Governor's School nominee, junior-senior waitress, Junior Home-maker degree for work in Future Homemakers of America, and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Her activities have included the annual staff, Pep Club, Student-Parent-Teachers Association, Science Club, Future Homemakers of America, staff of school paper, a senator of the Latin Club, and a student council representative.

Miss Dunn reports that she also finds time to serve as the vice-president of her church youth group and as an assistant Sunday school teacher. She takes an active interest in all sports.

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International Conference of Child Evangelism Fellowship

The Rev. Roland D. Gerdes, Child Evangelism Fellowship executive director, and The Murk Family Musicale of Wheaton, Illinois, will kick off the 19th International Conference of Child Evangelism Fellowship on the evening of May 29 at Knollcrest campus, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Overall conference theme is "How Shall I Put Thee Among the Children?" (Jeremiah 3:19).

Sessions lasting through June 2 will include daily devotions by various overseas missionary men.

Highlighting each day will be the Bible Hour with Dr. John V. Walvoord, president, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Walvoord is recognized as a leading conservative evangelical theologian of America, is a specialist in the field of biblical eschatology, and has an extensive ministry in Bible conferences. He has authored eleven books and edited others, contributes to numerous symposiums and reference works, is widely traveled, and has received many honors including being listed in **Directory of American Scholars**.

Lectures on the daily theme and feedback question periods will feature Dr. C. Sumner Wemp, president, Southeast-

ern Bible College, Birmingham, Alabama, on the theme "Evangelism and the Child"; Dr. Julia Henkel, professor, Christian Education and Literature, Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary on "Communicating to Children"; Professor Charles Christensen, chairman, Department of Communications at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, on "Mass Communication"; Mr. Charles (Tremendous) Jones, president, Life Management Services, Inc., Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on "Leadership That Communicates."

Ever popular forums and workshops will be offered on eleven topics (relevant to present-day needs) to lend inspiration, training, and practical dimension. These include "Personal Development," "CEF and Mass Media," "Potentials in Visual Aids," "The Great Metropolis," "Church Related CEF Ministries," "Gospel for Preschool Child," "A Critical Look at Good News Clubs," "Finances and Future," "Developing and Training Teachers," "Developing and Training Committee," and "Developing and Training Youth."

Kent County Child Evangelism Fellowship Committee, together with personnel from the home office, will host the conference.

Visitation tours are being arranged to points of interest nearby.

Registration of delegates is expected to exceed the record number of two years ago who attended from nearly every state in USA and a number of missionaries and leaders from many nations of the world.

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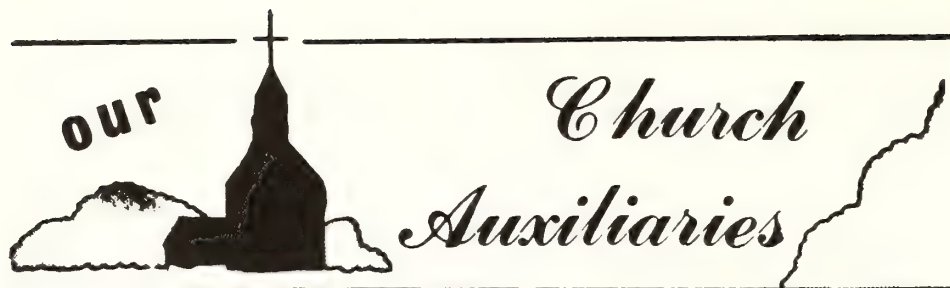
Where the Worst and Best Meet

Some of the people in Central Africa speak of the death of Christ as "the victory of Golgotha." When Dan Crawford asked one of them why they did so, he improvised a cross with two sticks and said, "Just here at the Cross when Satan did his very worst, just here, just then, God did His very, very best. At the Cross the very worst and the very best meet."—Florida Baptist Witness.

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It's very strange that rain on Sunday
Seems so much wetter than on Monday;
And our weekday pains that we ignore
On Sundays seem to hurt much more,
'Till we decide to stay in bed,
When we should go to church instead.

—A. I. Tooke.



Attention, North Carolina Woman's Auxiliaries!

The 1972 session of the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene on Thursday, May 11, with Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina. Each auxiliary in the state should be represented with one delegate for each 25 members or fraction thereof, plus a registration fee of \$5.

Many auxiliaries mail in their fees in advance. This is a good thing to do as it saves the delegate or delegates the trouble of handling the money. Also, in the event something happens at the last moment to prohibit your representing in person, your auxiliary is registered as having been represented.

IMPORTANT: Please mail your fee before May 1, if possible, so that I will have time to get the list prepared and delivered to the convention's registration committee for use on the morning of May 11. If you cannot possibly attend, please mail your fee as the convention needs your support. Mail fees to the address below.

Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser,
State Treasurer
108 Hope Lodge Street
Tarboro, North Carolina 27886

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ATTENTION, ALL YOUTH SPONSORS!

The North Carolina Bible Bowl Quiz runoff, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, on the Book of Mark, will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Corner of College and Lenoir Streets, Kinston, North Carolina, Saturday, May 6, beginning at 1:30 p.m. All churches that have teams to participate in the contest are urged to contact Mrs. Marlene J. Everett, youth chairman, 2813 Murray Hill Road, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, no later than May 1.

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The three top winning teams from each state are qualified to enter the Bible Bowl Quiz at the General Conference June 26, at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Knob, West Virginia.

Mrs. Marlene J. Everett,
Youth Chairman

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Attention, Eastern District Youth!

The North Carolina State Youth Fellowship Convention will be held on April 22 at the Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourne, North Carolina. I urge you to attend and take your posters and banners to support our candidates for president and secretary from our district. The candidate for president is Tommy Evans of the Saint Mary's church, New Bern; and for secretary, Joyce Williams from Christian Chapel church, Pink Hill.

Also I remind you to wear red identification tags to the convention.

Melody R. Wall
Eastern District Youth Chairman

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Rise and Shine

The preacher was outlining the service to the organist. "And when I get through with my sermon, I'll ask those of the congregation who want to contribute toward the mortgage to stand up. At this time, you play the appropriate music."

"What do you mean, 'appropriate music'?" asked the organist.

"Why the 'Star Spangled Banner,' of course," he replied.—Selected.

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One who ignores the church is like a man who builds a house without windows and then blames God because he has to live in the dark!—Selected.

STATE YOUTH CONVENTION AT BEAVER DAM

(Directions Given)

The State Youth Fellowship Convention will meet Saturday, April 22, at 10 a. m., at the Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourne, North Carolina.

Please make a list of the names and addresses of those attending from your church and have it ready to present to the registrar when you arrive (YFAers, AFCers, sponsors, ministers, and visitors).

Our program will consist of special music, declamations, essays, and the election of officers for the convention. Come meet the "Tater Family"; hear the Young Spirits of the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church; and hear the quartet from Vanceboro, North Carolina. A real treat is expected.

Each district members will wear name tags of different colors as follows: Albemarle, Royal Blue; Cape Fear, Gold; Eastern, Red; Central, Green; Pee Dee, Light Blue; Piedmont, Purple; and Western, White.

The following are directions to Beaver Dam church:

Please note the following directions to Beaver Dam church:

From Whiteville, North Carolina, take Highway 701 South toward Tabor City and travel about 10 miles before you turn right to go to Beaver Dam. Watch for the signs.

See you there! Be ready for a great convention. Let's fill the church with our youth!

Mrs. David W. Hansley
State Youth Chairman

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When a Dog's Trust Won

C. H. Spurgeon once said: "A dog used to come through a broken fence in my garden, doing gardening I did not like. One day I flung a stick at him. The creature seized the stick and laid it at my feet. He beat me by trusting. I patted him on the head, and said, 'Good dog; come as often as you like.' Faith will bring even God's thunderbolts and lay them at His feet."—C. H. Spurgeon.

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"Don't stay away from church because it is not perfect. How lonely you would feel in a perfect church!

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: May we do anything by which to get relief from spiritual depression?

Answer: We sometimes sing "Faith is the victory! . . . That overcomes the world." This I think is our answer. Those who have a firm and abiding faith in Christ, as He is presented in the Bible, now and have the answer to your question—a question that all the saints of God have been confronted with. One might read the first eleven verses in Matthew 4 and the first fifteen verses of Luke 4. This shows us that even Jesus, the Son of God, was tempted. Then Paul when writing to a group that before their conversion were steeped in the sin of the most base heathenism of any people, which during their Christian life gave Satan a basis to tempt and depress them, states: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. . . . Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:13, 14); "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1).

We who walk by faith have no cause to retain a gloomy outlook on life even though we may at times come to realize that the god of this world system, the prince of the powers of the air, has at some point in our experience been able to take advantage of us, causing us to fear and think as the unconverted world and as we did before we were saved. We may remember that God's Word says: "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" (Psalm 23:3, 4); "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,

and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:6-9).

We, in many cases of sin and depression, need to pray in the spirit that David showed himself to be in when he wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not the holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee" (Psalm 51:10-13). When a Christian prays in the spirit in which David wrote these verses God will respond without delay. Let us remember that God has had one purpose in allowing His children to remain here after they are saved, and that is, that they may be witnesses unto Him. (See Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20.) "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your way: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves" (Luke 10:2, 3); "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them, and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained" (John 20:21-23).

We are not left here on vacation or a sight-seeing exposition. We are left here as ambassadors and as vineyard keepers, and God expects us to follow Him as He leads us into full preparation for our task and then as we perform it. Israel were the ambassadors before the members of the church were so assigned. They were the vineyard keepers. They deteriorated in their calling and God set them aside until the fullness of

the Gentiles comes. When the church deteriorates in its obligation as the members of the church deteriorates, then will God spew the decadent church out of His mouth and break her out of the true olive tree and restore Israel (a remnant) as she repents and graft her in again.

Many of the leaders, including Solomon and David, disobeyed God and became spiritually depressed but repented. The last few verses of Ecclesiastes tells of Solomon's changed attitude before he died. Much of the writings of David tell the same thing; but they, in their bad examples, contributed to the downward trend of morals that caused God to finally reject her. Each Christian's disobedience helps to give place to the devil in the church so that the groundwork is being laid for the tribulation period: a time when Satan, the antichrist, and those false prophets will have a reign of terror. The true church will be in heaven at this time. When we, because of the lack of faith, allow sin of any kind to come in, we are giving place and opportunity to God's enemies, and this is the way sin finds its way into the church and is able to gain ground thereby.

Christ has an answer to all of Satan's suggestions as seen in Chapters 4 in both Matthew's and Luke's Gospels' accounts of the temptation. Since He is to be our example in all things, we need to keep what is written for our admonition in Matthew's and Luke's account of Jesus' temptation.

G. H. Sandison makes a worthwhile comment on a similar question on Page 142 in his second section of his book 1000 Bible Questions Answered:

"The only way out of any form of spiritual darkness is a firm faith in Christ. Spiritual darkness always means that in some way or other we are doubting him. We are often tempted to think that something else is necessary to be done before we begin to trust him, some sacrifice to make, some duty to perform, some problem to be solved. But these things come after faith, not before it. Of course if some positive wrong has been committed this wrong must be righted before we can believe that Christ fully saves us. But where no such positive wrong has been done and no clear duty neglected, the first and indeed the only requirement is to trust in Christ. . . . When you believe that he died for you, that he died to make possible the forgiveness of your sins and the cleansing of your heart, when you believe that

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STORIES

for our youth



TERRY'S ARITHMETIC TEST

HELEN F. GREEN

LORD, help us to live for you at school today. In your name, amen." Terry closed his prayer and was off to school with his brother and sister. Every morning they had devotions with Mother. He and his brother and sister had been saved recently.

"See whether you can have a good testimony for the Lord today," Mother said. "You can tell me about it this evening." Terry felt that this was said for his special benefit. He never did anything right! James and Beth got along well, but he was always in trouble. But he made up his mind that today would be different. He would show everyone that he was a Christian.

Before school started, a boy grabbed Terry's cap, tossing it to another boy; they kept it going back and forth, teasing him.

"All right, you boys—" he started to say, and suddenly he remembered. "O.K. When you're through playing catch with my cap, bring it to me." He wouldn't start a fight first thing.

Playing ball at recess, Terry just barely made it to first base safely. However, the umpire called, "Out!"

"I am not!" Terry yelled.

"The umpire says you are," replied the pitcher.

Terry was angry. Then Mother's words came back, "See whether you can have a good testimony—" He walked back to the bench.

By afternoon Terry felt pretty good. He really had tried and was looking for-

ward to telling Mother how he had kept out of trouble.

Then came the arithmetic test! Terry never was good in arithmetic. He didn't remember ever having any problems like figuring a storekeeper's profit if he earned 12 percent more than last year, and such things. What did he know about that? He hated story problems anyway.

Marjie was going along smoothly. Story problems never were hard for her. Why couldn't he be like that? He sat up straight. Yes, he could see what she was writing if he turned the right way. He copied as fast as he could. He had to be careful not to be caught.

"Your time is up. Pass your papers to the front," said the teacher.

Terry handed his paper forward and slid down in his chair.

He and his brother and sister were eating cookies after school when Mother asked, "Do any of you have something special to tell me? Did any of you have a testimony for the Lord today?"

Terry groaned inwardly. What had he done? Arithmetic problems flooded his mind. He had ruined his testimony again!

"Sharon asked me questions about my New Testament," Beth said. "She never reads the Bible or goes to church. She didn't know anything about salvation or heaven! I told her how Jesus died to save us from sin, and she really listened."

"I invited Harold to go to Sunday school with me," James reported. "He said he might go." Then he added, "Come on, Terry, tell Mom what you did!"

Terry jumped. Did James know about the problems?

"I thought you would speak right up," James continued. "Mom, he was playing ball at recess. He got safely to first

base, but when the umpire said he was out, he didn't even argue."

"Terry, I'm proud of you," said Mother.

Terry's cheeks burned. "You won't be when you hear the rest of my story."

"Why?" said Beth. "Did you fight with the umpire at noon?"

"No."

"What happened then?" James was curious. "I didn't see you do anything wrong."

"Neither did anyone else except God! I just can't keep from doing wrong!" Then Terry told his story. "I'm always in trouble," he wailed. "Why doesn't God help me, like He helps Beth and James?"

"Do you really want Him to help you, Terry? Do you want to please Christ or yourself?"

"What do you mean, Mother?"

"Why did you copy the problems?"

"Because I couldn't work them! I knew I would fail."

"Maybe you passed the arithmetic test, Terry, but you failed the test the Lord gave you," Mother said. "You didn't learn your arithmetic lessons. Then because you were too proud to fail the test, you cheated."

Terry went outdoors. What could he do? He was a miserable failure!

Howard Baker came across the street. "Hi, Terry. Can you and James go with me to church tonight? We're having a youth meeting, and I'm sure you would enjoy it."

Later, the three were in the meeting watching an object lesson showing how the blood of Christ washes away all sin. "However," the evangelist said, "sometimes after people are saved, they find it difficult to live for Christ. Satan has many ways of keeping us from witnessing for the Lord."

He told how David killed the giant Goliath. "David didn't try to kill him with his own strength. He knew he couldn't. But he also knew that the giant was no match for God! David depended on God to kill the giant."

Terry liked this story. He imagined himself killing that giant.

"You have giants to fight, too," the speaker continued. "Laziness, pride, fighting, cheating—these are your giants. Are you going to win over them?"

This was Terry's problem. The giants were always winning, but he did want to win.

The speaker continued, "Young people, do as David did. Quit trying to" (continued on page fifteen)

INFORMATION ABOUT
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

A Child's Thoughts

My name is Donna Lanier. I have not been at the Children's Home very long. The day I learned I was coming here to live, I did not want to come. I prayed to the Lord that if I did have to come to the home to live that my grandparents could come too. After I had been here for about two or three months they came to the Home, and now my grandmother does the sewing for the Home. She made about 35 dresses for the girls here for Easter this year.

I would like to say that the Home is a nice place to live. The superintendent, Mr. Pierce, is a great man, and his wife and two children are too.

My grandparents, two sisters, and I think that the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, is a nice place to live.—Donna Lanier.

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The Role of Child Care in the Mission Of the Church

by J. Stewart Humphrey
Director of Campus Life

"Jesus said, Allow the little children to come to me, do not forbid them, for such is the kingdom of heaven, and he laid his hands on them. He took them in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them" (see Matthew 19:14, 15). I want to pose two questions before I talk about the relationship of child care and the mission of the church. First, What is the church and what is its mission? Second, What is child care?

First, "What is the church? Some refer to the church as a building; others see it as a fraternal organization. Some think it is an organization to help the poor and degenerated people. For them, its goal is purely humanitarian. For these the church might well be called the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of

Human Beings. Some think it is an audience who likes to hear a certain orator. There are other views; however, none of these in themselves is the answer, and all of them together is not the answer.

The Greek word for church means: "That which belongs to God; the called out ones; the people who belong to God; the temple of the Holy Spirit; the body of Christ." "The body of Christ," for me this is the church. If the church is the body of Christ, then we are to act in the same loving compassionate manner as did Christ long ago; and as Jesus reached out to children, so ought we to reach out.

The mission of the church is to bring the healing, redeeming love of Christ to all mankind. This involves spreading the gospel, care for the aged, care for dependent children. Jesus was also a teacher, so education is involved and the list goes on. You might say, "My religious logic is too simple." It could be, but Jesus was a simple man who did what was needed doing at the moment. "If the ox is in the ditch, get him out," He said. He fed a hungry crowd and cuddled lonely children. James wrote that the Christian who is pure and without fault, from God the Father's point of view, is one who takes care of orphans and widows, and who remains true to the Lord. "... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40), Jesus said.

Second, What is child care? Child care ranges from the private family home, to foster homes where one child other than the parents' own children may be kept, to group homes (small groups of children, usually older children, who live together with houseparents), children's homes where both orphans and children from broken families live, orphanages, penal institutions, and others. The goal of any child caring institution should be to help the child become his best self. It should help him develop his potentials

to the fullest extent. I believe that child caring institutions, such as our Children's Home here at Middlesex, can best provide the spiritual, moral, mental, physical, educational, and social needs of a child, chiefly because it is or should be, the very arms of Christ reaching out to a dislodged child. State institutions have religious programs and provide for all the physical, mental, educational, and social needs of the children as well. But it is only the body of Christ that reaches out in redeeming love to a little child and says, "Come home, it's suppertime," with all the meaning the phrase implies.

There has been some questions as to whether continuing to operate our Home is feasible in the face of current trends in the denomination and child care field. To this I say, "God led us into child care in the 1920s and has guided us through many changes of structure and planning. The Home has grown rapidly, campus wise, and in the number of children in our care. This I believe, if God wishes us to continue in child care, He will give us the wisdom and the means as a denomination to continue; and if it is not His will, He will enable all our children on campus to return to their families or find suitable homes." Jesus did not withdraw His hand in days gone by, nor will His Spirit allow "His people" to withdraw theirs today against His will.

Is child care a part of the mission of the church? I believe it is as much a part of the mission of the church as my arm is a part of my body. Remove my arm and I cease to be whole. Remove child care from the mission of the church and you make Christ an unresponsive, heartless tyrant who is loveless and cruel. My Lord is neither cruel, loveless, nor tyrannical. Because He loved me, reached out and saved me as a child, I now, a part of His body in today's world, must reach out also. Whether I be a father, a pastor, a plumber, a director of campus life, or whatever, if I am a Christian, I am a child care worker.

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"Crown Him Lord!"

Friends at the bedside of a noble and aged missionary noticed her lips move feebly. Bending low, they caught the faintly uttered word, "Bring!"

Asked they, "Bring what? Your medicine?" Then, with smiles wreathing her face, the missionary said with her latest breath, "Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all!"—W. B. K.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR APRIL 30



THE MISSIONARY IMPERATIVE

Lesson Text: Luke 24:45-49; Acts 13:1-3

Memory Verse: John 17:18

I. INTRODUCTION

Jesus gave two commissions to the apostles. The first one was when He sent them out two by two for an evangelistic campaign during His earthly ministry. The second, given after He arose from the dead and just before His ascension, removed all the barriers and limitations of the first commission, and key-noted the full gospel message.

The first commission sent the apostles only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The second commissioned them to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

The first sent the apostles forth without any equipment or money, telling them to depend upon the support of those to whom they preached. The second sent them out in the midst of some of the bitterest persecutions they had ever known, bringing most of them to a martyr's grave.

Both commissions were imperative. There was no second choice; they had to go, and go when Jesus said. The Early Church was a little slow to learn the missionary imperative and it took persecution to spread them out with the gospel. The church today has also been slow. There are still unreached millions. Great areas of the world have not benefited by the gospel. Millions are still lost in heathenism and sin. Let us pray that this lesson may help us to obey the missionary imperative to go into the world with the message of truth that will set men free from their ignorance and sin.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The Great Commission is not an alternative, but an imperative.

2. It is recorded five times in the first five books of the New Testament.
3. Each time it is recorded there is a special promise attached.

B. The Great Commission Stated (Luke 24:45-49)

1. The Lord illuminated the minds of the disciples.
2. They were shown the relationship of Christ's death and resurrection to the Old Testament.
3. Repentance was to be preached to all nations for the remission of sins.
4. This work was to start in Jerusalem.
5. But they were to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

C. The Importance of the Great Commission to Jesus (John 17:18-21)

1. Jesus included it in His prayer to the Father for the disciples.
2. He prayed not only for the disciples at that time, but also those who would become disciples.
3. He asked the Father to take care of them on His (Christ's) merits.
4. He prayed also for the unity of believers.

D. The Great Commission in Action (Acts 13:1-3)

1. The church at Antioch—its importance.
2. The activity of the Holy Spirit.
3. The response of the church to the Holy Spirit.
4. The beginning of the missionary program.

III. HINTS THAT HELP

A. A lad was hurrying along a London street to meet another boy for a Sunday evening on the street. On his way he met the wife of the master who was teaching him a trade. "Where are you going?" she asked. When he told her she said, "That would be a wrong way to spend the Sabbath. Come to chapel with me." The lad went. The minister talked about these words of Jesus, "What is a man profited if he gain the whole

world and lose his soul?" It came like a loud knock on the door of the lad's heart. He opened and let the Saviour come into His life. Jesus led him to go to the South Sea Islands with the good news. He lost his earthly life there fully following Jesus, but Williams the brave missionary, gained eternal life.—Gospel Herald.

B. "What is the world coming to?" The faith of many people is shattered as they view conditions that exist in the world today. In times like these, it is often difficult to see the good around us because such a cloud of evil enshrouds the earth.

Materialism has become for many the accepted way of life. "Drive yourself and get all you can, any way you can" is their motto.

Sensuality runs rampant. Its evidence is seen in nearly all public places. Some one has suggested that movie rating should be changed from their present wording to something like this: "Rot ten!" "Less Rotten," "Slightly Foul," and "Risky, but Worth It."

Prejudice of many sorts fills the hearts of men. One nation is suspicious of the other; the rich and the poor impugn each other's motives; the races continue to clash. Sadly, most of this occurs because men prejudge others without seeking facts and striving for understanding.

All of this and the other threats to the security of the world emerge from a single source.

There is only one solution to the fearful problems posed by the presence of sin: the gospel of Christ. Jesus knew what the world was coming to; that's why He came to the world! And just as He was sent by the Father, so He sends us. We are the world's only hope. We must not fail Christ.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. "I have no interest in missions," exclaimed a petulant young lady.

"No, dear," said her aunt, "you can hardly expect to. It's just like getting interest at the bank; you have to put in a little something first; and the more you put in—in time, or money, or prayers—the more the interest grows.

"But something you must put in, or you will never have any interest."—Spirit of Missions.

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When Sunday comes I go to church and stop in for a visit;

So that when I'm carried in, the Lord won't say, "Who is it?"

ELAINE DISCOVERS HONESTY

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And, he found me much more relaxed about her behavior. Although we had prayed about this matter many times, I began to realize that we had been a bit too impatient with Elaine and had expected her to change in a matter of weeks. As I talked with my husband, we both agreed that we couldn't accomplish anything in our own strength.

We began to notice a marked difference in Elaine. Instead of being rebellious toward us, she wanted to please us. What a thrill it was for us when she began to correct herself before she finished relating what started out as a lie. Suddenly, she would stop abruptly in the middle of a sentence, cover her mouth with her hand, and meekly conclude, "No, that was a lie. I did do it." And every evening when she prayed, "Dear God, help me to tell the truth," my heart was touched by her explicit faith.

One night I was pleasantly surprised when she took the initiative at the end of her usual prayer. She said, "And thank you, Jesus, for helping me to tell the truth all day today." I followed my impulses and hugged and kissed her. She came to me and said, "I love you, Mommy, and I want to be your girl forever and ever. And I won't tell lies any more." Such moments of sheer joy always will remain in my mind.

Soon after this, Elaine's dishonesty and rebellion vanished completely. Her rebellious attitude changed. She developed into a sweet, blossoming flower. As the love and understanding between us have grown, her desire to please us has developed accordingly. We explained to her, "God, too, is pleased when we tell the truth and are honest. We do not seek it for rewards but because we love Him. It makes us happy, knowing that we are doing right."

Now after these months of struggle, we still cannot say that we have all the answers or that the problem is completely solved or conquered, but we thank God that He has helped us in a wonderful way in this climb to higher ground. Once again we experienced that God has changed our disappointments into His appointments by teaching us lessons of faith and commitment.—Gospel Herald.

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Questions & Answers

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because he died your sins are forgiven and your heart is cleansed, you will have peace, and you will find the Saviour near you, with his light and comfort and power."

Paul gave the church members at Thessalonica some good advice on this subject. "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:21-24). Then he prayed a prayer for them. In Verse 17 of this chapter we are given divine guidance to "Pray without ceasing." In other words, God teaches us to be in a spirit of prayer as we perform every duty. It also teaches that we do all that we do in God's name and to God's glory. As we thus live our problems will come, but God will make clear to us their solution. To say that any, even the most consistent saint, has no time of testing such as the question under consideration suggests, would not be true; but to assume he cannot find in God's Word an adequate solution would be just as incorrectly stated, for Philippians 4:13, 19 proves the contrary to be correct. God gave Christ as our answer to all sin and that which goes with it.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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fight these sins with your own strength. Give your lives completely to Christ and let Him win over the giants."

Tears filled Terry's eyes. When the invitation was given, he hurried down to talk to the evangelist. Soon they were in the prayer room reading Scriptures. "Certainly I will be with thee" (Exodus 3:12) and "The battle is the Lord's" (1 Samuel 17:47) were two passages that helped Terry tremendously.

Terry prayed, "Lord, I love you, and I trust you to win the battles in my life from now on!"—My Pleasure.

The reason that rain keeps people away from the church is the reason the church is necessary.

Too Much

Only one farmer and the minister had appeared at the church for services on Sunday night. The minister, seeing the empty church, remarked: "Well, I don't suppose there's any use preaching to one person, is there?"

"Reverend," replied the farmer, "when I go to feed my cattle if there's only one cow there, I feed her."

"Very well," replied the minister. After a lengthy sermon, the minister asked for the farmer's comments.

"Well, Reverend," said the farmer, "I don't give that one cow the whole load of feed!"

—Lucius Farish.

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After church services, a woman thanked a minister for his discourse. "I found it helpful," she said.

The minister replied, "I hope it will not prove so helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."

"Why, what do you mean?" asked the woman.

"Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three years."

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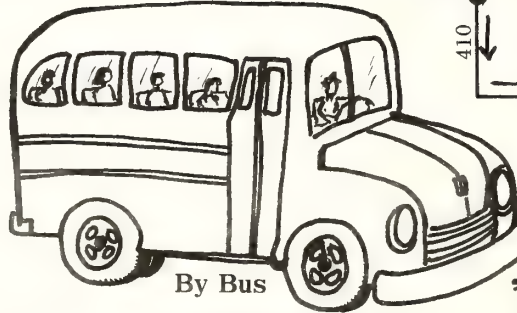


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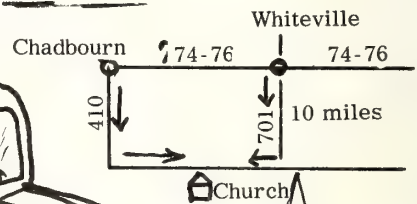
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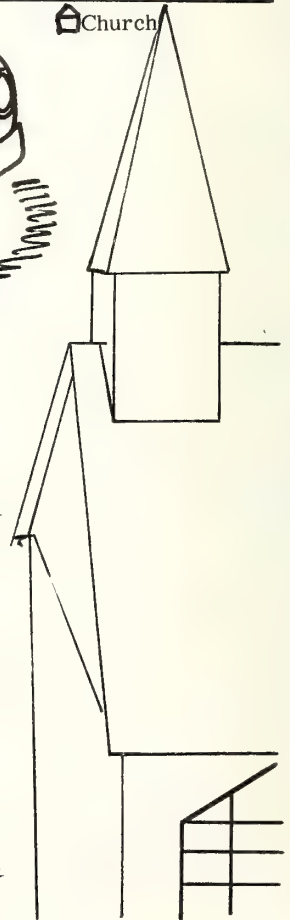
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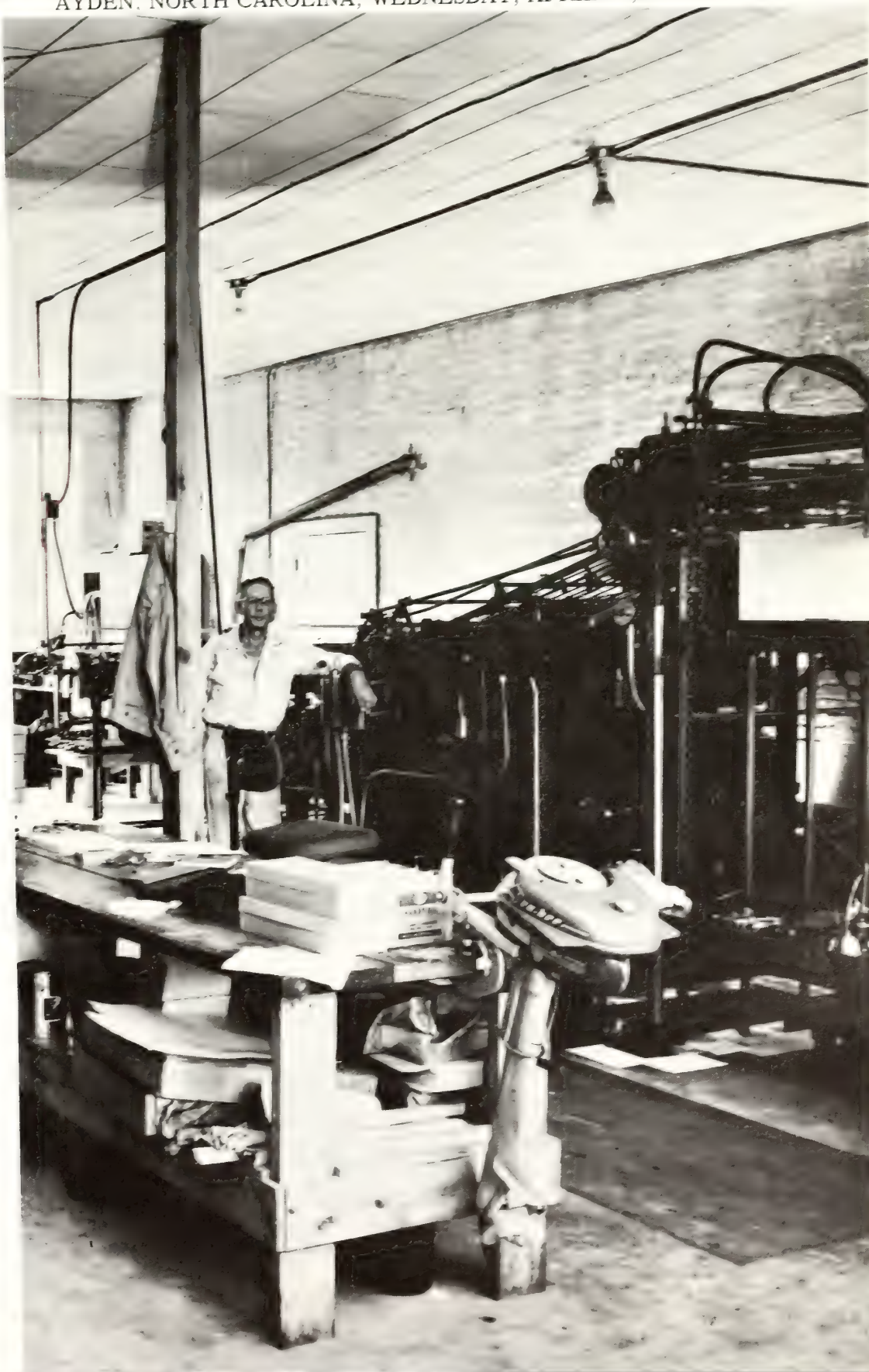
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Editorial...

A MAN CALLED "WATER BOY"

A big smile, a chuckle, a lilting greeting from a happy disposition—these belonged to L. Wilbur Dunn. We called him "Water Boy," a name he acquired as a young lad and one which stuck with him the seventy years of his life.

Though small in stature, Water Boy Dunn was big in personality and warm in friendship. His was one of the brightest outlooks imaginable, and through many operations and sicknesses he carried on with the best of spirits. As the old saying puts it: "It's hard to keep a good man down"—and it was hard indeed to keep Water Boy down.

There is a big Miehle flatbed press in the printing department, and if it could talk it would tell you how much it misses Water Boy. We can't help but be a little sad when we walk by "his" press—the one he operated for so many years, the one he polished tenderly and tinkered with so often to make it run more smoothly. He handled this press as though it were a child, treating it perhaps in a manner that it will never be treated again. He operated the Miehle almost daily until about two years ago when his final sickness forced him to retire. As an employee for over fifty years, Water Boy Dunn has the record for long-term employment at the Free Will Baptist Press, having come to work with his father, Mr. Charles K. Dunn Sr., at the age of fifteen.

Water Boy saw many innovations and additions to the printing department and the Press in general. He saw good times and bad times. He saw managers and editors and other employees come and go because of other opportunities and leadings, but he chose to stay with his job for years and years, exhibiting what may be called "stick-to-itiveness." He "toughed it out" during lean years as well as prosperous years, working many times when he should have been in bed.

Water Boy enjoyed telling tall tales—some of which may indeed have been true—and for hours he could entertain people of all ages with his unique kind of humor. He enjoyed relating incidents that happened forty or fifty years ago and told them in such a way as to make you wish you had been there. He found something funny about the most difficult of situations and somehow made the worst circumstances less trying.

The great love of his life (besides his press and his work) was his family. He took pride in his daughter's superior music ability which "Connie inherited from her mother." His grandchildren were dear to him, and "Pa-pa" was "some man" in their way of thinking. His wife, Alda, a faithful companion, never left his side in sickness. Perhaps a little more reserved than he, she was a real asset to Water Boy; and when he spoke of her as "that woman," everybody knew the respect and love he had for her.

A holler across the street from him and a flick of his wrist, a deliberate walk with a swaying gait and a straight back, a hat cocked slightly to one side, a nod to some passing ladies, a stoop to pat a child's head—these are just a few of the things that we will remember about Water Boy Dunn but will see no more.

Much could be said about him—and has been, and will be—but Water Boy had a tendency to disregard himself and would dismiss as mere nothing any ability or accomplishment attributed to him. He would mark off this written tribute as "unnecessary."

While he never spoke about God much, Water Boy did have a strong faith in Him and displayed many godly qualities. Death came Wednesday, April 12, in Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville, North Carolina, after a courageous battle with cancer.

We are happy to have known this man called "Water Boy," and to have worked with him for so many years. Needless to emphasize, we shall miss him. He was nearly a permanent fixture at the Press, and when we pass that big Miehle we almost automatically turn in that direction to speak to him. But he isn't there—or is he?

To this man called "Water Boy" we choose to say "Hello" still. For some reason he never liked the word, "Good-bye." Neither do we. . .



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'A TRIBUTE OF LOVE'

To Joyce Proctor Beaman

Anonymous

HERE love is, there God is—one cannot love without giving. Love is made visible through good deeds and good works."

The Spring Branch church community in Walstonburg, North Carolina, has long experienced such love through the kindness, good deeds, and works of a faithful member.

Joyce Proctor Beaman has been a member of Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church for several years. From the very beginning she became interested in the activities of the church, thus she accepted the position of church pianist at a very early age and has faithfully held this position many years—and to this day, Sunday morning services at Spring Branch just wouldn't be the same without her at the piano or the organ. The list is endless as to the number of times she has participated in the musical portion of the Sunday school, Sunday morning and night worship services, Young Peoples' league, midweek prayer services, weddings, funerals, union meetings, homecomings, youth rallies, special programs, revivals, and the many times she has helped to represent our church with music at a neighboring church.

It's hard to imagine a time when she was not a Sunday school teacher—and over the years she has worked with nearly every age group.

All of her adult life, Joyce has been a source of comfort and understanding to all who passed her way. Throughout the community she is always among the first to arrive in a bereaved home to offer Christian love and comfort. She can always be found near a friend who is ill,



either waiting in a hospital corridor or at the bedside, mopping a fevered brow or holding the hand of one frightened of not knowing what is to be—and most often, remembering this friend with a specially selected gift "just for being my friend."

Aside from church related deeds, she has contributed to the community and state for she has worked in education since graduating from East Carolina College (University), Greenville, North Carolina, teaching in the public schools; and at present she is librarian in the Saratoga, North Carolina, Central High School. Last year she taught creative writing at the Wilson, North Carolina Technical Institute. And, in September of last year all those who know her well were proud

for her and with her when, after many months of work and dedication, a book she had written, entitled, "Broken Acres," was published and placed on sale in most all bookstores and major department stores across the state.

Even with a busy schedule she still finds time to remember friends when they need her, time for work in the church, and time for fulfilling the duties of a wife and mother.

How does an individual or a community show its gratitude for the genuine love, concern, help, and comfort of a friend such as Joyce Proctor Beaman? Above all, we thank God for allowing her to be a part of our lives and our community. In this special tribute of love to Joyce Proctor Beaman, we, her friends, hope that we can relate how truly proud we are to call her our friend and how deeply grateful we are for all she has meant to us.

"'Twas her thinking of others that made you think of her."

There is an unseen register
Where all your deeds are filed,
The times you stopped to lend a hand
The times you paused and smiled.

The times you spoke a fitting word
Of joy and comfort too,
The times you went the second mile
Some gracious deed to do.

The ways in which you remembered
Some token small to share,
The times you took a moment out
To breathe a silent prayer.

You scatter sunshine as you go
In all you say and do,
For love and kindness which you show
From the depths of our hearts, "Thank you."



SUNDAY, APRIL 30

WHAT GOD:

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 15:15

An old godly writer named Flavel, has given us wise words on this matter. He said:

"When God intends to fill a soul He first makes it empty; when he intends to enrich a soul He first makes it poor; when He intends to exalt a soul, He first makes it sensible of its own miseries, wants, and nothingness."—*Watchman-Examiner*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We have sensed the miseries, wants, and nothingness of our own souls, haven't we? God made us so we would be able to. Only He can help us—and He is always ready.

MONDAY, MAY 1

THE UNEXPECTED VISITOR

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 15:33

When Queen Victoria resided at Balmoral Castle she sometimes enjoyed a walk in the district incognito. On one occasion she slipped out by a side gate, accompanied only by her faithful servant John Brown, who followed behind.

Along the road she came on a flock of sheep being driven by a boy, who shouted, "Keep out of the way, stupid old woman!" The Queen smiled, but said nothing, and when her servant came along he informed the lad that she was the Queen. "Ugh, well," said the boy, "she should dress like a queen."

There were those who did not recognize the Son of God because He came in humble form.—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Could we go anywhere as Christians—incognito? As we go about our daily living, do people know we are Christians? Actions speak louder than words!

TUESDAY, MAY 2

TOUCHING OTHERS

Scripture Reading—2 Kings 15:3

"The slightest breeze that ever blew
Some slender grass has wavered,
The smallest life I ever knew
Some other life has flavored.

"We cannot live our lives alone

For other lives we touch
Are either strengthened by our own,
Or weakened just as much."

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we travel life's road day-by-day—how about the lives we touch? Did we weaken or strengthen? We have done one or the other.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

WHAT WON THEM

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:22

From a mission field comes this testimony: There were many of us small boys in our village in the Belgian Congo. When the missionaries came, we listened to them, marveled at their gentleness, the things they had in their houses, the way they treated the sick, but we did not think of adopting their ways. One day a teacher whom we admired very much went down the river to meet his wife. We waited eagerly to see the new "Mama." But when the canoe returned to our beach some time later, the teacher was alone. His wife had been taken ill on the steamer from Leopoldville and had died before her husband reached her. So our teacher came back to us alone, his heart filled with sadness. But he did not go into his house to weep and wail for weeks as did my people. He carried on his work, preaching to us at every opportunity, saying, "I have joy, because I have Christ." We no longer could be indifferent to the teachings of a man who in his deep personal sorrow showed that he had joy because he had Christ. We wanted to know his Christ. Later, six of my chums and I became inquirers and were baptized. And we learned that in trial and sorrow He was our joy, even Jesus.—*Secret Place*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

When sorrow comes to us—and we have to have some to appreciate the joys don't we?—how do we react? Would that we could follow this man's example!

THURSDAY, MAY 4

THE ACID TEST OF OBEDIENCE

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:46

Dr. R. A. Torrey said: "One evening I was told that a minister's son was to be present in my congregation, and though he professed to be a Christian, he did not work much at it. I watched for him, and selected the man in the audience who I thought was he, and selected the right man. At the close of the service I hurried to the door by which he would leave, and shook hands with different ones as they passed out. When he came I took his hand and said: 'Good evening! I am glad to see you; are you a friend of Jesus?' 'Yes,' he answered, heartily. 'I consider myself a friend of Jesus.' 'Jesus said,' I replied, 'Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.'" His eyes fell. 'If those are the

conditions, I guess I am not.' I put the same question to you: Are you a friend Jesus? Are you doing whatsoever He commands you? Are you winning souls as commands?"—*Earnest Worker*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we answer these questions—how we feel? That will depend entirely on how we have to answer. If we can say yes each one, we will feel so wonderful!

FRIDAY, MAY 5

LITTLE THINGS

Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:13

Big moments seldom come. Great deeds are rare. Most of the elements that go into the making of a human life are in themselves infinitesimal and of small consequence. The unmeditated word, the spontaneous action, the glance and the smile that we think nothing of, are the strands of which a life is woven. Our character is determined by the sum total effect of these small things upon us. Life is mostly chores, and the one who conducts himself faithfully when he thinks no one is observing is the one whose life will tell something worthwhile. Let us be faithful then, in small responsibilities. Let us seize the small opportunities. If we take care of the little things in life, the great things will take care of themselves.—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We never know who might be watching us. May we never let one down. That would be letting God down, wouldn't it?

SATURDAY, MAY 6

WHAT AM I NOW TO BELIEVE?

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 4:3

A lady once wrote to a servant of Christ: "Will you put it down in black and white what I am to believe?"

"I have been told of many different texts; and they are so many that I am bewildered.

"Please tell me one text, and I will try to believe it."

The answer came, "It is not any one text, nor any number of texts that save any more than the man who fled to the city of refuge was saved by reading the directions on the finger posts. It is by trusting a Person—the Lord Jesus Christ—that we are saved."—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to know how easy it is to be one of God's own—just by trusting in Him and believing in Him? How unbelievably simple!

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"The big things of life show **who** we are; the little things of life show **what** we are!"—Walter B. Knight.

FAMILIES NEED TO GET BACK TO GOD

by
MAE PARSONS BUSH

TODAY there is a need for all family members to get back to God so that they can reach out to each other for sympathetic response. Not to get back to God is, then, an insistence that He belongs to the past; that He is back there somewhere, lost forever in the world's technological advance.

Today many parents and children disagree with each other, fight each other because of the different way they see the relevant social facts: the children insist that they see things "as they really are," and that their parents are unwilling to face reality. Members of families do not understand each other because there is not a spiritual relationship in the home. Surely family members in a Christian home have a better chance of resolving their conflicts.

Many actions which we parents regard in our children as aggressive are, from the children's point of view and in terms of their motivations, not aggressive, but defensive. Often it is the parents who have lost faith, trying to maintain the status quo. Then the children begin to question the meaning of life, and sometimes conclude that the family and church has nothing to offer them in their quest.

Church attendance in the United States is declining in 1972, according to surveys taken by the Gallup Poll. In a typical week in 1972, the Gallup figures reveal that the overall average church attendance (of all faiths) for the total population was 40 percent—45 percent for women and 35 percent for men. How can we say anything to our children who

are disillusioned with a church we do not attend? Shall we take offense at them, dislike them for sleeping on Sunday morning and refusing to attend Sunday school and church, when they are only following our example? I do not think so. Christian actions (such as Sunday school and church attendance) show our children that we stay in the church because of our convictions.

Many families are prejudiced against each other because they do not really know each other, in spite of the blood relationship. Leaders of the church admit privately that the church is no longer attracting the number of young people that it used to. This is at a time when drugs are attracting young people and making them into addicts by the thousands.

Too many parents are the power type: shrewd, clever, "money-making." Training children has been replaced by giving them privileges of every description, especially money. In this time of acute social disorganization, young people, for lack of Christian training, have growing insecurities and feelings of being trapped in a technological world; they feel powerless to cope with these pressures. Thus, the drug problem can be pinned down to lack of Christian training in the home.

We parents often symbolize the type of people who are successful and get ahead by performing mysterious manipulations behind the scene. The history of the older generation, reared in the depression, has caused us to worship false values of shrewdness and cleverness in making money. And our children have

deep-seated hostilities against us clever parents: they see us as symbols of deception and fraud. Thus, family life for many, is a battle of the younger generation against the older generation, each feeling threatened by the other, and with which each is unable to cope.

What are we to do? How can families be brought to a life of unity across the separation of today's culture? According to Christian beliefs, we are called to act responsibly even in the face of difficulties. If family members will trust in God in the midst of all discouragement and conflict, the family can endure, and conditions will gradually improve. Until members of families are willing to become aware of the nature of their problems and discuss prayerfully what the will of God is for them as a family, there can be no solution for them. With God and His church, families can handle adversity.

Worship at the family table is an example of families coming together in the home. Grace before meals is often passed by because the parents are frequently out at mealtime. Church must be in the home. Children cannot enter into a faith that is denied by the people most dear to them, their parents. We parents need desperately to develop a Christian doctrine which sees the family as God's family. For it is at home that the love of God and love of each other is made difficult or easy for children to believe or disbelieve. Parents must make children feel that "You're my son. You're my daughter. I love you. God is our God. This is our home." In a family where there is commitment to God, there is caring and love. The home is the partner of the Christian church and it is here that the church succeeds or fails, according to the faithfulness of the parents.

It is not necessary for generations within a family to be sundered by a so-called gap. Families need not mistrust each other. Hard and clear thinking is crucial. Reasonable, intelligent, sincere human beings of any age can, if they really want to, live together in peace by changing the family life. But we cannot change this all by ourselves. We must turn to God, who can make us into new people.

The Christian message is passed on from one generation to another. God works through parents, and parents pass on the faith to their children. Unless the heads of families of the Christian world care enough to share their faith (continued on page fifteen)

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for March, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of March, 1972.

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| Balance March 1, 1972 | \$3,174.61 |
| <i>Receipts</i> | |
| Churches | \$540.65 |
| YFAs | 2.00 |
| Woman's Auxiliaries | 79.00 |
| Sunday Schools | 52.18 |
| Personal Gifts | 80.00 |
| Leagues | 50.00 |
| Total Receipts | 803.83 |
| Total to Account For | 3,978.44 |
| <i>Disbursements</i> | |
| Operating Expenses | 180.46 |
| Balance April 1, 1972 | |
| (Checking Account) | 3,797.98 |
| Savings | 2,287.93 |
| Grand Total | \$6,085.91 |

Homecoming and Revival First Church, Plymouth

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, announces its annual homecoming for Sunday, May 7. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Langley, will bring the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. Following the worship hour lunch will be served on the church grounds. At 1:30 p.m. there will be an afternoon song service with local and guest singers. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this day of worship and Christian fellowship.

On Monday evening, May 8, the Plymouth church will begin its spring revival with the Rev. Robert May as the visiting evangelist. The services will continue each evening at 7:30 through Friday evening, May 12. The pastor will

Coming Events . . .

May 6—North Carolina Bible Bowl Quiz Runoff, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina

May 11—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

assist Mr. May in the services which will feature good gospel preaching and special music. Everyone is also invited to attend all these services you possibly can.

Western Second Union at Mount Zion Church

The Second Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church near Nashville, North Carolina, Saturday, April 29. The program is as follows:

- 9:30—Hymn
- Welcome, Mount Zion Church
- Response, Milbournie Church
- Devotions, Milbournie Church
- 9:50—Moderator's Remarks
- Reading of Minutes, Clerk
- Roll Call of Churches and Ministers

- 10:10—Report of Denominational Enterprises
- Special Report from the Children's Home
- 10:40—Offering
- Hymn
- 10:50—Business Session
- 11:10—Special Music
- Message, the Rev. Cedric Piel Jr.
- 12:00—Adjournment

Second Union, Central

S. S. Convention, Tarboro

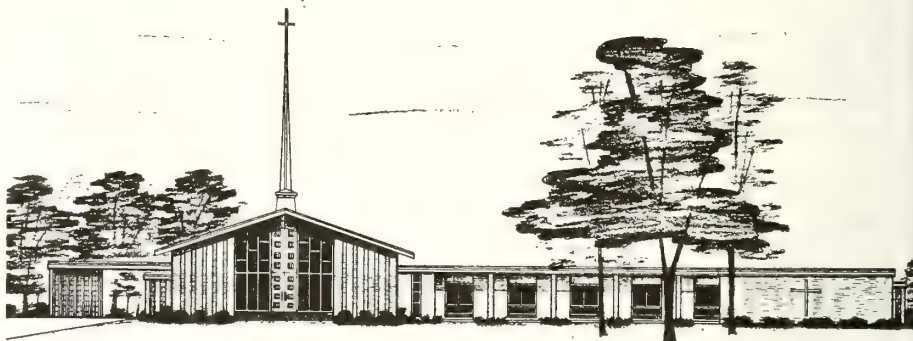
The Second Union Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina, Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 2:30. The Guilford Swamp Sunday school of Route 6, Greenville, North Carolina, will have charge of the program.

All member Sunday schools are urged to be represented.

Palmer Memorial Church to Host Cape Fear Union

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene on Saturday morning, April 29, with the Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. The moderator, the Rev.

Beulaville Church to Have Dedication



The members of Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina, invite former pastors and other friends to join them for the dedication of the Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church building on Sunday, April 30, at 11 a.m.

The history of the Beulaville church goes back at least to 1887, with the present structure being completed early in 1967. The tragedy of fire destroyed the former building on March 17, 1966, and this led to the construction of the

current building. On March 20, 1972 the final payment of the \$55,000 loan was made to Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, leaving the church debt free.

It is the intention of the membership to dedicate the debt-free plant to the Lord, and to celebrate with a note burning. Because of the concern and generosity of many friends, the membership wish them to join with them for the dedication and for lunch afterward in the fellowship hall.

Felton Godwin, will preside. The lo-church pianist and organist will play this service. The program is as follows:

- 00—Hymn, Congregation
- Devotions, the Rev. O. Kenneth Peedin
- Welcome, the Rev. R. W. Allman, Host Pastor
- Response, Mr. R. Ray Warwick
- 15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
- Recognition of Visitors
- Reading of Minutes
- Appointment of Committees
- Roll Call of Churches
- Reports of Denominational Enterprises
- Miscellaneous Business
- 15—Hymn, Congregation
- Special Music, Host Church
- Offering
- Message, the Rev. Frank R. Harrison
- 00—Report of Treasurer
- Unfinished Business
- Adjournment and Benediction
- Lunch and Christian Fellowship

iental Church to Host stern Fifth Union

The Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, iental, North Carolina, will be host the Fifth District Union Meeting of the stern Conference Saturday morning, ril 29. The program is as follows:

- 00—Hymn
- Devotional, the Rev. Preston Haddock
- Welcome, the Rev. Carol Hansley
- Response, the Rev. C. R. Etheridge
- 15—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- 25—Reading of Minutes
- Roll Call of Churches
- Offering for Children's Home
- 50—Report of Denominational Enterprises
- 15—Business Session
- 30—Report of Finance Committee
- Announcements
- 40—Special Music, Host Church
- 55—Worship Service:
- Message, the Rev. Clyde Cox
- Adjournment (Lunch and Christian Fellowship)

rst Western Union at ancel's Chapel Church

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with Stan-ly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Johnston County, North Carolina, Saturday, April 29. The moderator, the Rev.

Dewey C. Boling, will preside, assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. The following is the scheduled program:

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotional, the Rev. Roland Cherry
- Welcome, the Rev. J. B. Godwin
- Response, to Be Supplied
- 10:15—Business Session
- 11:00—Morning Worship:
- Congregational Singing
- Offering for Children's Home
- Special Music, Local Church
- Sermon, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotional, the Rev. Ray Wells
- 1:15—Business Session
- Report of Denominational Enterprises
- Reports of Committees
- Other Business
- 2:15—Adjournment

Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention, Oriental Church

The Fifth District Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Conference will meet with the Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina, Sunday morning, April 30. The scheduled program is as follows:

- 10:00—Opening
- Prayer
- Convention Hymn
- Welcome, George Mason of the Host Church
- Response, Deborah Harrington of the New Haven Church
- Offering
- 10:20—Recognition of Pastors, Sunday School Officers, and Delegates
- 10:25—Sunday School Lesson, Marion Caroon of the Host Church
- 10:50—Business Session:
- Minutes
- Reports
- Awards
- 11:05—Remarks, the Rev. Carol Hansley, Host Pastor
- 11:20—Program, Wesley Morris and the Young World Singers
- 12:15—Benediction

"LOOK UP!"

- To be distressed, look within;
 - To be defeated, look back;
 - To be distracted, look around;
 - To be dismayed, look before;
 - To be delivered, look to Christ;
 - To be delighted, look up.
- Selected.

HOWARD TO TEACH COURSE

The Rev. Sheldon Howard, member of the department of religion at Mount Olive College, will conduct a five-week study course on "Creative Teaching Methods."

The course will meet each Tuesday night, beginning May 9, from 8 p. m. to 9:30 p. m., at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, North Carolina.

The sessions will be devoted to a study of creative teaching methods that may be used by the Sunday school teacher.

There will be a registration fee of \$5 per person. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the course.

THE MONUMENT MOODY WANTED

The monument I want after I am dead and gone is a monument with two legs going about the world—a saved sinner telling about the salvation of Jesus Christ.—Moody Monthly.

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Mount Olive College Plans Youth Conference

Mount Olive College will sponsor a "weekend" youth conference, June 23-25, for high school students. The conference will begin on Friday, June 23, with the evening meal at 6 p.m. in the College cafeteria and will end Sunday with the noon meal.

The program will involve worship, group discussions, singspirations, and recreation. The entire conference will center around one's personal commitment to Jesus Christ and the place of Christian faith in our world, with emphasis on the Explo '72 experience. Many of the students involved in Explo '72 will be leaders and participants in the conference.

The cost of the conference will be \$15 for the entire weekend which will include a \$5 registration fee. The director will be the Rev. Frank R. Harrison. For application forms, please contact Mr. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; telephone, 658-2502 (office), 658-9363 (home).

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Attention Members of Woman's Auxiliaries of Central Conference

Mrs. Vance Link will direct a workshop on "Child Evangelism" on May 2, 1972, at 7:30 p.m. at the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina. This workshop can be counted as one of the study courses required in order for an auxiliary to be rated A-1.

Remember the Marlboro people have a newly-completed church on the 264 bypass.

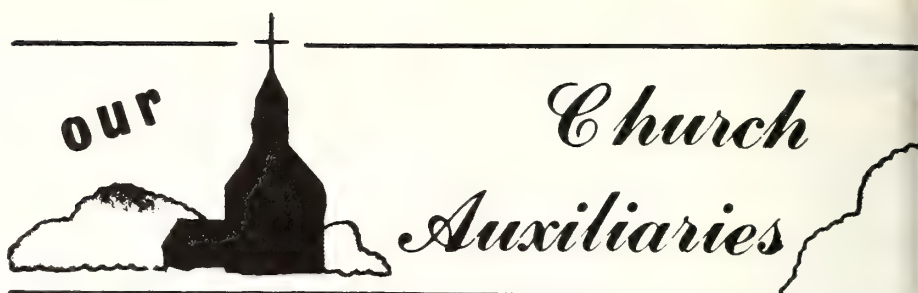
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Attention, Eastern District Auxiliaries!

We wish to remind all the woman's auxiliaries of the Eastern District to please get your money in for the Faye Barrow Fund, our state project, before the convening of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Thursday, May 11, at the Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina.

I will be looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs. G. E. Gray
Eastern District Missions Chairman



EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SPRING CONVENTION REPORT

by Mrs. Nelson T. Simpson Sr.

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Spring Convention convened with Rev. Dr. J. H. Hott at Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Grantsboro, North Carolina, Thursday, March 2, 1972. The theme for the convention was, "The Way of Love," with Scripture taken from Corinthians 13:13.

The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. M. Register. Mrs. Thomas Hott brought the morning devotions with impressive remarks on the "Greater Love" which is from God, our heavenly Father. She used Scripture from the convention theme and from John 3:16. Mrs. Hott asked the question, "Do we have the love for Christ and our church that God would be pleased with?" These remarks were closed with prayer.

Mrs. Dan Sawyer from the host church extended a very warm welcome to everyone present. The response was given by Mrs. Dallas Spruill.

The president recognized the twelve ministers, four state officers, and nine district officers present. She also recognized fifty-two registered delegates and approximately eighty visitors. Mrs. Register expressed her appreciation for each one present and extended unto them a very warm welcome.

The president gave her remarks, using for a Scripture text Acts 10:38, with thoughts on "Devotion": prayer, Bible study, and daily communion; "Service": going about doing good; "Missions": support missionaries, lead sinners to Christ, and help relieve those who are oppressed. She stated that the way of love is "The Jesus Way" and that is to go the extra mile.

Various talks and reports were given on denominational enterprises. The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was represented by Mrs. Ellen Dixon. Miss Velma Morris and Mrs. Bruce Barrow spoke in behalf of Cragmont Assembly. The Revs. Ralph Sumner and Joe Edwards gave information concerning Camp Vandemere.

Mrs. Carol Hansley, benevolence chairman, gave her report and recognized the Rev. Cedric Pierce who brought greetings and spoke briefly in behalf of the Children's Home.

Miss Jean Fillingame represented Mount Olive College. She gave impressive remarks on the Christian Fellowship organization; and a student of the college, Miss Nyra Hill, gave her testimony.

An offering was received for the Children's Home and Mount Olive College in the amount of \$110.30. The offertory prayer was by Mrs. Grover Pate.

Special music was rendered by Mr. Matthew Prescott, "The Way That He Loves Me."

Mrs. Nerry Wall presented the essay and declamation winners as follows: Yvonne essay winner, Miss Debbie Jones, Daly's Chapel church; AFC declamation winner, Tommy Bennett, Northeast church.

The morning session adjourned with grace and benediction by the Rev. Fred Johnson.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of the hymn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee." This was followed with prayer by Mrs. C. M. Harrison.

The "Woman of the Year" presentation was made by Mrs. S. M. Harrison, chairman. Mrs. Alvin Stilley from St. Mary's church, New Bern, was the winner. She was presented a beautiful silver tray appropriately engraved.

Mrs. G. E. Gray gave her report on missions, and told of the experience she had on the mission field in Mexico.

Mrs. S. W. McCoy, enlistment chairman; Mrs. Andrew Hill, program-prayer chairman; and Mrs. Rivers Winstead, field secretary, each gave her report.

The secretary's report and minutes of the executive committee meetings were read, and by motion and vote were approved.

The treasurer's report was given and by motion and vote was accepted.

The finance committee's report was given. The members of this committee commended to the convention that we give \$20 to each of the following: Children's Home, Missions, Organ at Mount Olive College, Camp Vandemere, and Cragmont Assembly. By motion and vote this was carried.

The resolutions committee reported as follows:

1. Be it resolved, that we as Christian women be more dedicated to the cause of missions—the purpose of the woman's auxiliary.
2. That we strive to be a living testimony in winning the lost to Christ.
3. That we encourage at least one youth from each auxiliary to participate in a declamation and essay contest each year.
4. Be it resolved, that we pledge our support anew to the denominational enterprises.

The petition committee reported that the Davis auxiliary would like to entertain a fall convention. By motion and vote this was accepted.

The courtesy committee requested that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for its warm hospitality, the delicious meal, beautiful music, the lovely flowers, and all that went into making the convention a success. This request was granted.

Delegates that volunteered to attend the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary convention in May were as follows: Mrs. Rivers Winstead, Mrs. G. E. Gray, Mrs. Carol Ansley, Mrs. Rom Mallard, and Miss Velma Morris.

The convention adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Fannie Swindell.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance on Hand | \$ 61.98 |
| Child's Spending Money | 50.00 |
| Receipts from Churches | 2,785.16 |
| Total to Account For | \$2,897.14 |

Disbursements

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| Christian Service Fund | \$ 340.64 |
| Alice E. Lupton Scholarship | 142.00 |
| Superannuation | 120.00 |
| Children's Home | 716.93 |
| Cragmont Assembly | 71.00 |
| Mexican Missions | 70.00 |
| Barrow Fund | 245.70 |
| Home Mission | 90.46 |
| Foreign Missions | 102.00 |
| Mount Olive College (Organ) | 125.21 |
| C. Griffin Scholarship | 83.10 |
| John Winfield Scholarship | 8.00 |
| Camp Vandemere | 77.00 |
| North Carolina Student Fellowship | 25.00 |
| Mount Olive College (General Fund) | 124.54 |
| Child's Clothing | 75.00 |
| Arm Whitley Mission | 14.00 |
| Commons' Mission | 3.50 |
| Children's Home (Van) | 28.00 |
| Missions | 210.28 |
| Harold Jones' Mission | 104.70 |
| Executive Board's Expense | 18.00 |
| Total Disbursements | 2,795.06 |

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| Balance on Hand | \$ 102.08 |
| Convention Balance | \$ 52.08 |
| Child's Spending Money | 50.00 |
| Balance on Hand | \$ 102.08 |

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Balance | \$ 52.08 |
| Offering for Children's Home and Mount Olive College | 110.30 |
| Church Money for Chapel at Mount Olive College | 123.00 |

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MAY DAY AT MOUNT OLIVE

May Day at Mount Olive College is one of the most colorful and eventful days of the year. The theme for this year's program to be held Saturday, April 29, will be "May Day in the South."

A full schedule of special activities is being planned and students, alumni, and all friends of the College are invited to attend and participate.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., recreational activities will be conducted on the athletic field of the new campus. Concurrently, open house will be observed in the Henderson building, Moyer library, main building, the women's dormitory complex, and the men's dormitory.

At 4 p.m., refreshments will be served on the lawn at the east end of the Moyer library and the main event of the May Day—the crowning of the May Queen—will take place at 4:30 p.m. on the south side of the library.

The coronation will be followed by entertainment in honor of the queen and her court.

Dinner will be served on the downtown campus lawn for students and their guests at 5:30 p.m.

The members of the 1972 May Court are: Sue Aman of Dunn, Darlene Bright, of Chocowinity, Penny Edwards of Wilson, Nyra Hill of Deep Run, Mary Alice Ward of Dublin, and Arlinda Wilson of New Bern.

SPRING CONCERT

Mrs. Viola Hilton, chairman of the department of music at Mount Olive College, has announced the date for the home spring concert of the Mount Olive College Chorus.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in the auditorium on the downtown campus.

Mrs. Hilton explained that the program will consist of a variety of music ranging from selections from Handel's "Messiah" to current popular numbers.

Of special interest will be a duet, "Bess, You Is My Woman," from the musical "Porgy and Bess."

The Mount Olive Singers, a select group of vocalists from the College, will also present several numbers.

Admission to the concert will be free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

DR. SAPP RESIGNS FACULTY

It was announced today that Dr. Charles L. Sapp, chairman of Social Sciences Division of Mount Olive College, has resigned his position to return to his native state of Oklahoma.

He has accepted a new position as Coordinator of Cooperative Education and to serve on the faculty of the Institute of Human Affairs in Oklahoma City College. His responsibilities will be to inaugurate a program of individualized instruction and to serve as an instructional specialist at the new \$10 billion campus which has a student body of approximately 2,500.

Dr. Sapp explained that the Institute of Human Affairs includes behavioral and social sciences, humanities and the technical sciences. He will begin work as a full-time consultant June 1, and assumes his duties on the faculty on July 1.

In submitting his resignation, Dr. Sapp declared, "The nine years spent at Mount Olive College have been full, fruitful years for me and I hope that they have been beneficial to the college community."

Since coming to the College in 1963, Dr. Sapp has also served as chairman of the Department of Religion and as Director of Cooperative Education.

He received his doctors degree from North Carolina State University.

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Auditions for Music Scholarships

The Mount Olive College department of music will be holding final auditions on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The second floor of the main building on the downtown campus will be the site of these auditions.

Mrs. Viola Hilton, department chairman, announced that there will be music scholarships awarded in the areas of piano, voice, and organ.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Hilton stated, "We have a number of scholarships available for singing in the Mount Olive College Chorus and/or for private study.

"In addition to these, we have a few larger scholarships available for singers who qualify for the small, select group known as the 'Mount Olive Singers.'

"There are also scholarships for accompanists—the size of the scholarship de-

pending on the amount of work to be required of the accompanist.

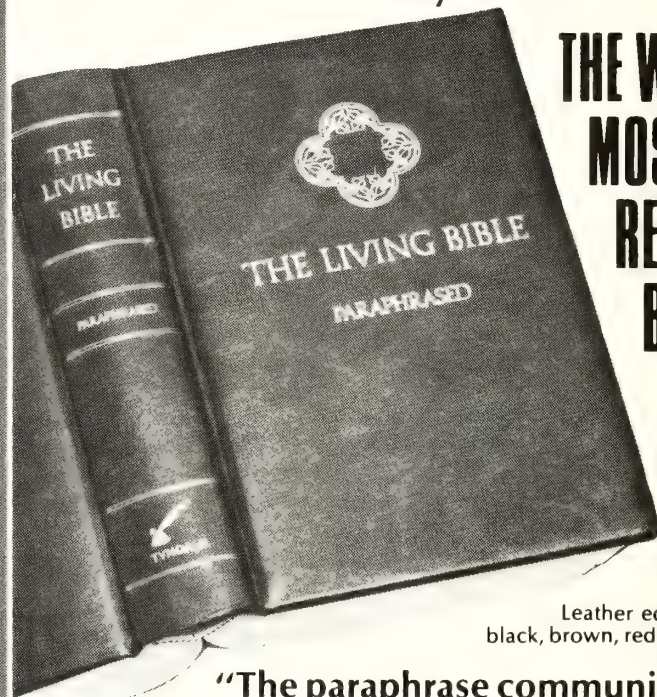
"We feel that we have a sound music program in an academic environment which places emphasis on the growth and development of the individual."

Any student who is interested in auditioning for a music scholarship should contact Mrs. Hilton at Mount Olive College immediately.

"LADIES RAID SOCIETY!"

At the close of a talkative Ladies A session at which the ladies had overindulged in gossiping comments about various members of the community, a young woman who attended for the first time proceeded to call the group the "Ladies Raid Society."—Sunday School Times.

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Questions & Answers

Question: Will the Jews return permanently to Palestine?

Answer: Yes, I think that is what the scriptures teach. They are now returning in unbelief. More are now, what seems to me, permanently residing there. In most scholars seemed to think they would return when I first heard discussions on this subject. Many people have changed their view on this subject since General Allenby and the military force under him expelled the Turks from that ancient world-renowned city without firing a gun. They did not want to destroy the city so when several victories made the way for and brought them to its gates they paused to pray for this accomplishment which God granted. That was indeed a red letter day for Israel, since her sons and daughters have returned that way in a slow but continuous stream from almost every nation and to which they went as a result of the judgment God pronounced upon them because of their continuous disobedience, rebellion, and sin against Him.

In this return, while still rebellious and disobedient, they are to experience the time of their most severe persecution. When they are, a remnant of them, to remain looking on Christ as He makes His second advent to the earth. The following are some interesting Scriptures to be compared: "For dogs have compassed the assembly of the wicked have injured me: they pierced my hands and feet. I may tell all my bones: they will look and stare upon me" (Psalm 22:16, 17); "Then said I, I will not feed you: that which dieth, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat every one the flesh of his brother. And I took my staff, even my bow, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. And it was broken that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD" (Zechariah 11:1-3). Compare here a New Testament passage that shows that in part these have

about been fulfilled, "But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. . . . For these were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced" (John 19:33, 34, 36, 37). His bones were not broken, but He was pierced. These two predictions set forth in the Old Testament have been fulfilled; but the Jews have not repented, weeping bitterly as it is predicted they shall do when they are gathered together and assaulted by many nations, including Russia and several so-called Arab nations.

"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: . . . In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers" (Jeremiah 3:14, 18); "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes. And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things" (Jeremiah 16:14-18);

"And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so they shall be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them" (Ezekiel 37:21-24); "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea" (Isaiah 11:11); "That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee" (Deuteronomy 30:3); "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God" (Ezekiel 36:24-28); "When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.

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STORIES

for our youth



TWO LEFT FEET

ANDREA HERMAN

WHAT are you looking so unhappy about?" Linda's dad asked as he looked at her across the dinner table.

"Oh, it's nothing," Linda sighed. She stabbed at her meat and made a tick-tack-toe design in her mashed potatoes with her fork.

"Come on, honey, what's bothering you?" her dad asked again.

"I guess it's kind of silly," Linda replied. "And there's nothing I can do about it anyway."

"Well, why don't you tell your old dad, and we'll see about that," her dad said, putting on his teasing voice.

"It's just that I can't run fast enough," Linda replied, her voice heavy with discouragement.

"Fast enough for what?"

Linda sighed again. "Well, at recess time and during gym class we usually play some kind of running game, and I just can't run as fast as the other kids."

Her father laughed. "You mean you've got two left feet!" he said.

"It's not funny, Dad!" Linda replied, a touch of anger in her voice. "There's always a team captain who has to choose the people he wants on his team. And I'm always just about the last person to be chosen. It's terrible to have to just stand there while everyone else is chosen!"

"I suppose that isn't much fun," her dad replied. He wasn't laughing now. "But it isn't too serious, either."

Linda drew a picture of a horse in her mashed potatoes.

"One of the lessons we have to learn in life is that we can't be good at everything," her father said seriously. "Some of us are talented in one thing, and some

are talented in something else; and we should be thankful for the talents we do have instead of feeling bad about the things we can't do well."

Linda didn't look convinced.

She thought about her problem all that evening, but didn't have any ideas at all about how she could solve it. By the time for school the next day, she was hoping for rain so that the class wouldn't have to go outside for recess, but the day was clear and sunny.

When the bell rang for recess, Linda held back a little as the class raced outside. It was embarrassing to be the last one chosen. She didn't know whether it would be better to try to stand right in front of the whole group so that the team captain would see her right away or whether to hide toward the back of the group so that the other children would think the captain just hadn't seen her. She stayed toward the back of the group.

"Sally."

"Jim."

"Debbie."

"Mike."

One after another the names were called until Linda stood alone. She joined Bob's team and tried to smile, but there were tears in her eyes. I'll just have to try harder! she thought. I'll just have to make myself run faster.

Suddenly they were off, and Linda gritted her teeth and tried to make her legs run faster. Already she was a little behind the rest of her team. "Faster! Faster!" she breathed. She was concentrating so hard on making her legs move that she didn't see the small hole ahead of her, and the next thing she knew she was on the ground and hot pain was burning in her ankle.

The next few hours were confusing when she tried to remember them later. Her mother's arriving at school, the trip

to the hospital, the X-ray machine, and all the doctors and nurses blurred together in her memory.

She remembered the doctor saying, "A very bad sprain," and then she was home again, white bandages wrapped tightly around her ankle, and her legs propped high on pillows in front of her.

The next few days seemed endless. She couldn't move at all without someone's help. Her father had to almost carry her to the table for meals. She couldn't get dressed or undressed by herself, and she even had to ask for something as simple as a glass of water. The hours crept by so slowly. All day long she sat in the same chair, and there was nothing to do but watch television or read. She also had a lot of time to think.

Several nights later, her father came in to sit with her.

"How is the foot, honey?" he asked.

"It's fine," Linda replied. She looked down at her lap, suddenly a little shy. "You know, Daddy, you were right," she said.

"About what?"

"About being grateful for the things we are able to do. I should have been glad that I could walk instead of being so unhappy about not being able to run. I guess I had to learn my lesson the hard way."

"That's my girl," her dad said softly.

"Besides," Linda said, her eyes twinkling, "I'm always one of the first people chosen for a spelling contest."—My Pleasure.

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IMPORTANT DATE

Plan to spend your family vacation in the beautiful, gigantic mountains of West Virginia. Attend the Woman's Auxilia Convention of the General Conference to be held at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Knob, West Virginia. The youth session will be June 26, 7:30 p. m. See and hear the Bible Bowl Quiz. Our Free Will Baptist youth will be the stars.

The woman's session will be June 27, 10 a. m. Hear Mrs. Dola Dudley from Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. This could be a time to refresh our faith and obtain new strength in the Lord. I will be anticipating your arrival.

Mrs. Norman Ard, President

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Today's gloom may be only a passing cloud veiling the radiance of tomorrow's joys!

OBITUARIES

A Servant Whom God Has Called

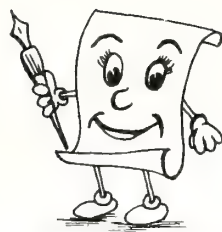
Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, mourns the passing of Mr. Henry T. Pope. He was



years of age. Mr. Pope had been a member of this church for almost 50 years, and had served on the deacon board for more than 30 years. His funeral was conducted by the Rev. Royster Martin, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. James Joyner, pastor of the only Free Will Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Love and respect by all who knew him, from far and near, was evidenced on this cold, windy, wintry day as a multitude of friends and relatives came to pay respect. "Mr. Henry," as we knew him, will indeed be missed at Holly Springs. Not only will he be missed by leaving an empty space on the second row, but we will also miss his generosity with financial and willingness to serve. This writer recalls that on many occasions at quarterly meetings when the pastor would ask for volunteers to represent our church at the union meetings, he sometimes long silence would be broken by words of Mr. Henry, "I'll go." I never forget the unselfish prayers he prayed. He always asked God to bless those who are less fortunate than us, and he always included those who were not conscious of asking interest in our prayers. And this humble man always prayed that God would make him more humble. Mr. Henry was always concerned about unity and harmony within our

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

A famous man recently said that if he were a young person he would get all the education possible—not to make education his God, but so the education would enable him to serve God better.

Not every young person who wants a college education can afford one, though; and the many scholarships available are limited to certain fields and allotted according to SAT scores, father's occupa-

tion, family need, and other considerations.

church. As I recall, the only time that I ever saw him weep was when there seemed to be discord within our church. Mr. Henry often quoted one of his favorite verses of Scripture which was Matthew 7:3, when Jesus asked, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" He was also an ardent supporter of all the Free Will Baptist enterprises as well as many other charities.

Mr. Henry's life should certainly be a challenge to all of us, especially to those of us who took his generosity and willingness to serve for granted. His gentle manner, humble ways, and genuine concern for others has certainly helped to make my life a better one. I am thankful to God for the years that I was privileged to know him and serve with him on the deacon board of Holly Springs church. I can sum up all that I have been trying to say in these few words: "He was one of the best of all people that I have ever known."

On behalf of the church membership, the pastor, the board of deacons, and the men's fellowship of Holly Springs church, we share this loss with his beloved wife and children.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Zelma Godwin Pope; his mother, Mrs. Bettie Pope of Fremont; two sons, Bobby and H. T. Pope Jr. of Kenly; three daughters, Mrs. Donald R. Holloman of Wilson, Mrs. M. E. Woodard Jr. of Kenly, and Mrs. David Creech of Coats.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph L. Creech Jr.

At a convention in 1936, a group led by Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson, education chairman, formulated plans to establish a loan fund for Free Will Baptist students who desired and could not afford a college education. The loan plan was outlined in the October 21, 1936, edition of "The Free Will Baptist," and rules governing the fund were published in the November 11 edition. Begun primarily to aid children from the (then) Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, applications are not limited to residents of the Children's Home.

"The fund was named in memory of Mrs. Anna Phillips who for many years aided students attending the old Free Will Baptist Seminary in Ayden, in such ways as gifts of money, food, and clothing."—North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Guidebook, 1954, p. 29.

Franklin Spencer, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Spencer, received the first loan in December, 1938.

A high school graduate may borrow up to \$1,000 to attend a school in North Carolina. Interest is only 4% per annum, and payments begin six months after graduation, with up to three years to repay the total (except that the loan is immediately due and payable if borrower stops school).

The Anna Phillips Loan Fund is a woman's auxiliary project. Each local group is asked to give \$20 per year for its support. During 1971 only seven auxiliaries met this requirement. The largest donation was \$49 from Deep Run church. Wilson and Howell Swamp churches also gave more than the requested \$20.

Only seven churches from more than 200 in North Carolina!

From the "Minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, May 8, 1971," p. 13, this statement appears in the minutes of a January 14, 1971, executive committee meeting: "Motion not to award scholarships from the Anna Phillips Loan Fund since no money was available for this purpose."

Do we no longer need the Anna Phillips Loan Fund? Are we careless? uninformed? unconcerned? Shall we let it die?

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 7



Involved with Human Need

Lesson Text: Luke 22:24-27; Hebrews 13:1-3; James 1:27; 2:14-17

Memory Verse: Matthew 25:40

I. INTRODUCTION

Jesus said to the disciples, "... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). This means that Christians have some of the same things to do in the world that Jesus did. We cannot, of course, save other people by the shedding of our blood; neither do we have the power that Jesus had, but we must become concerned about human beings as Jesus was concerned. Someone has said that a one sentence life of Jesus would be, "He went about doing good." This explains the ministry of the church; we should go about working to alleviate all human problems possible and point men above all to the Saviour.

Our printed Scriptures for today are taken from three sources: the Gospel of Luke, the Epistle to the Hebrews, and the Epistle of James. Each one of these points up a real necessity in the life of the church if we are going to follow the example of Jesus in our ministry. The passage from Luke shows that we are to teach men and women how to apply the Gospel (Luke's) in their own lives that they may become more mature Christians and in so doing overcome many problems that come from immature attitudes. The passage from Hebrews shows that we are to set an example to the world in the lives that we live before them. Often a sermon lived is more powerful than one preached. Then the passage from James shows that we are to work faithfully at the job of helping people, and helping them to solve their problems.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The Scriptures are opened for the believer through the ministry of the indwelling Spirit (Luke 24:45; John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:10).

B. The person who is a witness has a responsibility to make the fact known to others (Luke 24:48).

C. Christ never sends His own into the world without giving them the necessary power and wisdom to perform the work to which He has called them (John 17:18; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:4, 5, 8).

D. Unity and love among believers are a testimony to the world that the Lord Jesus was from God (John 17:21; 13:34, 35).

E. The prayers of the Lord Jesus and of the Holy Spirit on behalf of the believer will be answered because they are asked in accordance with the will of God (John 17:20; Romans 8:26, 27).

F. The person who has been called by the Spirit has a task assigned to him (Acts 13:2; Ephesians 2:10).—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "We said, 'Lord, we thank thee for food.' And He said, 'Have you thought of the farmer, who with faith and hope tills the ground, and plants the seed, and toils until the harvest?'"

"And of the gardener who, with bending back, fights his untiring battle with frost and storm, weeds and insects?"

"And of the drivers of trucks; and of the handlers of trains; the pickers, the sorters; the toilers in the intense heat of canneries?"

"And when did you last show your thanks by a kind word, and with patience when service falters, and by concern for a fair price and a fair wage?"

"And have you thought of the world's hungry millions, of the children who never have enough to eat, of mothers who starve that their children may eat; of wasted food and restricted production and empty stomachs; of filled shop windows and hungry men wearily pacing the street?"

"And we heard a voice saying, 'I was hungered and you gave me no meat.'"

"We said, 'Lord, we thank thee for clothing.'"

"And He said, 'Have you thought in

humility and penitence of the Negro at the tenant farmer, ill-fed and poor housed, their backs bent beneath the boiling sun to pick the cotton?"

"And of the lone herder on the windswept hill, patiently watching his sheep"

"And of men and women standing day after day in the monotonous whir of many machines, weaving cloth and wondering, will my job be here tomorrow, or will the mill be closed again?"

"Of the tailors bending over the needles, many of them in ill-ventilated, ill-lighted workshops?"

"Of the patient salesgirl behind many counters?"

"When you bought your latest bargain did you ask who made it and where under what conditions?"

"And when you spoke your warm thanks for warm clothing, was it with a touch of shame that you live in a world in which so many suffer for want of clothing and that you have done so little about it?"

"Did you think of what terror the winter holds for countless millions across the world with only rags to keep out the cold, or children without shoes, of men who must work without comfort?"

"And we heard a voice saying, 'I was naked, and ye clothed me not.'"—Hebrews 13:2. Man J. Sweet in Baptist Missionary Review Quoted by E. Paul Hovey.

B. Divine Paradoxes: The way to glory is to be servant; the way to get up is to get down; the way to receive is to give; the way to be rich is to be poor; the way to be wise is to be a fool; the way to be exalted is to abase yourself; the way to live is to die.—Sunday School Times.

C. A missionary to New Guinea found a people so degraded that they were worse than beasts. If a baby cried, the mother might throw it into a ditch and let it die. If a man saw his old father break a leg, he might leave him beside the road to perish. When he told of such things, a friend asked, "Did you preach to them?"

"Preach? No, I lived. When I saw a forsaken baby crying, I comforted and cared for it. When I saw a man with a broken leg, I mended it. When I saw people in distress, I took them in and showed compassion on them. And the people began to come to me and say, 'What does this mean? Why are you doing this?' Then I had my chance to preach the gospel."—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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| Receipts from Church | 261.20 |
| for Capita Dues | 320.80 |
| Total to Account For | \$ 867.38 |

| Disbursements | |
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| Child's Clothing | \$ 75.00 |
| Life Membership Pins | 10.40 |
| Woman of the Year | 25.00 |
| Woman of the Year Award | 17.38 |
| Clamation Contest (First Prize) | 5.00 |
| Play Contest (First and Second Prizes) | 7.50 |
| Secretary's Expense | 20.00 |
| Secretary's Expense | 8.46 |
| Treasurer's Expense | 6.00 |
| for Capita Dues (State) | 160.40 |
| Offering for Children's Home | 55.15 |
| Offering for Mount Olive College | 55.15 |
| for Money for Chapel at Mount Olive College | 123.00 |
| Total Disbursements | 568.44 |

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| Balance to Account For | \$ 298.94 |
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| Disbursed by Vote of Convention | |
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| Children's Home | \$ 20.00 |
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| Agmont Assembly | 20.00 |
| Mount Olive College (Organ) | 20.00 |
| Total Disbursed by Vote of Convention | 80.00 |
| Balance Left on Hand | \$ 218.94 |

Questions & Answers

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Whether will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD" (Ezekiel 39:27-29). There has been more than one time since God brought all of Israel out of Egypt under the leadership of Moses and Aaron that a partial return was executed under God-osen men, but at no time have they come from all the countries and been converted as the Bible prophesies they will.

In the New Testament God seems to be saying that there will be such a time come after the church has been so corrupted that He will no longer tolerate to continue in such iniquity as will become common practice, and her characteristic way of life, He will take the full remnant of believers to meet Christ in the air while a seven-year tribulation period comes. In Revelation 12 the devil is set forth as a red dragon; Israel as a woman and Christ as a male child. In Revelation 13:1 as the antichrist, a political figure, one similar to that of Daniel 7. In Revelation 17:3 this political

image with essential characteristics common to that of Daniel 7:7; Revelation 13:1 is being ridden and controlled by a religious figure, a woman. Some scholars think she symbolizes all false religions that will be united at the end of the church age and will be strong enough in this union to control and unify all earthly political forces similar to that the Roman church was able to do before the Protestant revolution, except this will come to pass after Israel is returned to Palestine in full force and the true church is in the air with her Lord.

Notice that in Revelation 13:11 there is a second beast; whereas, in the case of the first beast he gets his power from the red dragon that is also called the devil, this beast with two horns, also called a false prophet, gets his power from the beast who gets his from the devil.

As the Bible indicates, it will be in a time of much worldwide political unrest and religious confusion and turmoil that all of Israel is regathered to Palestine. This will culminate into the greatest of all times of trouble: past, present, and future. This time is referred to in Jeremiah 30:7 as the time of Jacob's trouble,

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." ". . . And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14) refers to an event of the time known as great tribulation: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened" (Matthew 24:21, 22). For the elect Jews shall this time be shortened and these Jews, converted Jews evidently, will be the means of many of those from all nations getting saved. (See Revelation 7:4-9; Isaiah 11:10; Isaiah 51:11.)

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FAMILIES NEED TO GET BACK TO GOD

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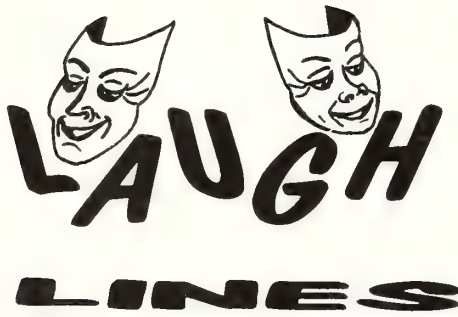
and to pass it on to their children, it won't get passed on. If our parents hadn't cared enough about the gospel to pass it on to us, the faith might have died out long ago. This is why it is so tragic when present-day parents refuse to go to church and take their children to church. Unless more of us are willing to become "turned on" by the gospel, and to "turn on" to our children, there might well be no church or Sunday school tomorrow. God is depending on families to get His message through to the world. It is as simple as that.

To begin with, a happy family life begins with a happy marriage. And a good marriage is made by both partners working at it—it just doesn't happen. When changes in parents are made, great and wonderful changes in children will follow. But all family members must believe this, practice this, pray for it. The chief witness of Christians is made everyday in the week—in the home.

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JUST AS I AM

A little girl, anxious about her soul, waited at the close of one of Moody's meetings. One worker advised her to "Read the Bible." Another to "Pray to God." In agony of soul she went home, got on her knees, and cried, "O Lord, I cannot read, I cannot pray; so take me just as I am."—Gospel Herald.



LAUGH LINES

By Margo Mangum

Working with young children can be one of the most rewarding things you will ever be privileged to do, in my opinion. They can make you cry; they can make you laugh.

This young Sunday school teacher had gone all out to explain the lesson to her group of six-year-olds. Reviewing the lesson, making sure the little boys and girls had learned something, she asked, "Now who led the Children of Israel out of Egypt?"

There was no answer, but a little boy in the back row raised his hand. "Do you know, Jimmy?" the teacher asked.

"It wasn't me or any of my family," the little boy said timidly. "We just moved here last week. We're from Missouri."

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Laughter—or even a smile—adds something to this fragment of life.

Bookstore Hours

- * The Free Will Baptist Press
- * Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:
- * Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Edwards Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Beaufort, North Carolina, announces that it is in need of a pastor as of July 1, 1972. The church has half-time services with services every other Sunday morning and night. Any ministers interested in this work please contact Mrs. Marie Wallace, Route 1, Box 870, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, or phoning 728-3081.

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The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser has resigned as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, having served the church for sixteen and one-half years. He is planning to reestablish residence in Wilson, North Carolina, in June and will be available to serve churches in the Wilson area or within a reasonable driving distance. He may be contacted by writing him at 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, North Carolina; or telephone, 823-3964.

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WHAT THINK YE OF JESUS?

by Delmas J. Brown
Dover, North Carolina

What think ye of Jesus, God's only Son?
What think ye of Him, the Holy One?

What think ye of Jesus, the crucified;
The One who lived and the One who died?

Did He have love or did He have pride;
That One who lived, and that One who died?

What think ye of Him who was born
among men;
The One who lived and never did sin?

Do you really love Him, or have you just
heard

That He came from heaven just to live
on earth?

What think ye of Jesus, the Saviour
men;

The One who died and now lives again?

No, He did not come just to live on earth
He came that men may have a new birth

Yes, He came to live and He came to die
He came that men could meet Him in this
sky.

What think ye of Him, God's beloved Son
The One the world hated and did shun

Today He is living up in heaven so high
Preparing for me a home when I die.

What think ye of Jesus? is your choice
you see;

His hands outstretched, won't you bow
your knee?

Won't you accept Him? He is pleading
and how!

What think ye of Jesus? It's up to you
now!

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When asked why he attended church,
a deaf and dumb man answered, "I
show which side I'm on."

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ARE YOU AFRAID?

DISCUSSION ON FEAR

Fear...

Fear elevators, locked rooms, large bodies of water, height, darkness. Fear bright lights, large open spaces, thunderstorms, dirt, animals.

Fear many things. Even fear fear itself. Phobophobia.

The noted founder of psychoanalysis, the Viennese physician, Sigmund Freud (1856—1939), suggested that any defined fear in one's makeup usually stemmed from an event that had occurred in early childhood and had been repressed (forgotten) or driven into the subconscious. According to Freud, the person who possesses the fear does not consciously know what the original fear is, but he experiences feelings of anxiety which he attributes to the object for which he now has the phobia. Hence, a near smothering experience in infancy could be responsible for one's being afraid of elevators or dark rooms.

A successful treatment for fear is to help the patient recall the incident that originally produced the fear. If one is able to view the incident in the proper perspective, he is helped to overcome the fear.

While we do not agree with all of Freud's perceptions, there is no denying that he opened the door to successful psychotherapy. Psychologists depend a great deal upon his findings and base the majority of their treatments on his detailed studies. Many of the concepts and terms developed by Dr. Freud have filtered into almost every branch of psychology.

A century or two ago, feeble-minded people or people who "feared" too much were thought to be possessed of the devil. They consequently were beaten (unmercifully) to "drive the devil out of them." This treatment obviously was the wrong kind, and the patient logically regressed rather than improved. Subsequent beatings of greater severity destroyed chances of many "troubled" individuals leading normal or useful lives. Repeated beatings turned many phobiacs into raving maniacs—subhuman and animalistic.

Recent reports have it that many of our mental institutions today leave much to be desired insofar as humane treatment for certain patients is concerned. There have been reported crackdowns in administrations, and severe reprimands have been issued. It is not our purpose, however, to discuss this particular issue. While we are concerned about the maltreatment of the emotionally unstable, we are not qualified to make any professional recommendations. Kindness is the best treatment we know—and this is an unprofessional tool, but when it is coupled with scientific approaches the results are amazing.

One fear which concerns most of us is the fear of living. A rebuttal would be that no one in his right mind fears living. Yet, many of us who profess to be normal fear the following: the possibility of having too little or nothing to eat, the possibility of having no shelter, the possibility of one's health not permitting him to work, the possibility of being socially unacceptable, the possibility of losing face with one's peers.

Another fear that concerns everyone is the fear of dying. Many men don't consider this until they get sick; then they start trying to get their houses in order. Often it is too late; for if houses aren't "kept" regularly, it's difficult to start keeping them when it's almost time to leave.

No one really wants to die; but death is inevitable for all of us—unless, of course, the Lord returns while we're still living. There is mercy in death (for the very sick or the emotionally destroyed), and there is peace in death for those who are prepared to meet their God.

Fear. What is fear? Fear is a strong, unpleasant emotion caused by anticipation or awareness of danger. Fear is anxious concern about anything. Some men even dread the breaking of day for fear of its encompassing problems which seemingly have no solution.

There is no absolute solution for all problems, but there is One who can help us face them—the One who is love personified.

Perfect love casteth out fear, according to the Scriptures.

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Another Oriental Experience

by C. H. Overman, Pastor
Ayden Free Will Baptist Church
Ayden, North Carolina

THE idea of a trip to Oriental, North Carolina, began about three months ago. With a desire for a spiritual enrichment, a group of young people from Ayden Free Will Baptist Church began to talk about a spiritual retreat. The group discussed it with their youth sponsors, Mrs. Judy Page and Miss Kay Jones, and final plans were made to leave about 5:30 p. m., Friday, April 7, and return on Saturday, April 8, about 11 p. m. The theme chosen was, "Youth and Christ."

From its beginning to its conclusion, it was one great spiritual experience. Forty-one young people, from five different churches, including ten adults, attended the retreat. The adults included Mr. and Mrs. Gene Page, the Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Overman, and Miss Kay Jones, from the Ayden church; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Vincent and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gray from the Winterville church; and the Rev. Frank R. Harrison from Mount Olive College, who accompanied the Mount Olive College retreat last fall. The services, the discussions, the singing, were all informally held. Each song, including those sung on the bus, was either a chorus, hymn, or gospel song. Each service contained special singing from some member of the group. The last service on Friday night was held at the Oriental church. What a beautiful church, and what a setting for the first service! Mr. Harrison spoke to the group and several youth made personal commitments to Christ. The group then gathered on the river's edge around a campfire and sang choruses for more than

an hour. Then all returned to the River Neuse Motel for a night's rest.

On Saturday morning the ladies of the Oriental church served breakfast (as well as the rest of the day's meals). The rest of the morning was spent in service and group discussions. Groups were arranged according to age, with an adult serving as advisor. In the afternoon the group gathered to hear from each of the other groups. Then a session called, "What's Your Question?" was held in which questions were posed to a panel consisting of some of the staff members. The final service was held late in the afternoon. In this service each of the young persons made a surrender to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The blessings of God came! There were singing and testimonials. When it was time to leave, each one left with a deeper spiritual experience. What God had done for others, He had done for us. It was not necessarily the place, or the time, but it was because souls had prayed for and received His blessings.

The idea of a spiritual retreat is still with us, and someday soon we will return to our "Bethel." Meanwhile, we will continue to rejoice in our Oriental experience, and perhaps others may also have a similar experience.

Our thanks to the Oriental church for its fine hospitality and to the ladies for the fine meals.

Car Wash and Bake Sale by YFA

On Saturday, April 15, the YFA of Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, North Carolina, sponsored a car wash and bake sale which was a great success for our youth group. Several of the parents helped with the car wash and the mothers and women of the church did a lot of baking. Some of the women cooked and prepared a delicious picnic lunch and served to the group at the noon hour. This time of eating and fellowshiping was enjoyed by all.

The total receipts from the car wash and bake sale was \$275. The main purpose of this project was to help make enough money to help send some of our young people to Cragmont Assembly, Inc. this summer. Please pray for our church and especially for our young people.

—Church Youth Director.

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Auxiliary Paints Sunday School Rooms

The Woman's Auxiliary of Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, North Carolina, took as a project the improvement of the Sunday school rooms of the church. On Saturday, March 11, the men of the church volunteered to help us with the painting. The women of the auxiliary that were not physically able to help paint, prepared a most delicious meal and served it to the workers. Everyone enjoyed working together for the Lord. Now that the project is through, we are very proud of a job well done.

—Mrs. Wilbert Hodges.

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THE BLESSED MAN!

Said George Eliot, "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact!" —Walter B. Knight.

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BIBLE KNOWLEDGE BETTER THAN COLLEGE COURSE

William Lyon Phelps of Yale University —called the most beloved professor in America—has on more than one occasion stated: "I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women, but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible."



SUNDAY, MAY 7

"PLEASED TO MIND"

Scripture Reading—Psalm 103:17, 18

"I wish I could mind God as my little dog minds me," said a little boy, looking thoughtfully at his shaggy friend; "he always looks so pleased to mind, and I don't." What a painful truth did this child speak! Shall the poor little dog thus readily obey his master, and we rebel against God, who is our Father, our Creator, our Saviour, our Preserver, and the bountiful Giver of everything we love?—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What is wrong with us? Do we really go around with a long face as we obey our Master? It doesn't add up. Let's examine ourselves—Are we smiling now? Are we?

MONDAY, MAY 8

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 46:4

Age is a quality of mind;
If you have left your dream behind,
If hope is cold,
If you no longer look ahead,
If your ambition fires are dead—
When you are old.

But if from life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the jest,

If love you hold;
No matter how the years go by,
No matter how the birthdays fly,
You are not old.

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Some say we can grow old gracefully. Others say we do not ever grow old—unless we want to. May we always want to dream, look ahead, hope and love. What a prescription! For best results, indulge daily. Let's start today!

TUESDAY, MAY 9

PATIENCE . . .

Scripture Reading—Lamentations 3:26

You need never to take a step in the dark. If you do, you are sure to make a mistake. Wait, wait, wait till you have light. Remind the Lord Jesus that as He is Counsel-

lor to the church of God, He will be your particular case Counsellor and Guide, and will direct you. And if you patiently wait, expectantly wait, you will find that the waiting is not in vain, and that the Lord will prove Himself a Counsellor, both wise and good.—George Muller.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we wait until it is light to go our own way? Or do we stumble and fall in the dark? God's light is always shining. We do not ever have to walk in darkness, do we?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

CHRISTIANS, OBEY THE LAW!

Scripture Reading—Psalm 122:6

A student of a Bible institute was traveling on a highway at a terrific rate of speed. Overtaken by a traffic cop, the student was ordered to curb his car. Timely and golden were the words spoken by the officer to the student. On the student's vehicle were printed the words, "Jesus Saves!" Said the officer, "Your willful violation of the law; your endangering innocent lives, as well as your own, but the illegal and dangerous speed at which you were traveling, is greatly at variance with the words printed on your car, and brings no honor to the One of whom your motto speaks!"—W. B. K.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Wouldn't it be good if we could practice what we preach? We do know what God expects of us—so little for so much in return!

THURSDAY, MAY 11

PRAYER THAT BROUGHT A CLOUDBURST

Scripture Reading—Psalm 34:7

William Hacquist of the Evangelical Alliance Mission tells a story of escape in Boxer days. They had traveled six days and had come to a point where they must choose by land or river for further travel. But, because of drought, there was no water in the Han River at the time. Further, their carriers and escort refused to travel other than on the land route. So a prayer meeting was called in a native inn to ask God's guidance. They felt led to procure two large flat-bottom river boats; they bought food and placed it with their baggage on board. But there was no water. "The place where we stayed was surrounded by high hills. As we prayed and waited, in about midafternoon, heavy dark clouds came over the hilltops, and from them came pouring down the heaviest rain I have ever seen. It really looked like a cloudburst. In a very short time the river bed was filled with water, so we could release the boats and nicely float down the river. We later learned why we were led not to travel by land. In a mountain pass, several hundred bandits were waiting to kill us. God sent us the safe way."—*The Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Maybe we could wait and let God lead us. He always knows the best way for us to go. Who's afraid to walk the road of life with His leading? Who could be?

FRIDAY, MAY 12

THERE'S A VAST DIFFERENCE . . .

Between being sorry for sin and being sorry you are "caught."

Between confessing your sins and confessing some other fellow's.

Between seeing your own faults and finding some other person's.

Between conversion of the head, and conversion of the heart.

Between being led by the Holy Spirit and led by your own imagination.

Between being persecuted for "righteousness' sake," and being persecuted for "fleshiness' sake."

Between "contending for the faith" and striving for your own opinion.—*Christian Digest*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

As we read these comparisons, how we "measure up"? Maybe we could work a little harder at doing these things as God would have us do.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

WHICH NEEDS HELP?

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 28:13

Self-righteous people know nothing of true repentance. A woman told her minister she would leave the church if a young woman who shared her pew wasn't made to occupy another seat. Said the minister, "Madam, that girl was saved from a terrible life of sin. You say she sits and weeps quietly through the church services, and annoys you, but it's because her heart is so full of love for her Saviour. Can't you try to understand her?" "No, I can't," said the woman. "People who show emotion over their religion annoy me. I have always lived a good life. I don't make any fuss." "Well, madam," said the minister, "have a talk with the girl; I believe she can help you."

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a lesson we could learn from reading the above! Of course, we all have our own way of worshiping God, but which of the two ways would we want? Which would God like most?

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SPEAK TELLINGLY

*"Were half the breath oft vainly spent
To heaven in supplication sent;
Our cheerful song would oftener be,
'Hear what the Lord has done for me*

My First Year at Oakland City College

by the Rev. Buddy Sasser
Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church
Lucama, North Carolina

In January of 1971, the Rev. David C. Hansley and I were involved in a consultation concerning my future educational plans. At the time I was a sophomore at Mount Olive College preparing for graduation. One of the questions Mr. Hansley asked me desired my plans for my further study on the college level. My reply was simple—as of then I was undecided, having considered Atlantic Christian College and Wake Forest University.

At this point in our conversation, Mr. Hansley mentioned Oakland City College, a college operated by the General Baptist denomination, and located in Oakland, Indiana. At the mention of an out-of-state school my fiancée readily changed the subject, however, I decided that this could be a very rewarding experience. Shortly thereafter I was accepted as a transfer student, and approximately ninety days later I found myself as a student at Oakland City College.

As I adjusted to my new environment, I soon became involved in many of the campus activities that were made known to me. The biggest problem that faced me was that of overcoming my loneliness and making new friends. One of the first friendships I had the pleasure of making was that of "Barney," more properly known as Dr. Bernard Andre Lopo, the new president of O. C. C. This new friendship grew as we met frequently in his home and on several occasions as opponents on the local golf course.

My association with the different aspects of the college continued to grow and I soon found myself with my hands full of things to do. I became a member of many different groups which included the basketball team, the Student

Christian Association, the Theologs (a ministerial association), the Circle K. Club, the Mental Health Club, the Concert Choir, the O. C. C. Singers, the Gang, the Choralaires (who recently made a trip to North Carolina), and one of the six gospel teams that travel to many different churches throughout the midwest. I was also fortunate enough to become the lead guitarist for a trio known as the "Welfare Department." To tell about the travels of each of these groups would take entirely too much space. However, I can say that through these groups I have gone to many cities that otherwise I would have never seen. Places I have been include St. Louis, Kansas City, Detroit, Chicago, Memphis, Canada, Louisville, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati. During the upcoming Christmas holidays, I have been given the opportunity to go to London, Rome, and Jerusalem. So one can see that having traveled over 20,000 miles since September, I have had little time to become lonely. I have seen my hometown only three times this school year; and although I miss everyone there very much, I have few occasions when I have the chance to get homesick.

Although much of my year has been taken up by travel, I still find time to study. The department of religion of Oakland City College is very outstanding. I have taken courses in Old Testament Theology, Homiletics, Pastoral Counseling, and Psychology. I cannot say enough for the faculty of O. C. C.; their relationship to the students can be evenly compared with that I found at Mount Olive College. As a matter of fact, I have found very little difference in the Free Will Baptists and General Baptist Denominations. Having now been associated with both groups of God's people, I can, without any consolation, strongly suggest that we as Free Will Baptists attempt to make more intensive association and even compromise with our General Baptist Brothers. In Christ there is no east or west.



Mr. Alfred Ginn



Mrs. Ruby Ginn

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ginn, members of the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina, will be serving as assistants to the managers of Cragmont Assembly (the Rev. and Mrs. N. Bruce Barrow Sr.) this summer. Mr. Ginn is a member of the board of deacons of Hull Road church and Mrs. Ginn is a Sunday school teacher. They both are graduates of the Snow Hill High School. Mr. Ginn also attended Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes is publicity chairman for Cragmont Assembly. Any church desiring a representative from Cragmont to visit them should contact Mr. Eakes at P. O. Box 275, Lucama, North Carolina 27851.

INFORMATION ABOUT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

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THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

HELP WANTED

The Children's Home is now accepting applications for houseparents and/or housemothers. Anyone interested in this position should write The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, P. O. Drawer E, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557. Retired couples, college couples attending North Carolina State University in Raleigh or Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, may find this position attractive. Contact the Home right away.

J. Stewart Humphrey
Director of Campus Life

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Reports to Its Constituency: April, 1972

I. Children's Home Emphasis: We would like to remind all our friends that May is Children's Home Month and Mother's Day, May 14, 1972, is Children's Home Day in all our Free Will Baptist churches. In accordance, we ask you to do three things:

A. Pray for us without ceasing during the entire month of May and especially on Mother's Day.

B. Give as liberally as possible to the Children's Home. We are asking each church and/or other organizations to contribute at least \$1 per member as a "special love offering" to the Home during the month. An honor roll of all organizations who send this support will be published in **The Free Will Baptist**. Be sure your church, Sunday school, or other church auxiliary is included in this honor roll.

C. Come to visit with us! We will celebrate our 52nd anniversary on Founders' Day, May 20, 1972. We urge all Free Will Baptists and our friends everywhere to attend to make this the biggest event on our campus. The services will begin at 10:30 a.m., featuring the Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, president

of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, as our guest speaker. You will also have the opportunity of meeting several of our staff members as they appear on the program. A "special love offering" will be taken for the Home during which you may give your contribution for the month, if you wish! A picnic style fellowship lunch will be served on the grounds at 12 o'clock. The Home will furnish the barbecue, beverages, plates, napkins, forks, etc. Bring a well-filled picnic basket and join us for the fun! After lunch, the time will be yours to tour the campus and farm, fellowship with one another, or do as you wish. We'll be expecting you!

II. Appreciation: We are grateful to each one who has supported our Home in any way. Whether your contribution has been a prayer, money, or a commodity gift, you have helped us do a better job in meeting the needs of our children. Thank you very kindly for your part in this great ministry of child care!

III. Adoption Program: Occasionally, one of our children will be eligible for adoption. The Children's Home is cooperating with the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., to provide a program whereby such children can be adopted by interested families. This is another program in the interest of meeting the total needs of our children.

IV. Superintendent Resigns: Superintendent Cedric D. Pierce Jr. has resigned his position with the Home, effective June 30, 1972. All of our friends are asked to pray for him as he returns to the pastoral ministry and for the board of trustees as it calls a new superintendent.

V. Board Meets: The board of trustees will hold its regularly quarterly meeting at the Home beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 1972. Pray for the board, please, as it transacts its business.

VI. Have you Met Andy? Andy is two years old. He came to live at the Children's Home about two weeks ago. His little round face and baby innocent smile

stole the hearts of everyone at our Home. We thank God for letting Andy come live with us, as "Mrs. Mary" puts it, "makes us all feel younger."

God's call for Free Will Baptists "visit the fatherless" grows greater by day. Your prayers and gifts to Children's Home make it possible for Andys, Terrys, Sammys, and Janes our world to have life; and because we are fulfilling Christ's command to care for the orphans and homeless child, more than 70 children now in our care cannot only have "life," but "have more abundantly."

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NEWS NOTES

Moseley's Creek Church Schedules Weekend Revival

The Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Dover, North Carolina, announces a weekend revival for May 5, 6, and 7. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Jerry English, assisted by the pastor the Rev. Bobby Harrell. Mr. English is part of a singing group known as "Fellowship in Christ." They will be there part of the time to render special music. The public is cordially invited to attend the services which will begin each evening at 7:30.

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Core Creek Church To Observe Homecoming

The Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Cove City, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, May 7. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. Carl Hansley, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. Included in this service will be a memorial service for the members who have passed away since the last homecoming. At the noon hour a picnic lunch will be served by the ladies of the church on the church grounds.

The pastor and the church membership invite all friends, relatives, former members, and former pastors to worship with them and enjoy a day of Christian fellowship.

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Dr. Helen Keller: Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations, because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.

A Burning Faith or Slumbering Ashes

by

the REV. HAROLD "MAC" WALLACE
Pastor, Sherron Acres Free Will Baptist
Church, Durham, North Carolina

Luke 12:49, "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?"

we look at our results we must come to the ultimate conclusion that either we have never been on fire or we have burned out.

It seems that the only churches that are growing (and by that I mean more than growing in ecclesiastical structures) are the new churches which have a newly ignited fire. I ask myself the same question that God asked of Ezekiel, "... can these bones live again?" (Ezekiel 37: 3). I say that they can live and they must live, but we must be willing to stir up those slumbering ashes and kindle a new fire. We must stir "the gift of God that is within" (see 2 Timothy 1:6), and this must be done on an individual basis. We have been content to buy our way out through a hired professional preacher, or by generous missionary offerings. We are hypocrites of the worst sort if we pay for missionary services in other countries and are yet unwilling to pay the personal price of being missionaries in our own communities.

I am afraid if Jesus were to judge this present generation, He would say again, "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in" (Matthew 23:13). Slumbering ashes have neither the energy to rage again nor the desire to see other fires rage nearby. We remain highly critical of others who are in their own way spreading flames, and are yet unwilling to take up the torch ourselves. There is within our

own churches enough raw material that has never been kindled to start a raging bonfire and enough sparks within the slumbering ashes to ignite it. Let's get together!

A large fire is never started by igniting a log but by igniting small individual pieces of kindling, so let's begin individually and prepare to spread through the church. A good place to begin is small group meetings in the homes of several who see the need and desires to fulfill it. These groups can be centered around biblical study but must be conducted with the ultimate purpose of letting God have a greater part of our lives. It will be difficult to begin with, and at times it will seem almost fictitious; but we must continue with the belief that "... where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18: 20).

I must warn you of fire. It will hurt when it burns deep into your hearts, for the purifying quality of it always expells the impurities. You may find that mere religion is no longer enough to feed this raging flame. You may feel the need to get involved with the work of Christ everyday of the week and not just on Sunday. You may have the urge to attend the great bonfire of worship services more often so that you may keep your own fire raging. You may find yourself more aggressive in expressing the love of God to even your enemies, for fire is very aggressive. And if you are not interested in fire at all you may find that the raging flame will simply burn over you and leave you in the slumbering ashes. I can say one thing about being in the flames: It is there that the Son of man is located, and unless you get in the "fire" you will never feel that satisfying presence that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego felt when they entered the fiery furnace.

May God help us to catch fire and spread sparks into the dry haystack of our society. Amen.

"According to You"

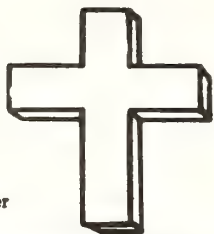
"We are living a gospel
A chapter each day,
By deed that we do,
By word that we say;
Men read what we live,
Whether faithless or true,
Say! What is the gospel
According to you?"

—Selected.

THE gospel message or the "good news" to man has been so distorted our generation that it includes everything from personal piety to nominal Christianity. Jesus never intended to do forth such a mixture of personal glomerations. He rather felt that the gospel would be a raging fire that would receive much opposition, and yet would kindle a few fires along the way. Now that we have advanced or retreated to a point that there is no fire raging our faith and as a result we are not kindling fire to our surroundings. Elton Trueblood in his book, *The Incendiary Gospel*, has described committed Christianity as a faith "... marked by a burning conviction and the consequent desire to see it spread" (p. 24). I am afraid that we have neither the burning conviction nor the desire for spreading the fire. We all preach and pray for revival—and many times that is exactly what we receive—only it is a revival of our old sins, doubts, and prejudices, and never a raging flame that will result in kindling fire into the world. We all make our yearly trip to the altar to confess our shortcomings and to pray for revival and then nothing happens. We come back as if to say, "Okay, Lord, you go ahead and send us a revival."

If we are to catch this fire we must advance beyond what I call "nominal Christianity." We must be willing to get involved in the act of spreading fire individually, and this can be done only after we have caught fire individually. Trueblood puts it, this evangelistic fire occurs only "... when people are rekindled by contact with the central fire of Christ that they, in turn, set others on fire. The only adequate evidence that anything is on fire is the pragmatic evidence that other fires are started by it. A fire that does not spread must eventually go out" (p. 111). If you have ever seen a forest fire you will note that it spreads very rapidly and eventually affects all within its path. When

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

News From the Barrows in Rhodesia



Opening a New Work

For the past two months, we have been conducting a Bible study every Sunday morning at Robert's Construction Compound, at 8 a.m. We have averaged having twenty in attendance, mostly men. We have almost completed studying the Gospel of John.

The compound is a temporary village. There are about 167 houses. The houses have tin roofs but the sides of the houses are made of something like burlap sacks. The work of the construction company is to dig canals. As soon as they finish the contract, the people will move on to the next job. In all, there are approximately 600 people living in the compound.

We have been pleased with the response. From the Bible studies, four have made decisions for Christ. In the picture below, a young African Christian, Rodreck Mpotaringa, is counseling with two who wanted to receive Jesus. The



Counseling

woman to the far left had made her decision the previous Sunday. (In follow-up the ensuing Wednesday, her husband also professed to receive Christ.) As for the two men, the one on the far right was already a Christian. The other boy made his decision that day. As for the streaks on his face—well, it was my new cameral

Last week we had special evangelistic meetings for three nights. Six adult men made decisions and nine children. Presently, we are in the process of instructing them in follow-up work. The new believers will also begin meeting several nights each week for prayer. We want to train several so that they can continue in the things of the Lord after they move. Please pray that God will bring forth leaders from the group. Pray for us as we try to teach them the basics before they move on.



Bible Study Group



Wife—Secretary

Complaints! Complaints! When she wants secretarial pay, I remind her she is my beloved wife. When she doesn't want to type for me, I remind her she is my secretary. Threatening to leave her never seems to work! Truly I am thankful for the many hours she spends typing letters, reports, and Bible course



Shelia Under Net

Snoozing under nets! Recently the European people have died with cerebral malaria in Rhodesia. Although Faye and I do not sleep under nets, both girls do. We do live in a malarial area. Two weeks ago a friend of ours here in Chiredzi had malaria. Others also here in Chiredzi have had malaria. We take "daraprim," an antimalarial drug, every week. Usually those who have malaria don't take antimalaria drugs properly. We are thankful that none of us have had malaria so far.



Sharon Under Net

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Mission Budget

Your support to missions during the first nine months of this year have been most encouraging. Our churches have given a total of \$71,362.34 for the cause of missions during these months. With a budget of \$100,000 passed at our State Convention last September at Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, you can see the next three months will have to be a little more involved than during the previous nine months. For the first fifteen days of April we have received \$3,833.16.

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| Budget for 1971-1972 | \$100,000.00 |
| Received as of April 15, 1972 | 75,195.50 |

Short of Raising the Budget \$ 24,804.50

We now have just two and a half months to reach our goal. I hope that you will make a special effort to reach this goal. **Act now!**

Joseph Ingram, Director-Treasurer

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A New Missionary to Zambia

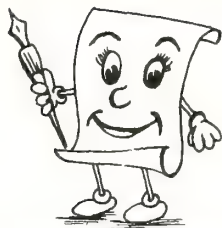


Miss Diane Baines is our new missionary to the country of Zambia. Zambia is the country next to Rhodesia in the heart of Africa.

Diane is a member of the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Nash County, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Baines, Route 1, Box 370, Spring Hope, North Carolina 27882. Her pastor is the Rev. Lester Duncan.

Miss Baines has been approved by our mission board and also the Africa Evangelical Fellowship to leave for the field in Zambia in October of this year.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Mrs. Anna Phillips



It was a cheerful, friendly home with guests in and out frequently. Especially students from the Free Will Baptist Seminary. To these young men, Mrs. Anna Phillips was "mother away from home" and spiritual advisor. She could always

I would like to recommend her to our churches and pastors for mission services. We need to get her into our churches in order for our people to better know her and the work she will be doing. As we know more about her, we will be able to more effectively pray for her. If you would like to have her for a service in your church, please contact her at her father's address or by phone at (919) 478-3930.

Our responsibility in support to her will be \$250 per month when she gets on the field. We would like to have individuals, churches, auxiliaries, and Sunday schools to commit themselves to a part of this support. If you care to do so, please let us know the amount that you would like to share in this. Please send this information to North Carolina Board of Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530. Diane will begin being supported by our mission board about June 1, 1972, so please plan to begin your support at this time.

Joseph Ingram, Director-Treasurer

find time to quiz one for an impending test, or help him study a regular subject.

Ayden was growing in the early 1900s. Originally a stop for the Atlantic Coast-line Railroad, there were several businesses besides the Free Will Baptist Press and Seminary.

Mrs. Phillips, a native of Greensboro, North Carolina, adapted easily to the small community where her husband, Elder E. T. Phillips, was editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Petite (perhaps 5 feet tall), dainty, dark-haired, blue-eyed, this frail lady managed her housework with no extra help except for heavy chores such as the weekly wash or spring cleaning. She served plain southern food—boiled vegetables, fried chicken, homemade bread, probably from a wood stove.

Think of the changes in those years! Rarities were the phone, crystal radio sets, or electric lights. (However, the electric washer and vacuum cleaner were both invented in 1907, and the electric toaster in 1918!) Folks stopped to watch an automobile pass. The first roundtrip air race between New York and San Francisco in 1918 took just 18 days!

Women sought the right to vote and some sported shorter dresses and bobbed hair. However, Mrs. Phillips kept her hair long and wore modest shirt-waists with full length skirts during the week. When she and her family attended church on Sunday, her tiny figure was regal in long black silk with embroidered skirt, tucked waist, and long puffed sleeves.

Though she had been ill and continued to be delicate, she found strength in the Lord. From her traditional place in the home, she was His handmaiden. She must have been a truly liberated woman, free in Christ to serve Him to the best of her abilities (see 1 Corinthians 7:22).

The church lost a great champion of Christian education when she died February 1, 1919.

Bookstore Hours

- * The Free Will Baptist Press
- * Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:
- * Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

DEDICATION OF PORTRAIT



Descendants of Elder Rufus King Hearn and Lucetta Rives Hearn are shown above at the dedication of a portrait of Mr. and Mrs. Hearn.

The portrait was commissioned by the descendants and will hang in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection of Moyer Library, Mount Olive College.

Elder Rufus King Hearn was born October 20, 1819, in Pitt County, North Carolina. Twenty-seven years later, he married Lucetta Rives. Together they were baptized into the Free Will Baptist Church on December 25, 1850.

Elder Hearn was ordained as a minister in 1853 and became the pastor of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in 1856, where he remained for 36 years.

The minutes of the annual session of the Original Free Will Baptist Conference of North Carolina of November, 1895, inform us that Mr. Hearn was a man who "stood in defense of the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Whenever it was assailed he came to the front and defended the cause he perceived to be right.

"The leading principles of doctrine the worthy brother was always ready to defend was salvation through Christ, believers' baptism by immersion, open communion, and washing the saint's feet.

These he so faithfully contended for that we, as a body of his survivors, were led to success and triumph; for which we should all let the name of R. K. Hearn have a resting place in our minds. . . ."

Mr. Hearn was active in numerous aspects of the Free Will Baptist denomination. He became editor of **The Free Will Baptist** in 1880—a position which he held until 1888-1889 when he resigned for reasons of health.

Hearn's wife, Lucetta, died September 21, 1890. He followed her on March 21, 1894.

Excerpts from Mr. Hearn's obituary, written by W. R. Sawyer, and which appeared in **The Free Will Baptist**, read: "I think he (Hearn) was one of the ablest preachers that the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina has ever had. I have heard him deliver some as good gospel sermons as I have ever heard delivered by any one. He has been one of the strongest and ablest defenders of Christ that I have ever met with."

Mr. Hearn's descendants, shown left to right in the dedication photograph, are: Mrs. Nina Sugg, Mrs. Bertie Jones, Mrs. Nannie Hart, Mr. Gordon Hill, Mrs. Josephine Hill, Mrs. Ellie Eason, Mrs. Sudie Shirley, and Mrs. Bessie Jones. All are great-grandchildren except for Mrs.

Ellie Eason and Mrs. Josephine Hill who are granddaughters, and Mrs. Nannie Hart who is a great-great-grandchild.

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Mrs. Turnage Donates Hymnals

The Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, Moyer Library, Mount Olive College, has just received two Free Will Baptist hymnals: **Zion's Hymns**, compiled by Rufus K. Hearn, Joseph S. Bell, and Jess Randolph, published in 1854; and **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**, second edition, by Jesse Heath and Elias Hutchinson, published in 1856. These hymnals were given by Mrs. Viola Barrow Turnage in memory of her father, Mr. John Owe Barrow, from whom she received the books.

Mrs. Turnage has contributed other items to the collection at various times. Of particular value were several complete years of **The Free Will Baptist** dating in the early 1900s. Gifts like Mrs. Turnage's are always appreciated and will help assure the preservation of the Free Will Baptist heritage for present and future generations.

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EUROPEAN TOUR AND SEMINAR

Mount Olive College is sponsoring again this summer a twenty-two day tour and seminar of Western and Southern Europe, conducted by Mr. Claude J. Moore, professor of history at the College. A professional guide from London will accompany the group on the tour which will be arranged by the Globe Tours of Los Angeles.

The group will fly from Raleigh, North Carolina, to New York City and then to London on July 23. A sightseeing tour of London and an excursion to Windsor Castle will be made. The party will then fly to Athens, Greece; and while there will go to Corinth and to the Peloponnesus.

The group will have an overnight trip by steamer from Patras, Greece, to Bari, Italy. Then up the Apennine Peninsula to Sorrento, Naples, and then to Rome. There will be a sightseeing tour of Rome and an excursion to the celebrated gardens of Tivoli.

The party will have a day and night in Florence and then in Venice. From Venice, they will go to Innsbruck, Austria.
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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Who created the devil?

Answer: Your question or one that could require the same answer has puzzled many theologians through the past ages and, I guess, will continue to do so many to come. Christ is credited with creating all things that were created: "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him" (Colossians 1:16).

The Bible indicates that the devil who is known by several names; such as, Satan, the serpent, dragon, the evil one, etc., was not the despicable person when he was first created that we are told in the Bible he now is. It indicates that an angel of light, was created perfect; but that because he became proud and sinned, he fell from that lofty state which our holy God created him and was cast down and reserved in a limited realm until a future day when God will judge him finally and put him in a lake of fire in which he will be tormented day and night throughout all eternity.

Jesus himself gives a little light on the subject: "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:17, 18). Compare, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven. I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the pit of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did make kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities

thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?" (Isaiah 14:12-17). These two passages of Scripture show a particular significance when we consider the books from which they are taken.

Luke sets Jesus Christ forth as the perfect Man, the God Man; whereas, Isaiah sets Him forth as the coming One, showing Him as the One to come to the earth manifesting the many characteristics the several Old Testament writers combined before him, mentioned but briefly.

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born" (Revelation 12:3, 4). Some scholars think these verses, with what else they do tell us, that Satan was created the most beautiful of God's creatures. However, he was taken from his hallowed place and the stars mentioned are angels, since the same word translated stars in some places in the Bible is translated angels in other passages; so in this kind of interpretation they conclude that one third of the holy created beings of heaven were influenced to rebel by Lucifer when he sinned and fell. They think that the one third his tail drew from heaven constitute all the evil spirits, angels, demons, devils, etc. the Bible mentions in its several passages where they are mentioned.

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Revelation 12:7-9). Following the reasoning above, some of the most renowned scholars

think that when these three verses are viewed in the light of all the Bible teachings on the subject, that actually a war took place in heaven when Lucifer rebelled, and that he mustered all the forces he was able, which consisted in one third of the heavenly creatures. Some of these think that God allowed this with you and me in mind that even though He did not any more create Lucifer a devil than He did Adam a sinner; that He takes advantage of the situation, allowing Satan who is reserved in chains of darkness until the final Judgment Day that we may be tested, and as Christians, formed into a prepared people for a prepared place—heaven. The Holy Spirit influenced Paul to write: "And did all eat the same spiritual meat" (1 Corinthians 10:3). Then James wrote, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" (James 1:13); "Submit yourselves therefore to God, Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). John wrote, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; . . . And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9, 13, 14); "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:7, 8).

We conclude, therefore, that as such the devil was not created. He was created Lucifer, the shining one of heaven, probably the most beautiful of all creatures and given the opportunity to overshadow God's throne in this beauty; and there is no doubt in my mind, but that he did this until he let pride and greed come in. Then he was cast down to the earth. How long he enjoyed this state of hallowed bliss, we are not told. Neither are we told how long our first parents, Adam and Eve, enjoyed their
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STORIES

for our youth



HAPPINESS IS A LIGHT HEART

THELMA GRAY

KARL walked across the vacant lot between Central Park School and Hartford Avenue where he lived with his parents and his older brother Mark. He took a deep breath and looked around him. Spring is the best season of all, he thought, looking at the fresh green buds on the old maple trees and listening to the larks singing as if their throats would burst. He liked living in Barlow, but it was going to be even more fun when they moved to the farm.

Every evening Karl and his brother had been practicing pitching and catching in the backyard; and if he was good enough by the end of the week, Karl had a chance to be chosen as pitcher for Central Park School.

He kicked the damp leaves under his feet and picked up a small rock to throw at the top limb of a tall maple tree. Just as he raised up his arm, his eye caught something white under the tree, and he hurried over to investigate. It was a ball—a softball, and a good one! Not much like the battered old one he and Mark had. It must have been sheltered by the branches during the winter, because it was in good condition. It's white leather coat was almost undamaged, except for a bit of dirt and some greenish mold that had accumulated while it lay under the old tree. He brushed off the ball, then held it in both hands, and examined it breathlessly.

"Boy! It's just the kind I've been wanting. Wait till Mark sees this!"

Grandfather had mentioned something about getting Karl a softball for his birthday; but that wouldn't be until November, and this was April.

Karl was too excited to hang up his coat and cap before he called his mother. "Look, Mom, I found this in the vacant lot!" He held it up for her inspection as she came out of the kitchen.

"Why, how nice," she said. Then she looked more closely at the ball. "This is a good ball, Karl. Someone must have lost it. No one would throw away a good ball like this."

"I wouldn't know who," Karl began, then stepped suddenly. An uncomfortable doubt was growing in his mind. He whistled to drive it away. He'd seen a ball like this before. He whistled louder and tossed the ball high in the air.

Mark was as excited as his brother when he saw the ball. "That's a beauty. I've seen them down at Sidall's Sport Shop. It's a regulation softball—not much like the old rag we bat around, is it?" Karl shook his head trying to shake out the conviction that was growing but shaking wasn't any better than whistling had been.

"Come on," Mark urged his brother. "Let's go out and practice a bit. We can do our homework later. I haven't much anyway. Do you?" Karl shook his head again. Mark went on, "Tomorrow I'll ask Dick to come over with his bat. Say, this is great! You'll make the Central Park team for sure now."

Sometimes as he pitched swiftly to Mark, Karl seemed able to forget about having seen this ball before; but then he remembered, and it felt as if he were trying to swallow something too big for his throat.

That night as he knelt with his parents and Mark for prayer, Karl thanked the Lord for letting him find the ball, but he hurried on because it almost seemed

as if God were trying to tell him something—something he didn't want to hear. He put the ball under the edge of the pillow when he went to bed, but he didn't sleep very well. He decided not to take the ball to school the next morning. He put it carefully in his dresser drawer instead.

Usually, Karl ran happily across the vacant lot, but this morning his feet dragged through the damp leaves. He was all alone, but he said aloud, "Well, how am I supposed to know that it's Charles' ball? There must be a lot of balls like it. Besides, Charles has a new one, and a bat, too. He has everything I had always liked Charles Gilley, but a strange feeling came over him now. He hardly liked him at all.

When he got to class, Karl, couldn't seem to think about the math test. Five of his problems were checked in red ink. Miss Evans came past his desk. "Are you feeling well, Karl?" she asked.

"I'm O. K.," he said, keeping his eyes on his paper.

"I wondered," she went on kindly. "These problems are all from the revision section."

Karl didn't feel much like playing in recess, but he went out anyway. Pitching wasn't half the fun it had been yesterday. Today Charles missed several of Karl's jerkily pitched balls and looked surprised when Karl muttered something about poor catchers.

That evening when Karl and Mark went upstairs to change from their school clothes, Karl dropped heavily into a chair. "Hurry up," Mark urged. "Dick will be over with his bat."

"Oh, I don't care."

Mark looked at his brother. "How about the matter? You aren't coming down with something, are you?"

"No, I'm not coming down with anything," Karl said crossly, then drew his arm across his eyes. "I'm afraid this ball belongs to someone else," he said slowly.

"Like who?" Mark asked.

"Charles Gilley. But he's got a brand new one. He doesn't even need this one."

"Well, why don't you ask him whether it's his?" Mark asked reasonably, pulling an old T-shirt over his head.

"I guess I'm afraid to," Karl admitted.

Mark said nothing as he turned to go down the stairs. Karl rose slowly, shrugged his shoulders, and followed his brother. "Charles might even let you know," he said.

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Churches and Ministers Available

NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Edwards Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Beaufort, North Carolina, announces that it is in need of a pastor as of July 1, 1972. The church has half-time services with services every other Sunday morning and night. Any ministers interested in this work please contact Mrs. Marie Wallace, Route 1, Box 10, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516, or phoning 728-3081.

The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser has resigned as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, having served the church for sixteen and one-half years. He is planning to reestablish residence in Wilson, North Carolina, in June and will be available to serve churches in the Wilson area or within a reasonable driving distance. He may be contacted by writing him at 108 Maple Lodge Street, Tarboro, North Carolina; or telephone, 823-3964.

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Snow Hill, North Carolina, is in need of a pastor. The church has services every Sunday and prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings. The church does not own a parsonage.

Any minister interested in serving this church may contact Mrs. Carole D. Burgess, clerk, Route 1, Box 419, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580, or by telephoning Farmville 753-5240.

The Rev. Bill Gaylor announces that he is available for pastoral work with any church desiring his services. He is currently employed as a teacher in the public school system. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and a partial fulfillment of Master's degree in education. He may be contacted by calling Belhaven 43-2869.

Dwight D. Eisenhower: To read the Bible is to take a trip to a fair land where the spirit is strengthened and faith renewed.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR PASTOR

It is with deep regret that we inform others of the resignation of our pastor, the Rev. Edgar Benton. Mr. Benton came to our church, the Rose Bud Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Wilson, North Carolina, seven years ago when we were left without a pastor. We feel like the Lord sent him our way. He has really been a great blessing to us. He is a man who has given himself and his entire time unselfishly that he might be of service to others. He worked diligently with the young people of the church and we were really blessed by his untiring interest in them. He visited the sick and elderly people. He spent much time visiting people that knew not Christ, inviting them to come and worship with us. He had a deep concern for the lost.

The church membership never found him negligent in the work of the church, as he was always there for all services doing more than was expected of him. He always found time to greet everyone with a hearty welcome. He was never partial to any one person or family, treating all with the same respect.

Rose Bud church is now seeking a pastor for the new church year; and Mr. Benton is seeking a new place where he can go and do the will of God. For all these virtues we are praying that God will open a door of full-time pastoral work for Mr. Benton. We believe that he is truly a man called of God and is preaching and practicing the very Word of God.

Anyone reading this and is searching for a good shepherd to lead his church, we highly recommend the Rev. Edgar Benton. We pray that God will continue to bless and use Mr. and Mrs. Benton wherever they are called.

Respectfully submitted,
Congregation of Rose Bud Church

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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trivia; to Lake Lucerne, Switzerland; Heidelberg and Cologne, Germany, including a cruise on a Rhine steamer; and then on to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Brussels, Belgium, and to Paris.

There will be a tour of Paris and an excursion to Versailles. The group will fly from Paris, to New York and to Raleigh on August 13.

The tour and seminar may be taken as

a three semester hour course in European history by completing the necessary requirements.

HELP NEEDED

The Free Will Baptist Historical Collection at Mount Olive College has a small booklet (3½" x 4½") whose cover and title page read, "Constitution and Bylaws of the First Free Will Baptist Church," September, 1954. It is 14 pages in length and is light blue in color.

The librarian, Gary Barefoot, would like to know **which** First Free Will Baptist church? If you know of such a publication would you please contact him at Mount Olive College?

Also desperately needed are minutes of the North Carolina State Convention for 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, and 1917. If the collection had these **minutes** it would have a complete file of State Convention minutes bound and available for reference. Please check your attics and trunks for these and other historical items. The collection is the most complete repository of historical materials related to the denomination. Won't you help it to grow so that future generations will know the true story of their heritage?

A HOME BY AND BY

by SUDIE DOWTY BRINSON
Stantonsburg, North Carolina

I shall have a home by and by,
Up in heaven so high, so high;
Beyond this world of trouble and sin
Where all the faithful a crown shall win.

O that beautiful mansion of mine!
'Tis so bright the sun need not shine.
Soon its beauties I shall behold,
And in glory pace the streets of gold.

This home's not won by worth or merit—
By works we do not eternal life inherit;
But by faith in Jesus' cleansing blood
I've been plunged beneath its crimson flood.

I know I'm His, and He is mine;
Though I am human and He's divine;
He's promised never to leave me,
And to carry me that mansion to see.

Dear people, get ready, prepare
To meet us in glory up there.
Believe, repent, get under the blood,
And be washed in its cleansing flood.

Then you'll be prepared to fight and win
The many great battles against sin;
And finally hear the Master say,
"Well done, my child, enter thou today."

"God often digs wells of joy with the spade of sorrow!"—Selected.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 14



PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

Lesson Text: Luke 4:16-21; Romans 10:14-18

Memory Verse: Romans 1:16

I. INTRODUCTION

It is the responsibility of the church to proclaim the gospel, and it is the responsibility of men to listen to its message, respond to its invitation, and then become participants in the work.

Jesus, though He was without sin, regularly attended the temple services while in Jerusalem and the synagogue services while in other places. He not only set us an example by attending these services, but He went a step farther and took an active part in the program of the temple or synagogue where He was attending.

There are some Protestant denominations that follow the example of the Roman Catholic Church and make the communion the center of their worship service, but the great majority of them make the preaching service the focal point of the church program. The preaching service is of such great importance: first, because it is through the preaching of the Word that men are brought into a saving knowledge of the Lord; second, the preaching service offers Christians an opportunity to grow in their knowledge of the Lord by learning more of the Word of God third, and the preaching service offers Christians an opportunity to ground themselves in those doctrines upon which the Christian faith has been established.—The Senior Class Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The focal point of the church's ministry has been preaching.
2. What constitutes an effective sermon?
3. Our printed portions today are taken from Luke and Romans.

B. The Preaching of Jesus (Luke 4:16-21)

1. The setting for this incident is Nazareth where Jesus was brought up.
2. Jesus had the habit of going to the synagogue on the Sabbath.
3. He read from the Prophet Isaiah.
4. Jesus then applied the Scripture to Himself to show that He was the fulfillment of the prophecy.
5. Jesus preached in all kinds of places to all kinds of people.
6. The characteristics of Jesus' preaching were authority, simplicity, directness, love.

C. We Are to Send Preachers (Romans 10:14-18)

1. Men cannot believe and call on the Lord unless they hear the message.
2. Men cannot hear the message unless there is a preacher to carry the message.
3. There can be no preacher unless he is sent.
4. This places a great responsibility upon the church to send ministers.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "I desire my minister to preach every Sunday the simple gospel. 'The old, old story' never wearies the congregation if it comes from a devout mind with preparation in the message. My ideal sermon is one that has an appeal to the unconverted and a spiritual uplift for the Christian. I want my minister to be abreast of the times on all new theological questions and research, but I do not want him to bring them into the pulpit. I have formed certain views of Christ, His gospel, and the inspiration of the Scriptures from a careful reading of the Book of books and of the Shorter Catechism, and it will not make me a better Christian or profit my spiritual life to unsettle these views by a discussion from the pulpit of new theories of Christ and the Holy Scriptures. Finally, I want my minister to act upon the belief that Christ's gospel is the sure cure for all social and political evils, and that

his best method of promoting temperance, social morality, and good citizenship is to bring men into the church. In a word, I want my minister to emphasize in his lifework the declaration of the most successful preacher, Paul: 'It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.'"—Statement of William Jennings Bryan on Preaching.

B. The Apostle Paul spoke of "the foolishness of preaching" (1 Corinthians 1:21). Perhaps this phrase has greater significance to the preacher himself. Often after laboring long over a message that he is sure will win souls to Christ no one responds to Christ's invitation.

"How foolish, indeed," the preacher may be inclined to feel, "to put all that effort into a sermon and see no visible results!"

We know preachers do not feel this way. They know the power of the Word. In spite of disappointments, they prize most highly the privilege of preaching God's message from the pulpit.

Gospel preaching extends its influence in at least three areas.

Clearly, the prime motive for preaching is to win souls. The church exists chiefly to carry out this task.

Most of the New Testament is devoted to keeping Christians in the fold. This then is a second purpose of gospel preaching.

Often the preaching of the gospel will touch a responsive chord in the heart of a Christian, causing him to see the great need for Christian messengers and challenging him to give his life to the ministry. Thus as the gospel is preached the unsaved hear God's good news of salvation, the saved are confirmed in it, and provision is made for future generations to hear it also.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. Missionaries entering one of the most darkened areas of Africa discovered a huge tribe of natives who spoke of Christ and His salvation. They had never seen a white man before and were startled much as the American Indians were when they saw Columbus. No one has ever explained this strange phenomenon unless it dated back to the time when Philip preached to the eunuch who took the message he had heard and believed back to the people. They very well may have also believed and passed the story down to generations that followed them. Is this too much to accept? No, never! Back of it was the Holy Spirit who can do more wondrous things than we have ever dreamed of.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"One if he's got a new ball," Mark said to him as they reached the backyard. "Now don't you depend on it," he added slyly. "I just said that he might."

"Sure he will," Karl said. "What would he want with two softballs?"

The next day, instead of hiding the ball away, Karl took it to school. Charles was the first boy he saw. "Look," Karl said, "I found this on the vacant lot."

Charles took it out of his hand and looked at it carefully. "Boy, am I glad to get this back! I lost it last Thanksgiving Day. It's laid out there all winter. See this mark? Ollie scratched it with a chain in the gym. I thought I'd never see this old ball again. Say, thanks a lot, Karl. Maybe I can do something for you someday."

"You have another one, don't you?" Karl asked slowly, then was sorry he had spoken.

"I sure do have. It's the only kind to have. These are the best. Mr. Sidall bought me, and he knows good equipment. You try it at practice, Karl. You're sure a good pitcher."

Karl walked across the playground. Any, he thought, I don't feel terrible as I thought I would! and even if Charles never even seemed to think of letting me keep the ball, everything's still better. The heavy feeling was gone.

Suddenly, the big lump he'd been trying to swallow for the last two days wasn't there any more. He felt great. He wouldn't be afraid to listen after he had played tonight, because his heart was as light as the white clouds that raced across the April sky.—My Pleasure.

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Questions & Answers

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...ce of comfort and perfect happiness until this fallen creature was allowed to invade their domain, but that he did invade it with, what seems to me, little position on the part of Eve and Adam. One day God washed all Christians' sins away. At the time He did that to each of us, we were perfectly cleansed, purified, and made just as pure as if we had never sinned; thus, furnishing us with the Holy Spirit as a teacher, guide, and protector. Had we never yielded to Satan after that, we would be perfectly pure; but since none remained in that state long, we were seen as being imperfect. Then, and forever after, when we

know that in any way we have been disobedient, we have one and only one way back to God, and that is in obeying. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9); "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

Coming Events . . .

May 6—North Carolina Bible Bowl Quiz Runoff, First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina

May 11—North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina

"HIS NAME IS JESUS"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 6, 1972

REGISTRATION: 9:30 A. M.

CLASSES BEGIN: 10 A. M.

The theme of our Daily Vacation Bible School series this year is, "His Name Is Jesus." The purpose of this series is to reintroduce young people (and adults) to this Man called Jesus and to emphasize His divine characteristics and to make Him better known. Some of His outstanding qualities (to list them all would be an impossibility) will be expounded upon in this five-day program. A portrait of Christ will be painted in words, and He will come alive for the pupils so as to make them desire to know Him in a personal way if they do not already. Those who do claim Him as their Saviour should want to follow more closely after Him as a result of this series.

The classes are listed below with their instructors and meeting places. You will notice that we are offering again this year a class in Crafts and Visual Aids. This proved very helpful last year. The Crafts and Visual Aids classes will be staggered with the Music classes.

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CRAFTS AND VISUAL AIDS SCHEDULE

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| Primary Teachers | 10:00-10:30 A. M. |
| Preschool Teachers | 10:30-11:00 A. M. |
| Junior Teachers | 11:00-11:30 A. M. |
| Intermediate Teachers | 11:30-12:00 Noon |

MUSIC SCHEDULE

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| Primary Teachers | 10:30-11:00 A. M. |
| Intermediate Teachers | 11:00-11:30 A. M. |
| Junior Teachers | 11:30-12:00 Noon |

(Music Directors can meet with any or all of the above Music classes.)

LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NOON FOR \$1.25 PER PLATE.

After lunch is served, you are invited to visit the bookstore to see the complete assortment of VBS materials and supplies.

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MOTHER IS HER NAME

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The French call her Mere.

The German call her Mutter.

The Greek call her Meter.

The Russian call her Mati.

And, in English, Mother is her name.

There are variations of the name, Mother. Some of us, who consider "Mother" too formal a term and who administer endearments to the title, call her "Mama" or "Mom."

Certainly what she is called does not determine the love one has for her, but this writer has always considered it a little less than respectful to refer to her by her first name—and perish the thought of referring to her as "the Old Lady."

Mother: a female parent—probably the most revered figure next to the Divine—probably the most written about person—probably the most loved and unloved in the world!

An anxious "Hello" and a dreaded "Good-bye": These come from a mother's lips.

Long looks of understanding and love-filled gazes: These come from a mother's eyes.

Her troubled smile: This reflects the hurt of her heart.

Her trembling hand: This betrays in the most wonderful manner her emotion-filled composure or the years of her age.

Her furrowed brow: This represents her worry, her thought, her concern for you.

A quickly wiped-away tear so you won't see: This shows that she would rather not cause you any anxiety, though she has suffered untold miseries on your account.

Mother: a beautiful name! The strongest human tie: that tie between mother and child—that cherished relationship that no one can sever.

A pat on thee back, a kiss on the cheek, a sigh that makes all the world seem right when you're with her! Security! Darkness is less foreboding; distances are shorter; burdens are lighter when Mother is there!

The oldest of men still long for her touch. Her embrace is the sweetest; her praise the highest; her reprimand the gentlest; her love the strongest; her nature the most forgiving; and her heartache the most complete and the most difficult to heal!

She may not be physically beautiful. She may not possess the culture and refinement that are considered socially acceptable. She may not wear the clothes of the latest fashion nor make herself up in the best of taste. Still she's a treasure beyond value.

To be ashamed of her—what a sin! To honor her—what wisdom! To count her worthy of the best of everything—what an under estimation!

Mother: the one who gave us birth, nursed us through sickness and health, cried with us, smiled with us, gave to us beyond her means, and loved us to an immeasurable degree.

Mother or Mama—whatever she is to you, she is a cherished person to be sure. We've said it before; we must say it again: God did a wonderful thing indeed when He made our mother!

No one could take her place, nor should want to!

No one could be exactly like her.

If you still have her with you, thank God. . .



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FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS

FTEEN my mind wanders back to the snowy, blowy winter evenings when I was five years old. One of the worst winters I can recall. My mother and I were completely isolated for many weeks. About all my dad could do was cut wood nearby to keep us warm. We have lacked many comforts and necessities of life then, but one thing was always present—the huge backlog of the fireplace and plenty of wood beneath it.

The preceding summer we had lost everything by fire; only saving a big trunk of clothes, bedding, and keepsakes. Our two-room cabin were the barest of furnishings—bed, cot, trunk, stove, table, and three chairs! My father, a tiny little man, had very laboriously made the chairs from wood he had cut and processed by hand, with seats carefully woven of hickory splints. I remember watching this last part of the work with deep interest and childish wonder.

Except for the snowdrifts piled up against the window, I can only remember how our evenings were spent. After supper of hot cornbread and sorghum molasses, Papa and I sat by the big open hearth, waiting for Mama to bring in the oil lamp. As she placed it on the mantel, my father arose, as if by signal, and took down the hymnbook and Bible. Now, after more than sixty years, I can recall this moment—and that hand reaching up—just as clearly as though it were yesterday. Neither parent had any formal “schooling,” but could read well enough to fill our evenings with Bible reading and singing the songs of Zion. I can see now the profound influence this had on my future life. The howling wind must have found its way inside at times; I never remember being cold—we

were so warm in the love of each other and of God!

Then, the following summer, tragedy struck! My dad had been thrown from a horse and suffered severe head injuries, which grew steadily worse. He was finally taken to a mental institution for treatment, leaving Mama and me stranded deep in the country, with no money—not even a roof over our heads—not that we were sure of it! For a long weary year, we trudged the rough roads from farm to farm, seeking any work that she could do: garden work, milking, washing, ironing, just for our bed and board. In this day, with all the available assistance for

(A Page from My Childhood Memories)

by

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the unfortunate, it is hard to picture a life like that for a woman and child. (We had not so much as heard of the Red Cross.) But the picture is not all sad; there's a brighter side—not once did night overtake us without a shelter and plenty to eat!

To add to Mama's already heavy burden, the next spring I had to go to school. There was more work then, and often I had to stay one place while she worked another. I'll never forget my desolation then—thinking I had lost my father and fearing each time she left me she would not come back either. But, two months later, Papa was pronounced well. He took us to town, since he knew he could no longer do farm work; but, having

known nothing but farm work, there was so little he could do. Cultivating gardens in summer and firing furnaces in winter—that was about it! He was sick a great deal, and life was hard; but we were happy just to be together again.

But our joy was short-lived. We soon discovered a drastic change in my dad. No longer was he the quiet, even-tempered person I had fairly worshiped. Now he was often seized with the most violent fits of temper. Here it was I began to see my mother as a very courageous and patient woman. She tried in every way possible to keep him calm and happy, all that a Christian could do. She loved her Lord and her church and never missed a service. Neither did Papa when he was well; but now our going upset him more than anything else. But in this my mother never compromised, neither did she ever argue with him, but quietly continued our preparation. Then, amid angry threats to lock us out, burn the house, and many more, she took my trembling hand and led me out. Often in fright I'd whisper, “Mama, we'd better stay home tonight, hadn't we?” To which she calmly replied, “No, child, we're going to church.”

Life went on like this for five long years. Living in constant fear of disturbing my dad, I became more and more withdrawn and unhappy, not understanding how he could have changed so. But Mama went about her menial tasks singing the praises of God. This certainly made an indelible impression on me! How could she sound so happy? I can hear her singing now, “Heavenly sunlight, flooding my soul with glory divine,” not halfheartedly, timidly, but as though she wanted the whole world to share her deep inner joy and abiding peace. And when she sang, “Palms of victory, crowns of glory, palms of victory I shall wear,” you just knew she was sure of what she was singing. She knew about the “weary pilgrim” because she was one herself, but happy in her faith and hope!

A favorite song of hers, during those years, was “Open the pearly gates, and let the redeemed pass in.” Years later I stood gazing in awe and wonder on her face as she entered into rest. I felt I had a glimpse of heaven itself at that moment and I've never been the same since. A new hope and faith was born in me and has sustained me ever since.

A woman of few words, she never talked to me much that I remember; if so, her life of faith and trust was far more
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SUNDAY, MAY 14

GIVE THE SMILES TO MOTHER

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:12

If you have a smile for Mother,
Give it now.
If you have a kindly word,
Speak it now,
She'll not need it when the angels
Greet her at the golden gate;
Give the smiles while she is living,
If you wait 'twill be too late.

If you have a flower for Mother,
Pluck it now.
Place it gently on her bosom,
Print a kiss upon her brow.
What cares she when life is over,
For the flowers that bloom below.
She will have her share up yonder,
Scattered at her feet galore.

—Akron Baptist Journal.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Read the above again. May those who are fortunate enough to have mothers give to them just a little of their time. That is all she wants from you. She loves you so—is some of your time too much to ask for?

MONDAY, MAY 15

"SHE DOES NOT LOVE US LESS, BUT MORE!"

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 1:8

"To think of Mother is to recall her unselfish devotion, her limitless, unfaltering love through good and evil report, never wavering, but growing stronger and stronger with the years; and to remember that she asks nothing in return for herself; she asks of us and for us that we be good men and women. If we fail, she does not love us less, but more. Wonderful, constant, miraculous Mother's love!"—John Burke, Former Governor of North Dakota.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Motherhood, the most unselfish of "professions." Mother, who gives all, wants nothing in return, takes joy in giving of herself and is happiest when she can be doing something for her children. Thank God for mothers!

TUESDAY, MAY 16

MAKING THE CHILDREN WANT "MORE!"

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 10:1

A mother with three children was about to leave home for a few days. Gathering them about her she talked to them about her absence and their behavior and prayers

until she should return. She then poured out her heart with them in prayer. All heads were raised and every face was full of sunshine. After a moment's pause a little two-year-old boy bowed his head down by his mother's cheek, and said, "More." When a parent's love and example can evoke from children a call for more prayer, the home happiness is assured.—Faithful Witness.

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we all strive more and more to have the kind of home from which this little boy came? Happiness and contentment filled this home. Does it fill ours?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

THE CHARM THAT WORKS!

Scripture Reading—Psalm 37:3

In New York's Chinatown, an American woman walked into a curiosity shop and asked to see some good-luck charms.

The elderly Chinese lady in charge looked at her skeptically and proceeded to lay her wares on the counter.

The customer leaned over the counter and said earnestly, "Would you mind telling me which of these is the best? You see, I have to have one that works. I have a son in the South Pacific and I want something that will take care of him."

The shopkeeper looked at her for a moment and smiled, "My best good-luck charm I don't have on the counter."

"Well, for goodness sake, let's see it. I want the best thing you have," she countered excitedly. "I'll pay any price."

"But it doesn't cost anything. You see, my good-luck charm is God. I have three sons and three grandsons in the service myself. But when my boys were born, I dedicated them to God, and everyday since they were babies I have asked God to take care of them. He has answered my prayer, and I know He will continue to do so. It's the only charm that works and I recommend it wholeheartedly to you."—Sunday School Times.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to have an honest-to-goodness good-luck charm—one that is sure to work all the time? He's free for the taking! How can we not take and keep Him forever?

THURSDAY, MAY 18

"BURDEN BEARERS"

Scripture Reading—Psalm 17:15

The camel, at the close of day, kneels down upon the sandy plain, to have his burden lifted off—and rest again.

My soul, thou too, should to thy knees, when daylight draweth to a close, and have thy Lord lift off thy load, and grant repose.

Else how can'st thou tomorrow meet, with all tomorrow's work to do, if thou thy burden all the night, dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day, to have his lord replace his load, then rises up anew to take the desert road.

So thou shouldest kneel at morn dawn, to have Him give thy daily care sured that He no load too great will n thee bear.—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

It has been said that He never give more than we can bear. Too, we are that it's not what we have to bear matters so much—it's what we do with and what it does to us.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

HIS SOBERING CHOICE

Scripture Reading—Daniel 1:8

"As I entered the office of a well-known merchant," said an American writer, thrilling temperance lecture confronted—a placard nailed to the desk."

WHICH?

Wife or Whisky

The Babes or the Bottles

HEAVEN OR HELL

"The merchant explained, 'I wrote myself. Sometime ago I found myself ing into the habit of drinking—an occasional glass with a friend. Soon my stor got bad, my faculties became dulled, a constant craving for stimulants dominated me. I saw tears in my wife's eyes wonder on the faces of my children. day I sat down and wrote that card. surveying it carefully, its awful revelation burst on me like a flash. I nailed it to and read it many times that day. I v home sober that night, and have not ed a drop since.'"—From *The Ideal Christian Home* by Helen S. Dyer.

PRAYER THOUGHT

This man was very wise, wasn't he? fore it was too late he chose to have wife, his children, and a home in heaven. Do we need a placard of any kind?

SATURDAY, MAY 20

A FOOL IN ACTION

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 6:1

A prize essay, by a Georgia school had this telling statement: "Take one regular, natural-born fool, add two or three drinks of liquor and mix the two in a horsepower motor car. After the fool is thoroughly soaked, place his foot on the and release the brakes. Remove the from the wreckage. Place in a black, lined box, and garnish with flowers."—United Presbyterian.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Liquor makes the foolish more foolish and makes him think he's wise. Liquor kills and makes the grave a dreaded refrain!

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"An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy."—Selected.

A Mother's Faith

(Adapted from "God's Windowsill" by
Isabel Gray)

He Master is come over Jordan,
Said a loving mother, one day;
He is healing the people who throng Him
By the touch of His finger, they say!

Now supposing we carry the children,
Mira and Reba and Jon,
And dear little Essie, the baby,
For the Master to look upon?"

He Father looked at her kindly,
But he shook his head and smiled—
Now who but a doting mother
Could think of a thing so wild?"

May, do not hinder me, Father,
I feel such a burden of care;
I carry it to the Master,
I know I can leave it there.

He lay His hands on the children,
My heart will the lighter grow,
And His blessing forever and ever
Will follow them as they go!"

My mother used to sing this—and I
remember giving it as a reading, one
day, in our old country school. I do not
know the author, but it fits very well
for Mother's Day, or any day, and for
all children, everywhere, large or small.
Whatever the burden may be—

Carry your burden to Jesus, tell it to Him,
Tell it to Him,
Leave it and trustingly leave it there. Tell
it to Jesus alone!

I know a mother whose daughter had
become willful, and "independent";
growing from the beautiful naturalness,
the coarse make-believe of the world.
She became a caricature of her original
gentleness and promise, not the "way-
ward" or "straying" type of society's
daughter, but taking on the ways of the
world until one could scarcely recognize
her as the same girl she had been. Yet
the mother prays that she will yet be re-
deemed and become the child of God she
could be. Why? Because Mother knows
and has heard her prayer, and cries, "It
shall be done, sometime, somewhere
."

A mother says, "There are twenty-
one children in a short block here, in-
cluding my two children, and it can
create problems. It teaches the mothers
to 'grow in grace,' and also to ask God
for wisdom. I feel the need of prayer

with them," she says, "and have gotten
some books to read to them, books that
are a help, spiritually. How one needs
to look after the little folks, lest the
enemy of their souls should seek to de-
vour! I feel, though, if I wait on God,
He will get everything right. When we
put Him first, everything else will be
added."

I close with another poem, the author
of which I do not know—

I think oftentimes as the night draws nigh,
Of an old house on the hill;
Of a yard all wide, and blossom-starred,
Where we children played at will.

'Tis many and many a year since then,
And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still!

But I see it all as the shadows creep,
And though many years have been
Since then, I can hear our mother ask;
"Are all the children in?"

I wonder if, when the shadows fall
On the last short earthly day,
We shall say good-bye to the world outside,
All tired with our childish play.

Will we meet the Lover of boys and girls,
Who died to save them from sin,
And hear Him ask, as Mother did—
"Are all the children in?"

They'll be, if we've trusted in His Word,
When we prayed their souls to win.

—Gospel Herald.

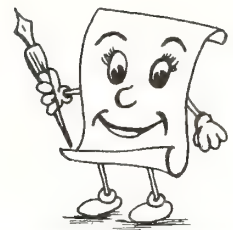
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Notice Woman's Auxiliary Members!

The project of a group of interested
women of the North Carolina State Woman's
Auxiliary Convention is to install a
bathroom on the first floor of the main
building at Cragmont Assembly, Inc.,
Black Mountain, North Carolina.

The Cragmont Board of Directors, in a
recent meeting, voted to renovate the
main building at Cragmont. Please,
women of the auxiliary, send in your
donations immediately. Send all dona-
tions to Mrs. Cora Lee Spivey, Box 82,
Maury, North Carolina 28554.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for
her price is far above rubies."

Why did the poet choose rubies in Pro-
verbs 31:10?

The precious stones are diamonds,
sapphires, emeralds, and rubies. Ruby
colors range from rose red to deep,
purplish-red called "pigeon's blood."
Large, pure rubies are more valuable
than diamonds. A few are mined in
North Carolina and near Helena, Mon-
tana; but the finest are found in upper
Burma, near Mogok.

Jewels are valued according to color,
size, and clarity. For instance, a one-
carat diamond costs \$500 to \$3,000; an
emerald is worth \$2,000 or more; and
rubies are highest appraised of all.

A jeweler who sells diamonds almost
everyday said, "In 35 years of business
I have sold only one genuine emerald—
and not one ruby."

Rubies, like godly women, come in
many sizes and colors, are very hard to
find, and there are many imitations.

But what is a good woman worth now,
in cash? A recent government survey
showed that a man would pay at least
\$8,500 a year for the services his wife
performs as cook, laundress, bookkeeper,
nurse, etc.

Another survey by Cornell University,
revealed that children and husbands help
about the same amount whether the wife
stays home or works full time. Even in
Russia (where women work with the
men in mines and factories or on the
streets), when they get home, he rests
and the housework still belongs to the
woman. She has no more help than an
American housewife!

All this doesn't prove anything except
that we're all in the same houseboat. The
odd thing is we do it not for money but
for love. Wouldn't it be a cold house
and a hard life if the only rewards were
checks for services rendered? But know-
ing its worth makes the role of house-
wife seem more significant.

Well! at \$8,500 a year I'm worth more
than 2 cows, a horse, 5 chickens, a shot-
gun, and a good bird dog—(most of the
time).

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for April, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of April, 1972:

Balance April 1, 1972 \$3,797.98

| <i>Receipts</i> | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Churches | \$1,740.09 |
| Woman's Auxiliaries | 95.00 |
| AFCs | 35.00 |
| Sunday School | |
| Convention | 15.00 |
| Sunday Schools | 156.00 |
| YFAs | 323.00 |
| Unions | 20.00 |
| North Carolina Farm | |
| Bureau (Insurance | |
| Dividends) | 8.60 |
| Gifts | 18.50 |
| North Carolina Department of Revenue | 182.72 |
| Total Receipts | 2,593.91 |
| Total to Account For | 6,391.89 |
| Operating Expenses | 371.00 |
| Balance May 1, 1972 (Checking | |
| Account) | \$6,020.89 |
| Savings (Earmarked Funds) | 2,287.93 |
| Grand Total | \$8,308.82 |

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Henry Armstrong Conducting Palmer Memorial Revival

Revival services began Monday evening, May 8, following homecoming services at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 3707 Old Garner Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, Sunday, May 7. The evangelist for the revival is the Rev. Henry Armstrong, pastor of Lee's Chapel church. He is being assisted by the pastor, the Rev. R. W. Allman. The services are beginning each evening at 7:30 with each one featuring good preaching and special music. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services.

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Saint Paul Revival In Progress

The Rev. Rudy Shepard is the evangelist for revival services in progress at the Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The services will continue through Saturday evening, May 13, with the pastor, the

Rev. John A. Owens, assisting Mr. Shepard.

Mr. Shepard is pastor of the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina. He is 24 years old and was called to preach when he was 18 years old. He attended Mount Olive College and was listed in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. God is using this young man in a wonderful work.

Each service is featuring good gospel preaching and special music by the local choir and visiting singers. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend the remainder of these services and ask your prayers that God's Spirit will reach every heart attending.

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Cocoa Church Experiences Good Revival

The Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church of Cocoa, Florida, experienced a good revival the week of April 17-23, with the Rev. Arnold Woodlief as the evangelist. The pastor of the church, the Rev. W. C. Combs, assisted in the services in which there were three conversions and many rededications. Also many Christians offered prayers for the unsaved, their loved ones, and their close friends.

Mr. Woodlief made it very plain in the services that when people turn from looking for their own joys and seeking their own prosperity and turn to God as the source of all joy and the giver of all prosperity, then truly there will be revival.

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Letter to the Editor

"Dear Tommy,

"Please accept my sincere thanks for having written a . . . tribute to 'Water-boy' in this week's (April 26) 'Baptist.'

" . . . I appreciate the many numerous considerations shown him while he was struggling for his life so that he could return to the Press and his work that he so dearly loved.

"May God richly bless all of you.

"Alda Dunn."

MOTHER...

(Dedicated to All Mothers on Mother's Day)

by Mrs. Ora Barnhill

It was in the month of May that Mother passed away;

Oh, how I miss her smiling face upon this very day!

But God needed Mother much more than we,

So He took her to heaven—an angel to be.

She was the sweetest mother a child ever had—

Ever thoughtful of every girl and lad. No one can ever take her place on earth below;

Thank you, dear Mother, I loved you so!

I hope to meet you face to face someday By the golden sea with all tears washed away.

I know you will be waiting and looking for me,

To be together throughout all eternity.

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Change of Address

Please note the change of address for the Rev. Charles Edwin Branch from Santa Fe, North Carolina, to Route 1, Box 369, Winterville, North Carolina 28590.

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TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

by SUSAN CREED
Student at Mount Olive College

When your friends are few in number,
And your pride is all inside;
Just turn your eyes to Jesus
And He will be your guide.

When you criticize your friends,
And you look at them as wrong;
Think of the way you look to them,
Then can you sing that song?

The song of life, the song of love,
The wondrous love from heaven above;
When you say you love God and not your friends,
Who are you hurting in the end?

So put your trust in God above
And try to work through His beautiful love
And if you try to repent your sins,
God will meet you in the end.

God will meet you halfway there;
Can you show Him that you really care?
So put your hand in the hand of the Master
And show the world that you really can!

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

"FOUNDERS' DAY 1972"

Many things have changed since 1915 when the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists elected its first Board of Trustees for a Children's Home. A great number of the original ideas that brought the Home into being are still important. For instance, the Home was founded for full orphans first and foremost; second, half orphans; and third, children from broken homes. These are the basic principals remain the same. In our more affluent society has brought about some changes, however. No longer are the bunkhouse cottages acceptable at the Children's Home no more than one-room cabins are acceptable for families living in our society today. Pennies, dimes, and nickels for orphans are no longer sufficient. A good program of child care costs thousands of dollars per year.

What has all this to do with Founders' Day? For one thing, Founders' Day is a celebration of a vision. In 1915 many Free Will Baptists saw the outstretched arms of Christ to a little child. This vision came, as all things do that come from the mind of God, at a time when the Free Will Baptist people had the means, with the motivation of the Holy Spirit, our forefathers committed their meager means, hardly more than a few dollars and fishes, to the Lord Jesus Christ. He blessed them. "And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. . . ." (Genesis 1:1).

There is one thing that will never change, and that is God's blessing upon his people when they follow His leading. The founders of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home exercised their faith when we pause to honor them on Founders' Day.

Founders' Day is more than the recalling of an ancient vision and an act of faith fifty years removed, it is a threshold for the future.

When the Children of Israel smeared the blood on the lintels of the door, this was only a beginning. It took nearly a hundred years, a lot of desert, a fierce struggle with many peoples, and a continual renewal of their faith when all seemed lost, before the promised land became a reality. Likewise, those who have guided the Children's Home through the years have faced constant battles of one kind or another. It was not the Children of Israel's unique fighting ability that saved them, however; it was the hand of God. The same fact is true of the Children's Home. It has in time past and continues today to operate not because Free Will Baptists are such gallant fighters, but because they have sought to do God's holy will.

The threshold upon which we stand today is not one of how many dollars and cents we can raise, but how much we will let our faith go. Christ said, "Faith the size of a grain of mustard seed will move mountains." We are certain Free Will Baptists believe what Christ said, so on this Founders' Day may we, like God's people, gather around the tent of worship and lift our thanksgiving to God for the "faith of our founders" and exercise our faith today in God so the windows of heaven will continue to remain open on our Children's Home.

Founders' Day services will be held at 10:30 a. m., Saturday morning, May 20, 1972. Registration will begin at 10 a. m. We hope all of you will come and join us for a service of tribute to those who have gone before and a time of "letting our faith go" for the future.

Bring a picnic lunch with you. Plates, cups, forks, napkins, beverages, and barbecue will be furnished by the Children's Home.

Bring, also, your contribution of at least a dollar per member. Better still, why not begin now to exercise your faith and give five times that much. When Free Will Baptist people let go and really let God have His way, no institution of

OH, LORD FORGIVE

by Margaret Honeycutt

(The following poem was written March 7, 1972, by a lady who had been suffering with cancer for five years. Shortly after the writing of the poem, she passed away. Trusting that it would be a blessing to the readers of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, a close friend of Mrs. Honeycutt, Mrs. Hazel Casey, submitted it for publication. It is printed just as she wrote it.)

I could wet my pillow—crying bitter tears

For the way I've wasted the past fifty years;

I could have been going about doing good;

Instead, I've neglected to do some things I could.

Oh, Lord forgive me!

I languish now in bitter remorse;

The tears flow now with such great force;

Why didn't I see when I was young

God's need for me to use my tongue

And tell how the blood cleans all from sin—

How each one needs to be born again—

How the things of the world grow strangely dim—

How He died on the Cross that we might live . . .

Oh, Lord forgive—please forgive!

our church, including the Children's Home, will be in want. "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of Heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it all in! Try it! Let me prove it to you" (Living Bible, Malachi 3:10).

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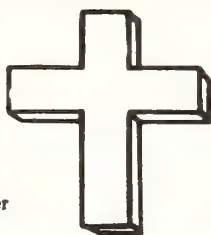
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Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

Contributions to Missions

Your contributions to the North Carolina State Missions Board for the year 1971-72 (through May 3, 1972) have totaled \$83,985.79. This leaves a balance on our budget of \$100,000 of \$16,014.21. This amount will have to be given during the rest of May and the month of June for us to reach the suggested budget. I believe that this amount can and will be raised by our churches in North Carolina during this period. I hope you will do all you can to help us reach this goal.

Thank you,
Joe Ingram, Director-Treasurer

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They Were Known By Their Oneness And Love

by Harold Jones
Missionary to the Philippines

One of the things that caused the Early Church to be noticed by the non-Christian world was the oneness and love that those Christians had for one another. This, coupled with the power of God (the Holy Spirit) in their lives, was an irresistible force that the demonic powers of that day could not halt. The Christians were beaten, rejected, killed, and scattered abroad; but they maintained their oneness and love for the brethren. Had Satan been able to penetrate this bond, the force and spread of the church would have fallen far short of what we read in the Book of Acts. Yet he could not, and the church marched forward.

But then there came a time of doubt and reason when man began to take the Word of God and delute it and subject it to his criticism and the power of the church faltered. Men set themselves at odds and Satan rejoiced, and he still rejoices. The love and oneness came tumbling down in a heap of rubble as man set himself up as superior to God

and God's Word. Yet this was not his only method. He began to take petty things and put people at odds. He built up pride in men's hearts and they would not say, "I'm sorry" or "Forgive me." He caused groups in churches to be at odds with one another. He caused ministers and members to reject each other, and he is doing the same now. Yes, each one can prove their case, but something is wrong and that wrong is hampering the spread of the gospel. That wrong is a sin and can stop church growth. My friends, Satan goes to church. In fact, if he can get a wedge in, it is one of his favorite places. He looks at the lives and hearts of the people and sees that

they do not love each other and ro with laughter as they play at worshi

Today God is moving by His Spirit over the world. There is a new onen in the evangelical faith. Each Mon night here in Manila I attend a pra meeting of evangelical missionaries fr different denominations. It is sw and precious—the oneness and love have for one another. Each week as pray for each other we draw closer gether. We also share what God did past week, and my how God answ prayer! This sort of thing is happen in evangelical circles all over the wo Is this happening in your church? not, why not? You might say as a p tor, "Well the members . . ." As a m ber you might say, "Well that mem or that pastor . . ." But what about y self? Yes, you! Do you love and p for that member or members? Past Member, do you love and pray for t member or your pastor? Or my frie do you wait for the other person to (continued on page thirteen)

GRADUATION FROM LANGUAGE SCHOOL

by Harold Jones
Missionary to the Philippines



On March 24, Sandra and I finished our formal study of language. Of course we do not know it all, and the process of learning will continue as we enter the work and use the language more.

In the picture above are members of the graduating class. The couple to the left are Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Harris. They are Southern Baptist and studied Ilocano. They are now working at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Baguio. The couple to the right are the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Little who are with the Church

of Christ. They studied Cebuano are working on Mindanao in the Da area. Of course you know the two the front.

Sandra and I were able to meet gain many valuable friends through language school. We praise the Lord this year here. It has been one of most significant years of our lives.

Please pray for all of us that we completely grasp the language which have studied and be able to lead oth to Christ in their language.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Deanie Rice Murphy

Our heavenly Father in His infinite
sdom and mercy called our sister in
rist, Mrs. Deanie Rice Murphy of New
rn, North Carolina, to be with Him on
ursday night, April 6, 1972.

The concerned members and visitors
Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist
urch, Route 3, Raleigh, North Carolina,
thered around the altar at the close of
vival services in the behalf of Sister
urphy. The Rev. Taylor Hill stood in
r the pastor of the church and his
mily, the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Caton,
ho were called to New Bern due to Sis-
r Murphy's critical condition. We bow-
humbly and petitioned our Father to
ise her if it were His divine will, and
not to have mercy and not let her suf-
r from her incurable disease. He an-
vered our prayers and took her to be
ith Him in glory, and for this we are
ernally grateful.

Sister Murphy was the mother of our
astor's wife. She was born November
5, 1914, and lived a dedicated life as a
killing worker and a Sunday school
acher. Her beautiful Christian life en-
ched all those she met. She was an
spiration, possessing and professing
e love of God. Her life and testimony
a challenge to all those left behind.
he heart of her husband doth safely
ust in her, . . . her children arise up,
d call her blessed; . . ." (Proverbs 31:
, 28).

Sister Murphy's faith in God and His
ord kept her steadfast and a just stew-
d. She never grew tired of doing for
hers. We are aware of the Christian
inciples she taught and the things that
e power of prayer have wrought.
Her pastor, church, and many friends
el the great loss of our Christian com-
de. In the same moment we are made
realize that she has earned her re-
ard.

The testimony of Paul is an appro-
iate tribute of respect: "I have fought
good fight, I have finished my course,
have kept the faith; Henceforth there
laid up for me a crown of righteous-
ss, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
all give me at that day: and not to me
ly, but unto all them also that love his
pearing" (2 Timothy 4:7, 8).

Her funeral was conducted at the

Sherwood Forest church in New Bern by
her pastor, the Rev. Robert L. Edwards.
Interment was in Greenleaf Memorial
Park. The many floral tributes and host
of friends reminded us that a good name
is rather to be chosen than great riches.

Survivors include her husband, William
G. Murphy; two daughters, Essie M. Ca-
ton and Nancy M. Mills of the Black
Jack Free Will Baptist Church near Green-
ville; two sons, Claude of Mexico and
Dalton of New Bern; seven grandchildren;
two sisters; and five brothers.

We, the members of Wooten's Chapel
church, bow in humble submission to our
Father's will and submit this selected
poem in honor of her family and as a
memorial to her Christian life:

Once I hear a song of sweetness,
As it cleft the morning air,
Sounding in its blest completeness,
Like a tender, pleading prayer;
And I sought to find the singer,
Whence the wondrous song was borne;
And I found a bird, sore wounded,
Pinioned by a cruel thorn.

I have seen a soul in sadness
While its wings with pain were furled,
Giving hope, and cheer, and gladness
That should bless a weaking world;
And I knew that life of sweetness,
Was of pain and sorrow borne,
And a stricken soul was singing
With its heart against a thorn.

You are told of One who loved you,
Of a Saviour crucified;
You are told of nails that pinioned,
And a spear that pierced His side;
You are told of cruel scourging,
Of a Saviour bearing scorn;
And He died for your salvation
With His brow against a thorn.

You "are not above the Master,"
Will you breathe a sweet refrain?
And His grace will be sufficient
When your heart is pierce with pain,
Will you live to bless His loved ones,
Tho' your life be bruised and torn,
Like the bird that sang so sweetly
With its heart against a thorn!

Respectfully submitted,
Wooten's Chapel Church

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press
* Bookstore, Ayden, North Caro-
* lina, is now observing the fol-
* lowing hours:

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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Central District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of
the Central Conference will convene in
its forty-fifth annual session Thursday,
May 11, with the Daniels Chapel Free
Will Baptist Church, Route 3 (Black
Creek), Wilson, North Carolina. The con-
vention theme will be "Keeping the Land-
marks," with Scripture taken from Pro-
verbs 22:28. The convention hymn is
"How Firm a Foundation." The sche-
duled program is as follows:

Morning Session

9:30—Advanced Registration
10:00—Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"
—Invocation, Mrs. Hattie Bright
—Morning Devotions, Mrs. John
Winfield
10:20—Greetings, Mrs. A. B. Chandler
—Thank You, Mrs. Woodrow McCoy
10:25—President's Message, Mrs. N.
Bruce Barrow Sr.
10:30—Recognition of Personalities
10:35—Business Session
10:45—Life Membership Award, Mrs. H.
L. Spivey
10:55—Declamations, Director, Mrs. D.
W. Hansley
11:15—Morning Worship:
Hymn, "The Solid Rock"
Offering
Special Music, Students of Mount
Olive College
Convention Message, the Rev. D.
W. Hansley
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Hymn, "I Want to Be a Worker"
—Devotions, Students of Mount
Olive College
1:10—Essays, Director, Mrs. D. W. Hans-
ley
1:40—Miscellaneous Business
—Report of Committees
2:30—Adjournment
—Benediction

Directions to Daniels Chapel Church:

Go to Wilson, North Carolina, and take
Highway 301 South to Highway 117.
Take Highway 117 for approximately one
mile, taking a left turn just over the
overhead bridge. Follow this road and
it will take you to the church which is
about three miles on your right.

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Douglas MacArthur: Believe me, sir,
never a night goes by, be I ever so tired,
but I read the Word of God before I go
to bed.

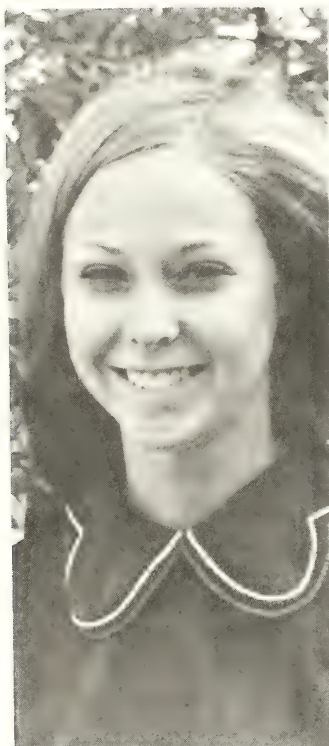
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MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

ADVENTURE IN CHRIST

Penny Edwards, Student
Mount Olive College



When was the last time you were excited about something? I don't mean happy or glad, but **excited**. We all know how children are the night before Christmas—they can't get still for a second, they know a joy that comes from expecting something good to happen and they are excited about it.

When was the last time you expected something to happen? If you are a minister, did you prepare your sermon for last Sunday hoping someone would be touched, or did you **know** the Holy Spirit was leading you and you prepared it **expecting** Him to touch souls? If you are a layman, did you go to church Sunday for a nice quiet Sunday morning service, or did you go **expecting** the Holy Spirit to be there too, and **expecting** Him to draw souls to God? Do you get **excited** and **expect** things to happen, or do you just

drift along from day to day, taking things as they come?

Explo '72 *

At Mount Olive we have a way of getting very excited. If you don't feel excitement in your Christian life, I feel sorry for you, because to each of us, this is an important role in the life of a Christian. Right now we are excited about something very special and we are expecting great things to come of it. We are excited about Explo '72 (a Congress on Student Evangelism) and there are many reasons for our excitement and expectations.

First of all, they are expecting 100,000 students and laymen in Dallas, Texas, the week of June 12-17—one hundred thousand people gathered to study God's Word, how it applies to us, and how we can carry it to others. Second, there will be training sessions everyday with nationally and internationally known Christian leaders participating. Can you even imagine how much knowledge they have to share? These people will be from all over the United States. Of course, the gospel of Jesus Christ is the same everywhere, but think of all the new and different ways of sharing if they can teach us!

Think too of all the friends we will make. I like to think I have many friends, all different kinds of friends, but the ones that mean the **most** to me are those who share my love for Christ, because He is the most important factor in my life. At Explo, we will all be gathered for the same purpose—to learn about our Lord and how to carry His message to the lost. Can you think of any better place to make friends? Most of all, I am excited about learning about God's Word and how to share it with others.

Bob Harrington tells the story about the time he was overseas and he crawled into the backseat of a taxi. As it started moving, he asked the driver wouldn't he like to be a Christian. He said yes, he'd like to be a Buddhist Christian. So Mr. Harrington said, "Well, you tell me about Buddha and we'll see how he

stacks up against Jesus." So the driver said that Buddha was born for his people. Mr. Harrington said so was Christ. Buddha lived a life of example for people. So did Christ. Buddha was even willing to die for his people. So was Christ. Then he stopped. Mr. Harrington said, "Don't stop now." The driver said, "Well, that's all . . ." Mr. Harrington looked at him and said, "Well, Christ rose again for His people. Isn't that wonderful? Praise the Lord! But think of all the people today who are serving **dead gods**. What have all these gods got to offer? Pleasure for a season? Then what? That's not good enough. Confusion? **Satan** is the author of all confusion. Destruction? **Dead** causes destruction. So what's the point in serving gods like this? Do you reckon anyone has even told them about a living God who can remove all these things from their life? Many people would like to witness but won't because they don't know how.

Have you ever really been taught anything about witnessing? What do you say to a person who doesn't know Christ and could seemingly care less? What do you say to a person who is asking you questions that are deep into the Bible and religion and you won't know the answers? If you knew, you might could say exactly the right thing that would win them to Christ, but if you don't know, what happens to that person then? You may be their only hope. What if you say the wrong thing in witnessing? You might lead someone astray or drive them completely away. But what if you don't say something? Whose fault is it if they die and go to hell? Explo is going to teach thousands of people how to witness—not only to witness, but how to seek out opportunities, how to cope with problems in witnessing, and the best witness of all, how to live more effective Christian life.

I **know** that I'm going to receive a **blessing** at Explo that words can't describe. I know **miracles** are going to happen, and I know that I'm going to come back a much stronger Christian. Jesus promised that where two or three are gathered in His name, He will be there also. Multiply that by 33,000 **the least** and tell me that God isn't going to be there with showers of blessings!

Preparation for Revival

Explo can be the greatest thing to happen to the modern world. The lady in charge of group delegations told Mr. Fillingame that a group from Australia (continued on page thirteen)

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: When was the Sabbath Day the official day of worship changed from the seventh to the first day of the week?

Answer: The Old Testament Sabbath, designated in the law as the day of worship began at sunset on the sixth day of the week or as the sixth day closed at sunset and, was observed by the Hebrews and Old Testament saints until the church came into being. Then for awhile the Jewish followers observed the seventh day with the Jews who had not become believers so as to witness to the unsaved Jews. Some Gentiles attended Jewish activities with the Jewish believers, taking advantage of both the meetings in the temple and those in synagogues to witness to unsaved, both Jews and proselytes.

The church is a new race being spiritual offsprings of Christ. We are resurrection people that have become identified with Christ in faith (see John 3:36). We died when we became aware through the law of our disobedience to Christ. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death to me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful" (Romans 7:12, 13).

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, wrote, ". . . the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (2 Corinthians 3:6). But now are we delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of the spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter" (Romans 7:6); "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah" (Jeremiah 31:31); "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28); "But now hath he obtained more excellent ministry, by how much so he is the mediator of a better movement, which was established upon bet-

ter promises. . . . In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away" (Hebrews 8:6, 13); "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love" (Galatians 5:4-6); "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them" (Galatians 3:10).

The law was a glorious gift to the Jews. It served as a schoolmaster (a slave in charge of disciplining the student, influencing him to prepare to recite to his teacher). "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For we are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:22-27).

For awhile Jesus' followers met and ate food together, discussing gospel truths, and fellowshiping. "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. . . . And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:42, 46, 47).

Paul met with them after he was saved and they had fellowship all night. "And upon the first day of the week,

when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight. . . . When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed" (Acts 20:7, 11).

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2). This commandment, made of Paul and written under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, gives evidence to the fact that the first day of the week, as that observed by the apostles, was well established while Paul was living.

Then John writes: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea" (Revelation 1:10, 11).

Several commentaries express the opinion that John being banished to the Isle of Patmos, working under a sentence of hard labor for preaching the gospel, gave special thought and energy in worship knowing that the churches he had been ministering to were at that very time engaged in worship. Here and in this frame of mind the Holy Spirit came upon him directing him to write the Book of Revelation. This seems feasible to me. Anyway, it was on the first day of the week that he received this inspiration to write so wonderful a book that is unique in that it gives to us information we need in a concise way that is not given elsewhere in the Bible.

R. C. H. Lenski gives us a thought provoking discussion on this subject on Pages 825, 826 in his book. **Interpretation of the Acts of the Apostles:**

"Jewish Christians may for a time have retained the seventh day of the week; but in the Gentile churches as 1 Corinthians 16:2 certainly shows, the first day was the day of public worship. This day was sacred from the time mentioned in John 20:19, as the day of Christ's resurrection, and at once became more sacred as commemorating also the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The break with the Jewish Sabbath became decisive the moment the converted Jews withdrew from the synagogue: they no longer wanted to be identified with

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STORIES

for our youth



THE SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

ROSALIE W. DOSS

GREG was mowing the lawn when Phillip and Andy came by.

"Come play ball with us, Greg. We need a good pitcher," said Phillip.

"I can't come," said Greg. "I have to finish this lawn and then do some other work."

"You must be getting good pay to be working so hard," said Andy.

"Very good pay," answered Greg.

Two hours later, when Phillip and Andy came back from their ball game, Greg was still working in the yard. He had finished the mowing. Now he was weeding flower beds.

"Who won the game?" asked Greg.

"We didn't," said Phillip. "But we might have, if you had been there to pitch."

"Too bad, Greg, "but I had to get this job finished today."

Andy and Phillip looked at Greg. Sweat was running down his face. His hands were dirty and grass-stained from pulling up weeds.

"You look tired, Greg," said Andy. "You should really be paid well for this job."

"I've already been paid," said Greg.

"Then why do you work so hard?" asked Andy. "If you have already collected, you don't need to knock yourself out."

Greg only smiled. He said, "See you later. I have to go back to work."

The sun was just setting when Phillip and Andy came by on their bikes. They

had been riding in the park all afternoon.

"Look at old Greg!" cried Phillip. "He's still working in that yard."

But what was Greg doing? He seemed to be crawling around on his hands and knees.

When Andy and Phillip got closer, they saw that Greg was setting out little plants with lavender blossoms that looked like little faces.

"What are those?" asked Andy.

"Pansies," said Greg.

"Would you ever have thought you would see the day when our star pitcher would get down on his hands and knees to plant such tiny flowers?" teased Andy.

Phillip shook his head in wonder. Then he asked, "Greg, are you being paid extra to plant the flowers?"

"No," said Greg. "The flowers are my own idea."

Now Andy and Phillip really did stare at Greg.

"Who lives in this house anyway that you should go to so much trouble?" asked Phillip.

"My family and I live here," said Greg.

"But I thought you lived over on the other side of the park," said Phillip.

"We used to live near the park," said Greg. "We moved to this house several days ago."

"But that still doesn't explain all the hard work. Surely your folks don't expect you to do all this work in one day," said Phillip.

"No," said Greg. "This was my own idea. Doing the yard work and planting the flowers are my gift to my mother for Mother's Day."

"But you said you had already been paid," Andy reminded him.

"I have. My mother has worked all the days of my life helping me to live a good Christian life. She does many

kind and thoughtful things for me every day. I thought doing the yard work and planting her favorite flowers for Mother's Day would show her in a small way that I appreciate the things she does for me."

"When is Mother's Day, anyway?" asked Phillip suddenly.

"Tomorrow," said Greg.

"Come on, Andy," cried Phillip. "You had better go to the drugstore and get our mothers something."

"Yes," agreed Andy. "I have only a little change in my pocket. But it should be enough to buy a nice card."

"Thanks for reminding us about Mother's Day," called Phillip over his shoulder, as he and Andy took off on their bikes.

"See you tomorrow at Sunday school and church. There will be special Mother's Day services," Greg shouted after them.

"Sure!" said Phillip.

Greg smiled as he planted the last of the pansies. He liked Phillip and Andy even if they were a little forgetful and thoughtless at times.

Greg was glad he had remembered Mother's Day in time to give his mother this special gift of a pretty yard. And there was a little note that he would add to the card he had made for her. The note read:

Taking care of the yard
The whole summer through,
Is my special gift
To a wonderful mother like you!
—My Pleasant Son

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1972 Commencement Exercises

Saturday Morning, May Thirteenth

9 O'clock Worship Service, First Baptist Church

10:30 O'clock Graduation, Downtown Campus Lawn

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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is chartered a plane to come be with
But think of us, now. Think first
Mount Olive College. We've had a
ritual revival, but it is still far from
filling its potential. Explo might well
the thing that is really going to turn
Mount Olive College inside out for the
ord. There will be many students go-
g who will be returning to Mount Olive
ext fall. What blessings they will have
share!

Think of other college campuses.
any of us will be transferring, but how
you witness on a campus like East
Carolina University? Explo is going to
ach me how.

Think of our churches. How long has
been since your church had a revival—
real revival, not just a week of services
with a guest speaker, but revival in the
love and joy of Jesus Christ, a heart-
arching, soul-saving revival? Most
churches today don't know what it
means, but Explo can help our young
people in bringing a revival to your
church; and above all, to the Universal
Church. This is our aim, isn't it—win-
ning souls to Christ?

Yes, I believe that Explo has the po-
tential of being the ignition to the re-
vival fires of the world, to North Caro-
lina, to Mount Olive, Wilson, Selma, Kins-
ton, Ayden, and every little crossroad
everywhere.

Please give us your support and pray
with us for this adventure in Christ. We
are going to Explo because we believe
the Holy Spirit is leading us there. He
has great things in store for us and we
are going to claim them and then come
back and share them with everyone we
possibly can!

Biographical note: Miss Edwards is the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Edwards
of Wilson, North Carolina. At Mount Olive
College she is an active member of the
Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship and
editor of the College Yearbook, "Olive
Leaves." She is a member of the First Free
Will Baptist Church of Wilson.
She will graduate in May from Mount
Olive College and plans to continue her
education at East Carolina University where
she will major in elementary education.

A Letter to the Editor

Mr. Tommy Manning, Editor
The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
Ayden, North Carolina

Dear Tommy:
Below is a quotation from a letter

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

written by a person who will soon join
the staff of Mount Olive College.

"It was through the media of **The Free Will Baptist** publication that I really be-
came interested in the work of the Col-
lege. I became hungry after reading of
the 'Oriental Experience.' The articles
about Explo '72 generated more hunger
and thirst and I was led to do something
about it—to find this Bread of Life and
Well that never runs dry.

"I believe we need more effort in our
churches to get the members subscribing
to and reading **The Free Will Baptist**.
This will be one way that they will be
more aware of the work of the College.
I was amazed at how few of the mem-
bers of our church subscribe. This
prompted me recently to propose that
our circle be responsible for a drive to
get the paper in our church homes. I
am serving on this committee. Perhaps
other circles or Sunday school classes
will take this on for a project."

... I thought you would be interested
in the above letter. If you wish to use
this quotation in any way, I am sure that
the writer, whom I would like to remain
anonymous, will be glad for you to do so.

Best regards,
W. Burkette Raper
President

DR. RAPER TO APPEAR ON WITN

President W. Burkette Raper of
Mount Olive College will be a guest of
Mrs. Kay Currie on WITN-TV (Channel 7)
on Sunday, May 14, at 11 a.m. He will
discuss "New Concepts in College Admis-
sions."

Mount Olive College is inaugurating a
new concept of admissions which in-
cludes the following provisions:

1. A plan whereby rising high school
seniors can begin their studies at Mount
Olive College during the summer preced-
ing their senior year of high school.

2. An accelerated program under
which students can complete their first
two years of college one year after
graduation from high school.

3. A continuous admissions program
under which students can be admitted
at any time and not have to wait until
the beginning of a regular academic
term.

4. A program under which students
within commuting distance of Mount
Olive can enroll in selected courses at
the College during their senior year in
high school.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when
needed, for any church that is seeking a
pastor and for any minister who is seeking
a church to serve and would like to give
such notice. Please send the necessary in-
formation to the editor of "The Free Will
Baptist." Each notice will run for two is-
sues only.)

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church,
Route 1, Snow Hill, North Carolina, is in
need of a pastor. The church has ser-
vices every Sunday and prayer meeting
on Wednesday evenings. The church does
not own a parsonage.

Any minister interested in serving
this church may contact Mrs. Carole D.
Burrress, clerk, Route 1, Box 419, Snow
Hill, North Carolina 28580, or by tele-
phoning Farmville 753-5240.

The Rev. Bill Gaylor announces that
he is available for pastoral work with
any church desiring his services. He is
currently employed as a teacher in the
public school system. He holds a Bach-
elor of Science degree and a partial ful-
fillment of Master's degree in education.
He may be contacted by calling Belhaven
943-2869.

MISSIONS

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first, and as you do, the church becomes
colder and colder like unto death?

Do you want peace, love, and church
growth? Then put Jesus first, others
second, and yourself last, and see what
will happen. The Spirit of God will fill
your life and your church, and the big
problems will vanish into dust.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strange-
ly dim
In the light of His glory and grace."
—Helen Howarth Lemmel.

No one knows of the work it makes

To keep the home together;
Nobody knows the steps it takes,
Nobody knows but Mother.

Nobody knows the lessons taught
Of loving one another;
Nobody knows the patience sought,
Nobody knows but Mother.

—Selected.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 21



The Church's Teaching Ministry

Lesson Text: 1 Timothy 4:6-12; 2 Timothy 2:1, 2

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16, 17

I. INTRODUCTION

It is not enough to receive new members into the church; we must also teach and train them in the Christian way. The task of adequate assimilation through teaching and instruction is one of the largest and often the most neglected of the church.

As Jesus walked with His disciples He taught them carefully and commanded them to teach others who would come under their care. As we teach the Word of God we should make every effort to relate what we teach to the vital concerns of life. In doing so, we must be careful to teach the Scriptures with integrity, refraining from injecting our own opinions and ideas which may be contrary to the intent of the Word.

Along with this we should let our lives be factors in teaching. It is one thing to teach precepts; it is another to live an example of what we teach. Young converts will be more impressed by our manner of living than by what we say.

No church has fulfilled its obligation to new Christians until it has done all within its power to help increase their faith and bring them up in the nurture of the Lord. Of the many ways to do this, teaching is perhaps the most effective. This fact was emphasized so strongly by Paul in his letters to Timothy, his young "son" in the ministry. From his instructions to Timothy we may, in this lesson, catch a new spirit of Bible teaching.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. A faithful minister is one who teaches his people the Word of God and its doctrines (1 Timothy 4:6; 2 Peter 1:14-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-4).

B. That which is based upon profane and old wives' fables or upon the wisdom

of men should be rejected without question or hesitation (1 Timothy 4:7; Colossians 2:8; Romans 1:22).

C. The best way to teach men is by the example of a godly life (1 Timothy 4:12; 1 John 2:6).

D. By being "strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:1), the believer would not be depending upon the flesh (Galatians 5:6; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

E. Paul had committed the truth to Timothy, who was obligated to commit the same truth to faithful men, who would be able to commit it to other faithful men (2 Timothy 2:2).

F. The gospel produces godliness and thus pertains to the present life as well as the life which is to come (1 Timothy 4:8).—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A collector of etchings had one of the famous leaning tower of Pisa, which hung over his desk. For several years he found it hanging crooked despite the fact that he straightened it every morning. At last he spoke to the maid, asking if she had anything to do with its lopsided condition. "Why yes," she answered; "I have to hang it crooked to make the tower stand straight."

We are not to try to twist the Scriptures to make our own opinions stand straight. Instead we are to correct our opinions and actions to bring them in accord with the Scriptures. If all professing Christians would adopt this simple rule, Christian unity would follow, for all would believe and practice the one plan which God has provided for our salvation.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

B. A child learns the ABC's in school. These are fundamental to reading and writing. The church too must teach the fundamentals, the ABC's of the Christian faith.

First, the church must teach men to **accept** God's Word as the only rule of faith and practice. We can know nothing about God except as it is revealed unto us in His written Word, the **Bible**.

To teach God's Word fully it is very important to teach about God's only Son Jesus Christ. The first four books of the New Testament are written about His sinless life. After we have learned about the Christ, we must study the epistles or letters in the New Testament, for in them we find the **doctrines** or teachings of Christ set forth. Paul admonished Timothy to "take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in the same for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee" (1 Timothy 4:16). **Evangelism** necessarily follows. After the church has well-grounded men in the true doctrine, they too must go out and teach others. Hence Paul says to Timothy "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

Each one of us should be busy every day of our lives learning the ABC's of Christianity.

Thus we have:

- A—Acceptance
- B—Bible
- C—Christ
- D—Doctrine
- E—Evangelism

—Adapted from Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. Dr. Wilbur Chapman had this which he called "My Rule for Christian Living." The rule that governs my life is this: anything that dims my vision of Christ or takes away my taste for Bible study or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.—The Watchman Examiner

D. Charles H. Spurgeon once told of a man who spoke so well in the pulpit that the people said he should never come out of it. But, when the same man was out of the pulpit, his conduct was so bad that the people said he should never enter the pulpit.

Words and conduct have been joined together by God, and what God has joined, man dares not put asunder. "Practice what you preach." Can't we all reverse that advice and make it say "Preach what you practice"? Jesus said that a man will be judged for every idle word. Are not the spirit and import of the Bible also that men will be judged for their every cowardly silence?—C. F. Bowen.

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"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do NOTHING!"

FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS

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pressive than anything she could have. I could not know then that she was praying and firmly believing that in His love and mercy would save one she loved so much.

One hot Sunday evening in August we were getting ready for church, as usual, when Papa quietly went into the kitchen and began to shave. We looked at each other, not daring to voice the spark of awe in our hearts. Then from the kitchen, "Ma, is my other shirt clean?"

Of course his other shirt was clean! I replied calmly, as though a daily occurrence, she handed it to him. But I knew years later, when I had a like reward of faith, just how loudly her heart was singing. That night, he accompanied us to church, the place where we had found our only source of consolation and joy during those dark years. When the altar call was made, he knelt at once and wept his way to Calvary. The birth of a soul into the family of God is always a miracle; but the great change in my father was something to behold. Instead of giving way to anger, he became the very essence of humility and meekness! Needless to say, his health improved greatly.

Soon after, just before I was thirteen, I found the Lord, and oh what a happy Christian family we became and remained.

All this because of one woman's courage, patience, endurance, and above all, unshakable faith in her Lord. With such a heritage, the richest child may grow up very poor in the real values of life. As for me, though I possess little of this world's goods, I am rich in the faith implanted in me, as a child, by my mother's example—nothing she said, but how she lived.

I write this prayerfully for any reader who may have an unsaved or drifting companion. Never compromise! Pray without ceasing with a faith that knows defeat!

O for faith that brings the triumph
When defeat seems strangely near;
O for faith that changes fighting
Into vict'ry's ringing cheer.
Faith triumphant!
Knowing not defeat or fear!

Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell;
Or kiss the place to make it well?

MY MOTHER!"

—Selected.

Questions & Answers

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the hostile Jews, and the keeping of Sunday in place of Saturday thus received a strong impetus from the beginning.

"But there is no command anywhere in the new Testament obligating believers to observe Sunday. In the old covenant Saturday was fixed by divine law for the Jews. In the new covenant no day is fixed in any manner by any law. The supposition that Christ or His apostles transferred the legal sanction from Saturday to Sunday is without support. To call our Sunday the Christian 'Sabbath' is to apply a wrong and misleading name. Sunday as a day of rest and worship for Christians is just the opposite of the Jewish Sabbath. The latter was wholly compulsory, the former is altogether voluntary. We keep Sunday because we want and need it for the public worship without which we cannot get along in our Christian life. The Lord wants His Word preached and taught, and that publicly; to do that to the best advantage we must have a set day. The old covenant serves as an example. Thus without any legal constraint whatever, in the most natural and voluntary manner, and in the sensible and wholesome exercise of our New Testament liberty, with the greatest unanimity since the earliest apostolic days, Sunday is our day of public worship. We refuse to attach anything legal to it that may be in conflict with Colossians 2:16 or Galatians 5:1."

So we keep as our special day of worship the first day of the week, that on which Christ was raised from the dead to show that we are resurrection folk. We commemorate that glorious day when He the Son of God broke asunder the bonds of death as the first fruits of the resurrection. Since He died and rose again, we who die in Him are to arise as He meets us in the air.

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GROW LOVELY GROWING OLD!

"Let me grow lovely growing old,

So many fine things do;
Silks and ivory and gold,
And laces need not be new.
There is healing in old trees,
Old streets a glamour hold,
Why not I as well as they
Grow lovely, growing old?"

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"The place to begin training your child is in the high chair; the electric chair is too late."

Cragmont Camp Schedule

(May 15—October 15, 1972)

June 5-10—**Youth Frontier Conference**—(YFA, ages 13 and up)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, 103 James Street, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar; co-director, Linwood Smith.

June 12-17—**General Youth Conference**—(all ages)—the Rev. Willis Wilson, director; the Rev. L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, registrar.

June 19-23—**Ministers' Conference**—the Rev. David C. Hansley, director.

June 26—July 1—**Christian Cadets' Conference**—(all ages)—the Rev. Raymond Jones, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, North Carolina 27703, director-registrar.

July 3-8—**Youth Frontier Conference**—(YFA, ages 13 and up)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, 103 James Street, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar; Linwood Smith, codirector.

July 10-15—**Youth Frontier Conference**—(AFC, ages 9-12)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, 103 James Street, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar; the Rev. David C. Hansley, codirector.

July 31—August 5—**Young People's Bible Conference**—the Rev. D. W. Cleve, Route 2, Box 109, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557, registrar.

August 14-19—**Woman's Auxiliary Week**—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 97, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530, registrar; Mrs. Dola Dudley, codirector.

August 21-26—**Family Week**—the Rev. N. B. Barrow, director-registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Route 1, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

Please send your registration fee of \$7 to the registrar of your conference.

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BLOWING ONE'S TOP!

Keep your temper! Nobody else wants it! When under fire, how easy it is to give offending ones a piece of our minds, which results in our losing our own peace of mind.—W. B. K.

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Abraham Lincoln: I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man.

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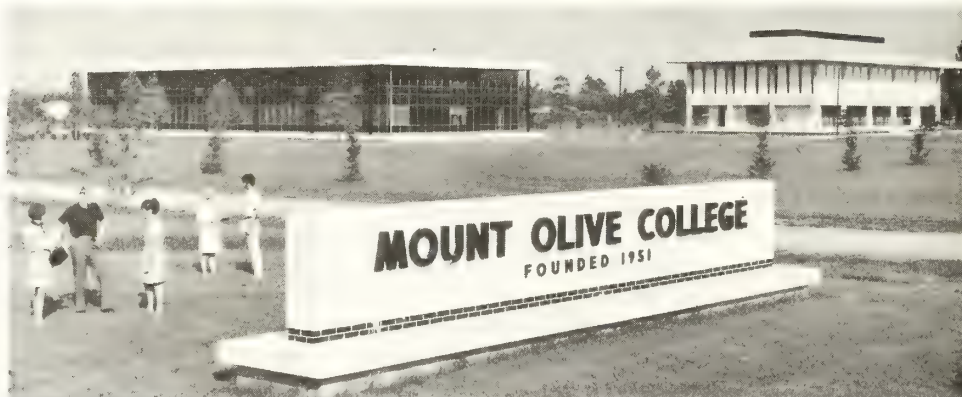
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HOW IMPORTANT WILL MOTHER BE AFTER
MOTHER'S DAY?

HOW IMPORTANT WILL MOTHER BE AFTER MOTHER'S DAY?

How important will Mother be after Mother's Day?

- ... when the carnations have withered and the roses have faded.
- ... when the bud vase is empty and is placed on the shelf.
- ... when the same old routine has begun once more.

How important will Mother be after Mother's Day?

... when the corsage has been placed in the refrigerator, not to be worn again, but to be preserved as long as possible for remembrance sake.

... when her smiles are replaced by tears because all of a sudden she's forgotten, when for awhile she had been made to feel so important.

... when it'll be a long time before the children "make" over her again, and she's just taken for granted and not thought of too often.

How important will Mother be after Mother's Day?

... when the telephone sits silent, though she craves the sound of her distant child's voice.

... when a mother's ring has been placed on her finger and the children expect it to speak for them, when she would much rather have heard three words bespeaking their love.

... when the rain comes and she has to sit inside, alone and lonely.

How important will Mother be after Mother's Day?

... when sorrow clouds her countenance and no one seems to care anymore.

... when her heart is broken again by one of her children's careless remarks.

... when she's taken from rather than given to, and disregarded except for what gain she can provide.

How important will Mother be after Mother's Day?

... when there has been so much to-do about her special day, but she has to wait another year before she is given special consideration again.

... when she takes her last breath and is dressed for her funeral.

... when regrets are spoken, respects are paid, tears are shed over her lifeless body, and kisses are pressed on her cold face.

How important will Mother be after Mother's Day?

... when the damp earth is shoveled in her grave to hide her forever from human view.

How important will Mother be after Mother's Day?

... when all that is left are a picture, a memory, a favorite lace handkerchief, and her empty chair.

How important will Mother be after Mother's Day?

You tell me...

Better still, tell her!



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by
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CHERYL FRENCH and Katie Sommers were best friends. What made it better was that they lived next to each other and attended the same church. Cheryl and Katie were members of the junior department in Sunday school. They were both ten years old.

But Katie was more observant than Cheryl. She saw things which Cheryl never seemed to notice. After a while, it became a game with them. Katie would go somewhere with Cheryl, and when they returned Katie would ask her about unusual things she remembered. Cheryl hardly ever guessed right, so she would tell her.

That's the way it was on Sunday afternoon when Katie came over to Cheryl's house.

"Did you notice anything different in church today?" asked Katie.

"Nothing unusual, I guess," replied Cheryl warily.

"Oh, come on; make a guess," coaxed Katie. "It's something everyone should have seen."

"No, honestly, Katie, I can't remember anything different."

"Well, I'll tell you then," said Katie triumphantly. "There were new posters all over the place!"

"Hey, that's right," Cheryl replied. "I remember seeing some new ones in the corridor as we went in, and our assembly leader used new ones for song time."

"Exactly," added Katie a little pompously. "And I know why they were there. My father, you know, is on the audio-visuals committee at church. He told me about the workshop they had on Thursday night on making posters, and he just knew some new ones would be up today!"

Cheryl felt like saying "Big deal!" But Katie was her best friend, so she just kept quiet. She wished her father were on some important board or committee in the church, but Mr. French didn't like to get involved in things like that.

As Katie prattled on about a wide variety of subjects, Cheryl merely nodded and said whatever was necessary to be polite. But in the back of her mind an idea was forming—she wanted to see if the junior department superintendent would sponsor a poster contest. Cheryl was good in art at school, and maybe she could make a contribution!

The next Sunday, Cheryl approached Mr. Key, the departmental superintendent, dragging Katie along for moral support. He thought her idea was really good, so he laid plans to announce a contest the following week. Cheryl came through with the prize poster—and rose about three points in Katie's estimation, although Katie took the credit for suggesting the memory verse which Cheryl had printed and illustrated on her winning poster.

Homemade posters may be a mixed blessing in churches. On the one hand, they give opportunity for individuals to do creative thinking and layout work, and this is to be encouraged. On the other hand, you run the risk of hurting people's feelings if their posters are poor and have to be rejected.

Prevention is better than cure, so it would be best to lay down definite rules beforehand and back them up with instruction on how to prepare acceptable

posters. Perhaps an artist within the church, or one brought in for the purpose, could offer workshops to all who are interested. When the entries come in, make certain that all who contribute posters realize that the audio-visuals committee can use only those which are suitable. If any is rejected, a note explaining how it could be improved and resubmitted should accompany it.

Flip charts actually are made up of a series of posters fastened together in some way. All such flip charts and posters ought to be kept on file by the audio-visuals committee for future use. This committee should also be constantly on the lookout for new ones to bring to the attention of the teachers.

Posters may be constructed from a variety of materials. The most popular is posterboard, which may be purchased from stationery stores, school supply firms, art supply centers, and print shops. Window shades and bamboo curtains also have been used. They have the added advantage of easy storage because they can be rolled up when not in use. Posters may be attached directly to the surface of a chalkboard set aside for this purpose. Make sure that whatever is used to fasten the posters can be easily removed and will not damage the chalkboard.

Posters fall into three main categories as far as church work is concerned. The three basic types are announcement, information, and entertainment.

The announcement poster is usually mounted in an entryway, corridor, or other conspicuous spot where the flow of traffic is heavy. Such posters may often be placed outside the church in store windows and other locations where the general public will see them. An announcement poster usually tells of some forthcoming special event, although some might be displayed to announce the results of an event, such as an election of church officers.

The information poster is the kind used in the classroom as a visual aid to learning. This type of poster can be used effectively for the study of Bible books, memory verses, songs, stories, lists, outlines, charts, diagrams, graphs, and many other instructional items. Such posters help students learn much faster and retain what they learn longer than by hearing alone.

The entertainment poster is designed to appeal to the aesthetic nature or sense of humor of the people who see it. A beautiful drawing or geometric design may be pleasing to the eye, or a cartoon

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SUNDAY, MAY 21

SPURGEON PRESENTED CHRIST

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 1:12

"How did you like Mr. Spurgeon?" asked one of a friend who had just returned from hearing the famous preacher.

The reply was, "I forgot to investigate Mr. Spurgeon; my attention was drawn so closely to the Saviour of whom he was preaching."—*Watchman-Examiner*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

His reply said more than enough for the famous preacher. We know that this man was one of God's own. Are we?

MONDAY, MAY 22

THE NIGHT I PRAYED

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:6

I was awakened one night while my husband was overseas, with an urgent need to pray. My heart was frantic, for something told me he was in grave danger. And through the long hours of the night I was on my knees beseeching God for the safety of my loved one.

The next day the radio blared the news of the "Belgian Bulge" and somehow I was sure my fears had been in this connection. I marked the date and time of the night and resolved to compare notes with my husband when and if I should ever see him again.

He came home a year later and one of the first things I wanted to know was his situation the night when I had prayed. We even took into consideration the changes in time zones and according to his diary those very hours when I was on my knees, his whole battalion was surrounded by the Germans. Many of his friends were massacred in the much written up "observation" battalion which met such a sad fate but God "preserved him alive."—*Helen Eisenhart*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we ever feel the need to talk to God, May we not put it off. Someone may be in desperate need of our prayers, and God is always ready to listen to us.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

CERTAINLY I WILL BE WITH THEE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 75:1

Many years ago, a little boy lay on his small bed, having just retired for the night. Before going to sleep, he moved in the direction of the large bed on which his father lay, and said, "Father, are you there?" and the answer came back, "Yes, my son." I remember that that boy turned over and went to sleep without a thought of harm.

Tonight that little boy is an old man of seventy, and every night before going to sleep he looks up into the face of his heavenly Father and says, "Father, are you there?" and the answer comes back clear and strong, "Yes, my son."

Whom need we fear if God our Father be with us?—*Scattered Seed*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we have the beautiful faith of this little boy—and the aging man? It is a wonderful feeling to be totally without fear. If we do not know that feeling, we are most miserable. How do you feel?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

PUTTING DOWN OUR WHOLE WEIGHT

Scripture Reading—Hosea 10:12

To celebrate an old man's seventy-fifth birthday, an aviation enthusiast offered to take him for a plane ride over the little West Virginia town where he spent all his life. The old man accepted the offer. Back on the ground, after circling over the town twenty minutes, his friend asked, "Were you scared, Uncle Dudley?" "No-o-o-," was the hesitant answer. "But I never did put my full weight down." We smile at the remark of the old man, but there is no doubt of the fact that there are many Christians who are exactly the same way. They have been offered and have received salvation; they enter Christ, but they never put their full weight down on Him. He's carrying them all the time, but they are tense and unrelaxed in their Christian life and do not know the joy that comes from complete rest in Him.—*Eternity*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Why not put our "full weight" down? We can trust our Lord completely and really know the height of joy that a Christian can and should know. God would have it that way.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

HELPED BY BEING HURT

Scripture Reading—Acts 9:16

Sometimes we are helped by being hurt. A skilled physician about to perform a delicate operation upon the ear said reassuringly, "I may hurt you, but I will not injure you." How often the great Physician speaks to us the same message if we would only listen! Richer life, more abundant health for every child of his, is his only purpose. Why defeat that purpose?—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To know that God does not want to hurt us even! If we could only live so He would

not have to. It must hurt Him even more than it does us.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

THE OPTIMISTIC FROG

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:9

Two frogs fell into a deep cream bowl. One was an optimistic soul; But the other took the gloomy view, "We shall drown," he cried, without maddo.

So with a last despairing cry, He flung up his legs and he said "Goodbye."

Quote the other frog with a merry grin, "I can't get out, but I won't give in. I'll just swim round till my strength is spent. Then will I die the more content." Bravely he swam till it would seem His struggles began to churn the cream. On the top of the butter at last he stopped. And out of the bowl he gaily hopped. What of the moral? 'Tis easily found: If you can't hop out, keep swimming round.—*Select*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have we found our pat of butter or we still "swimming around"? As learners as we are, surely we know we couldn't get in like the first frog. Dare we risk the optimism of the other frog?

SATURDAY, MAY 27

A WISE LAD

Scripture Reading—Psalm 133:1

In his home a pastor was counseling privately with a man. They heard the patter of feet. The closed door opened. A little boy entered the room. The man turned toward the boy and asked him a question. "Son, suppose your dad and mamma would quarrel, what would you do? Would you with your mamma fight against your dad or would you help your dad against your mamma?"

After a moment's silence, the following thoughtful answer came from the son of the pastor: "I would not side with either. I would stay in between and try to stop the fighting."—*Christian Index*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Little children really do lead us. Sometimes their answers put us to shame—They can tell us much. Dare we listen to the little ones?

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THOMAS CARLYLE'S LOVE AND LONGING

When Thomas Carlyle lay dying, he was asked if there was anything he wanted. Turning his face to the wall, the granite of his Scotch heart broke up, and the old man sobbed, "I want ma mither!" —*Brengle's Ancient Prophets*.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Tribute to Our Pastor

Our hearts were saddened when our pastor, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, tendered his resignation, effective June 30, 1972. Brother Sasser has been the pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, for the past sixteen and one-half years. Our church was organized in September, 1953, and ten years later in November, 1955, Brother Sasser accepted a call to become its second pastor and has served the church faithfully since that time.

As the pastor of a full-time church with a complete program for teaching the gospel and winning the lost to Christ, he is always busy in the Lord's work. He is almost a daily visitor to the hospital, and on occasions makes several visits a day. Quite frequently some of our members are hospitalized in their cities, but he always finds time to visit them as well. No matter when he is called he responds willingly to help comfort the sick, the bereaved, or those who have problems of any kind. He spends endless hours visiting and witnessing to the lost as well as contacting absentees. A life-long Free Will Baptist, he is deep rooted in the faith and preaching the Word without apology.

A dedicated and consecrated leader, he has won the respect of the business people in Tarboro. He not only leads the way, but walks in the way that people honor and respect.

Not only has he been faithful in discharging his duties as a pastor, but he has proven to be a capable administrator, leading the church in its building programs through the years. The final payment was made on the church property in April, 1972, clearing the church of all recorded debt. The mortgage was turned during the morning worship service on Easter Sunday.

One outstanding asset to our pastor's ministry has been his very lovely and talented wife who has worked side-by-side with him through the years. She has served the church as music director, pianist, organist, Sunday school teacher, and in many other capacities. One of her greatest contributions has been her help in working with the women in auxiliary work. She has given untiringly of her time and talent leading and advising

our auxiliary which consists of five circles numbering about 65 members.

We can truly say that this pastor team has been an all-important part of our church these past sixteen and one-half years. All we can say now is, "Thank you, Brother and Sister Sasser, and thank God for sending you and your family our way to share your lives with us and to share our moments of joy and moments of sorrow."

Our prayer is that God will continue to bless you and use you in the same wonderful way He has used you here.

Respectfully submitted,
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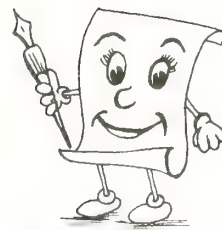
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GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

A certain unruffled lady seems to have been born to teach second grade. She copes with anything from lost pencils to misplaced cookies to broken heads. And with more creative ideas for things to do than they have time for, she's always three jumps ahead of the children.

But instead of her usual "Good morning," she startled me with "Only 19 more days!"

"Don't tell me you're counting the days! The rest of us are counting weeks."

"Well, I'm tired," she laughed. "I look at the children and see they've matured, and they're reading better, and most of them have improved their manners. The first of the year nobody thinks how long it is. But by now the children are worn out, and so am I. So I've put up a calendar and they're marking off the days till vacation begins."

And there's her secret for serenity: one day at a time and don't think how long it's going to be.

Had the disciples known Christ wouldn't return during their lives, what would have happened to them? If He had said, "I'll be back in 2,000 years or so. Look for me," they would have felt no urgency about spreading the gospel or living right or enduring persecution. But expecting Him momentarily, they were sort of "counting the days" until His return.

All the New Testament writers seemed to feel that He would reappear suddenly. They saw signs: war, pestilence, apostasy, crime—all the things we see. However, more time has elapsed and we're years nearer to His return. Also, the gospel has been preached to most of the world. God's Word has been translated into all but about 1,000 languages. Yet, who knows whether the radio has carried the message into all the world already?

I'm glad we don't know the date. Perhaps His return is very close and we should start marking our calendars, one day at a time.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Ayden Seminary—Eureka College Alumni Meeting

The Ayden Seminary—Eureka College annual alumni meeting will be held Wednesday, May 17, at 10 a.m., in the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. All members are urged to be present.

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Revival Services in Progress At Lanwood Chapel Church

Revival services are in progress at Lanwood Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, and will continue through Friday night, May 19. The time of the meeting is 8 p. m., and the visiting evangelist is the Rev. Robert D. Jones of Smithfield, pastor of the Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of the services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Homecoming and Memorial Day At Rains' Cross Roads

The Rains' Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming and Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 21. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed with the message by the pastor, the Rev. Bill Futch, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour, and a singspiration will be held in the afternoon.

The pastor and the church membership invite all friends, relatives, and former pastors to be with them on this day.

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Lloyd Vernon to Teach Course for Licensed Ministers

The Rev. Lloyd Vernon will begin a course on Bible doctrine and church history at Whaley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Richlands, North Carolina, May 22, at 7:30, for licensed ministers of the Eastern Conference.

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Report On 1972 N. C. Sunday School Convention

by L. E. Ballard, Field Secretary

With 81 Sunday schools reporting, 72 of which registered representatives in attendance, the 1972 North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention which was held with Gum Swamp church in Pitt County, on April 15, was considered by many of the Sunday school leaders as one of the most encouraging conventions held in recent years.

An analysis of the registration blanks show attendance of 20 superintendents, 45 pastors, 69 teachers and officers, and 146 pupils not holding office in schools. Eighteen schools by attendance of the required number and donations of the required amount qualified for the Convention Honor Roll.

The president of the convention, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox, was unable to attend because of illness. In his absence, the convention was very ably presided over by the vice-president, Mr. Loomis Crocker. Proceedings of the convention were recorded by the Rev. Harry A. Jones, the recording secretary, who also assisted the presiding officer by presenting the speakers for the program. The field secretary supervised registrations and acted as "behind the scenes" coordination officer, which is part of his duties.

The information and inspirational features of the day were well presented and received with favor by the congregation. The theme for the convention was "Soul Winning"; and it was ably emphasized with talks by Mrs. Ruth W. Stokes of the Black Jack church, the Rev. Taylor Hill of the Fayetteville church, and Mrs. Ruby Hancock of St. Mary's church of New Bern, respectfully, on the subjects: "Soul Winning Through Christian Example," "Soul Winning Through Visitation," and "Soul Winning Through Evangelistic Teaching."

A special program presented in the afternoon by a group of young people from the Community church of Weldon,

under direction of the Rev. and Vance Link, dramatically emphasized power of the witness of dedicated young people in the winning of souls. The feature of this program was a play titled, "No Turning Back," which depicted the soul struggle of a young Christian called of God to be a missionary. There were but few dry eyes in the congregation as characters representing souls, one by one passed across stage, pausing briefly before the recording angel who held the "Book of Life" to learn that their names were not written in the book, and going off with the haunting question, "Why did you not tell me about Jesus?"

The election of general officers resulted in an almost complete new slate; and the treasurer, Mr. Milton Wiggs, been reelected. The new general officers who will serve for two years, are: Os Webster, president; the Rev. Adm. Grubbs, vice-president; and Steve Little, recording secretary.

Convention Honor Roll

Ayden, First Church
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REGISTER FOR CRAGMONT NOW!

Young people have you registered for your conference of your choice at Cragmont for this summer? The encampments this year, as always, are going to be great! Don't mess around and miss out on all the fun and the opportunity to attend the encampment of your choice. Pastors and youth leaders, encourage your youth to attend Cragmont Assembly this summer! The cost this year is the same as last year. The total cost is \$37 per camper, plus their spending money. The registration fee of \$7 must be included with the registration. The balance of \$30 is due upon boarding the bus. Many youth groups have special projects to help pay the cost of encampments; this is a worthwhile endeavor.

Last year a couple of the encampments were filled by the middle of May. Don't wait until June or July to register, that may be too late! Be sure to send your registration fee and information to the registrar of the conference you wish to attend. Include your full name, mailing address, age, sex, or any allergies or serious physical handicaps that you might have. All of this information is important!

If for any reason you cannot attend a week of your first preference make application immediately to one of the other weeks. All of the encampments are a lot of fun and you will receive a great spiritual blessing by attending any one of them. We look forward to seeing any of you at Cragmont!

For those church groups planning weekend retreats we remind you to be sure to make application with the managers in advance. After May 15 their address will be: The Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Barrow Sr., Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

Notice to Conference Directors

In order to avoid confusion we wish to remind each conference director of the number of campers that you may have in each encampment. The only

limitation we make is that your campers not exceed 125 in number. You may have as many counselors as you need. By campers we mean those young people registered as such. Counselors are those who instruct and work only with your conference. The staff in residence is not included as they are hired by the board of directors. You may have 125 campers plus your counselors.

Open Periods

May 15—June 5; July 17-30; August 7-13; August 28—October 15 are open periods.

The open periods are ideal for church groups to assemble for a weekend Churchwide Spiritual Life Retreat. Many churches have enjoyed and benefited spiritually from such retreats. These times are also wonderful opportunities for our church families to stop by Cragmont on vacations and get to know more about what we have and what is needed at Cragmont Assembly.

De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Joseph Gordon Harris

Joseph Gordon Harris was born March 4, 1895, in the Pungo Community of Beaufort County, North Carolina. He died in Pungo District Hospital, Belhaven, North Carolina, on November 6, 1971, making his stay on earth three score, ten, and six years.

Mr. Harris was the son of the late Lemuel Albert and Florence Brownie Harris. He was one of nine children. Five of these survive him; three sisters and two brothers.

He spent his entire life in the Pungo Community where he was engaged in farming as long as his health would permit.

Joe, as he was affectionately known, accepted Christ as his Saviour under the preaching of the late Rev. D. A. Windham of Greenville. He was baptized Labor Day, 1923. After being baptized, he was received into full fellowship of the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church. This church now is, and has been for a number of years, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. The name was changed when the body occupied the present church building.

Brother Joe loved his Lord. He loved his church and his denomination. He manifested that love by his regular attendance at church services. Not only the services of the local church, but he was happy when involved in the program of the church beyond the local level—union meetings, conferences, and the state convention. He welcomed an opportunity to be there and participate to the extent of his abilities.

He lived what those of us with husband and wife and children perhaps think of as a lonely life. You see, he never married. However, his life was by no means empty. He had his farming and his church activities. Too, his family was a close knit one. They always seemed to find joy and comfort in their association with each other. Observing his attentiveness to children, you knew he loved them. They could always count on Uncle Joe having a stick of chewing gum.

Brother Harris spent the last days of his life in the hospital: first in Pitt Memorial, Greenville, and last in Pungo District Hospital. The best medical attention was given and members of his family were in round-the-clock attendance at his bedside. But the shadows steadily lengthened and then the day was gone.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church on November 8, 1971, by his pastor, the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan. Burial followed in Davis Cemetery.

Brother Joe loved to lead "us" in prayer. I am thinking just now of the statement with which he usually closed his prayers. He would say, "When this life is ended, may we hear Him say, 'well done.'" Then he would say, "All these blessings we ask in Jesus' blessed name. Amen."

We have every reason to believe that he is now the recipient of his prayer request—he has heard Him say, "Well done."

Respectfully submitted,
Linwood A. Harris

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

NEW FRONTIERS IN ADMISSIONS



The past academic year has been one of great innovation in all aspects of College operations. Some of the most exciting and revolutionary concepts came in the area of admissions.

Changes have been made in three areas. They come under the titles of (1) Continuous Admissions, (2) Accelerated Degree Program, and (3) the Advanced Admissions Program.

Continuous Admissions has been made possible primarily through the use of "packaged" or unit courses which form the basis of individualized instruction at Mount Olive College. Under this system, a student progresses through the units at his own rate—not attempting a new unit until he has mastered the previous material.

As a result of this program, the College is able to inaugurate a Continuous Admissions policy. In other words, a student may now enroll in the College at any time during the academic year and begin his course work immediately.

I. Advantages

This has numerous advantages for many groups of people who, for one reason or another, are unable to enroll at the beginning of a semester. The most obvious group is military personnel who are discharged at odd times and who must otherwise wait as much as four months to enter college.

Programs of this type illustrate the philosophy of the College that education should not be bound by an arbitrary

timetable. The emphasis in this and in all other areas of the College is that the important thing is how much and how well a student learns. Doing it within a prescribed time limit is secondary.

Continuous Admissions, of course, is relevant to those high school graduates going on to college.

II. High School Students

But Mount Olive College has perceived and filled a need of those who have not yet completed high school.

Realizing that many above average students who take full or accelerated course loads in high school often find themselves in their senior year requiring only one or two courses for graduation, Mount Olive College set about the task of offering these students an alternative. The College realized that in the past these same seniors have often "wasted" their last high school year in terms of their academic potential.

Therefore, Mount Olive is offering what is known as the Accelerated Degree Program. A rising senior in high school, with a "B" average or better, may attend summer school at Mount Olive studying courses that are not in conflict with high school courses which they have yet to take. The courses open to them, for instance, would be those in philosophy, advanced math, economics, sociology, political science, biology, and chemistry.

III. For Residents and Commuters

There are two facets of this program available—one for those within commuting distance of the College who take afternoon and night courses and one for those not in commuter range.

Under both of these plans within the Accelerated Degree Program, a student may graduate one year early—after one year of residential college study at Mount Olive.

And finally, still another alternative offered to the high school student is the Advanced Admissions Program. Under this new policy, students may be admitted who have a "B" average or higher through their first three years of high school. Again, the student takes courses which are not in conflict with his high school curriculum. Upon successful completion of the courses, he may apply them as credit toward a baccalaureate degree when he enters college.

IV. The Forefront

With these and other unique concepts, Mount Olive College is moving into the forefront of higher education, not only in North Carolina, but in the nation.

Mount Olive College constantly evaluates every aspect of its operation in an attempt to remove those portions which are extraneous or detrimental to its purpose for being—providing the best education available.

These "new Frontiers in Admissions" are only one example of this notable trend.

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Miss Bundy Awarded Scholarship

Beverly Joy Bundy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Bundy of Farmville, North Carolina, has been awarded a scholarship at Mount Olive College. She received the same scholarship when she entered the college last fall.



Miss Bundy will be a sophomore at Mount Olive College in September and is majoring in English. She is a member of King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, Pep Club, has been on the dean's list, and will serve as editor of the yearbook next year.

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3. That both, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the infallible rule of faith and practice.

4. That man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation and stands guilty before God and separate from Him.

5. That it is the privilege of all men to be saved; that God desires the salvation of all; that the gospel invites everyone; that the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

6. That the human will is free and self-controlled; that it is possible for a person who has been saved by divine grace to make shipwreck of his faith and become lost. The person (believer) who through grace perseveres unto the end of life has promise of eternal salvation.

7. That sanctification is initial at regeneration and continues progressively through the Christian experience, becoming final and complete in heaven.

8. That there are three gospel ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel teaching: baptism by immersion, the Lord's Supper, and washing of the saints' feet.

9. That tithing is God's financial plan for supporting the work of the church here on earth.

10. That our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again; that there will be a resurrection of all men, each in its own order; that they which are saved will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they which are lost unto the resurrection of damnation; that the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." This is the final judgment.

TRAVELING WITH JESUS

by Treva Howell

In my life I traveled the "Damascus Road,"
And there Jesus caught me by surprise.
He took from my back the heavy load
And brought a new pathway to my eyes.

He washed my black life as white as snow
And said, "By my grace art thou forgiven."
Then He asked for my life, as a service to show
That I truly was aiming toward heaven.

He warned, "The road is narrow, the miles are long,
But through faith you can stand the test."
So He sent Christian friends, when weak they are strong;
He supplies my every need and I am richly blessed.

With the dawning of each day comes new trials and temptations,
But my cup still flows with joy which cannot stop;
So trusting in His Word and His unique salvation
I exchange each lonely valley for a gleaming mountaintop.

Now God walks with me and is near when I despair;
And with His fiery love He sets my world aglow.
I have confidence in Him and the gracious power of prayer;
For He gives me strength and cares for me, I know.

God has promised me a crown and a life that never ends;
And from His side I know I will never depart.
So to share with you my God on whom I can depend,
I'll ask you to remember, Jesus lit the candle in my heart.

(The above poem was written by Treva Howell, age 17, a member of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina. She wrote the poem in connection with her school work. Treva is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie G. Howell, Box 296, Pikeville, North Carolina 27863.)

USING POSTERS TO TEACH

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poster will put people in good spirits. A church should not be so stuffy that it fails to appreciate such work.

Since poster making is such a tricky business that it can sometimes be offensive, here are a few guiding principles which may head off potential problems:

1. Use one simple idea. Don't clutter up a poster with a multitude of confusing details. Remember that most people will only glance at it, and if it does not gain their attention with one main idea, they may pass it by altogether.

2. Have a proper balance of items. Some individuals lean toward formal arrangements of wording, pictures, photographs, and drawings while others favor informal arrangements. The important thing is that whatever you do with the material, it needs to be balanced in its layout and pleasing to the eye. If one item is put off to the left, something must balance it somewhere on the right, although not necessarily directly opposite. An item on top must be balanced by one on the bottom.

3. Use bright, arresting colors to gain attention. Most posters are designed to reach out and grab people's attention. Bold colors do a better job of this than pastels. Black on white, or white on black, can have a similar effect.

4. Make it large. Small posters are often unnoticed by busy individuals hurrying by. Make posters which are at least twelve by sixteen inches in size, but the larger the better.

5. Use the proper tools. As with any other job, tools make a great difference in the finished product. A church would do well to invest in some basic tools that everyone making posters would be free to use.

Such tools would include the following: rulers and yardsticks, T squares, various - sized paintbrushes, felt-tipped marking pens, stencils (for letters, drawings, and symbols), die-cut letters of various styles and sizes with adhesive backing, staple guns, and adhesive tapes.

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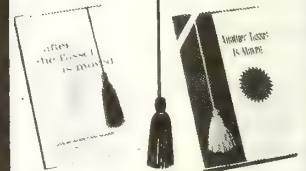
6. Standardize poster size. Request

that all posters be of standard size. This will aid in storing them in uniform-size racks. It also will make possible the use of poster frames. When these are installed in corridors or classrooms, posters need only to be slipped in and out to be changed. Posters kept in frames are always neat and straight and do not overlap others.—Gospel Herald.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). What could Jesus possibly have meant by saying this?

Answer: I suppose that it would be next to impossible for anyone to give a complete answer to such a question in writing. Paul, under the Holy Spirit's guidance, helps us some, to understand what being a Christian means: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2).

Under the old covenant an animal was chosen as a substitute for the sinner, in some cases a lamb, in some a bullock, etc., and was completely consumed on the altar. On the day of atonement, beside other offerings, a scapegoat and one to be slaughtered and offered as a sacrifice were chosen in the casting of lots. The scapegoat symbolized Jesus who in His death for our sins bore them away. God the Father accepted Christ as our substitute. He bore them completely and eternally away. When we accept Christ as our substitute by appropriating Him as our Saviour by faith, then God our heavenly Father puts our sins as far from us as the east is from the west and never remembers them against us again. But in the meantime we reckon ourselves dead to the world, the flesh, and the devil. We present our bodies to Him, not as a dead sacrifice such as was the case of the animals offered in the obedience to the law, but as living sacrifices. The second goat or that burned represents Christ in what He accomplished for us. He died and His earthly life was consumed.

Now as we become identified with Him in His death we are assured of being resurrected in His power. Now it is true

of us that: "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring" (Acts 17:28).

From now on it is in keeping with our new nature to say with Paul: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. . . . For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself" (Philippians 3:13, 14, 20, 21).

Every born-again Christian has been baptized by the Holy Ghost into the spiritual body of Christ and in this act made a member of that body. "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin" (Romans 6:3-7).

The eternal separation from the life of sin and the eternal union with Christ who is our life in this new experience come at one and the same time. This is faith. We are saved by faith and as Christians we live or continue in Christ by faith. "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" (2 Corinthians 5:7). This walk in faith keeps us in fellowship. "But as we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his

Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

If anyone takes living a Christian life as consisting of a casual outward confession of Christ, local church membership, average church attendance, and average living among people of the world as customs of today generally reveal and thinks this is going to gain for him an entrance into heaven when he is through his stay on this earth, he is going to meet with the greatest disappointment of his life. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23). Compare "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8).

Paul could say of himself, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, . . ." (Galatians 2:20); and that's just what is needed that one do as Jesus said he must in Matthew 16:24.

John writes under the guidance of the Holy Spirit: "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth" (1 John 1:6); "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. . . . He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. . . . But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes" (1 John 2:6, 9, 11). Read and compare John 3:3-8.

In Charles Simeon's **Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible**, Vol. XI, Page 457, he gives this appropriate discussion on Matthew 16:24:

"To be Christians indeed, we must enter in at a strait gate, and walk in a narrow way: we must,

"1. Deny ourselves—Since the first introduction of sin into the world men have cast off the love and fear of God, and have subjected themselves to the

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STORIES

for our youth



A GOOD SPECIMEN

by Rosalyn Hart Finch

WHY does Chris always have to stay with us?" Josie James complained.

"He can't very well live alone for a month, and we're his only relatives," Mrs. James said. "It's a shame that his parents can't take him to France with them."

"Yeah," Josie agreed. "If cousin Chris tries to take over all my comic books again this year, powiel!"

"Josie, don't use such rough language. You are such a tomboy."

"Well, that sissy Chris spoils everything. He's afraid of the dark, of storms with lightning and thunder, of spiders, and even of worms," Josie snorted.

"The poor boy has led such a sheltered life. It's no wonder he's so timid and fearful. And you know that he saw a friend killed by lightning. That's enough to frighten anyone."

"Oh Mom, that was a long time ago. You'd think that he would have got over it," Josie said scornfully. "Last summer all the kids teased me about my sissy cousin. Now I have to go through all that again. I can't stand it!"

"You're being overly dramatic, Josie. It'll work out, you'll see," Mrs. James said. "At any rate, I insist that you treat Chris with respect and kindness, as you learned in Sunday school."

"O.K., Mom. I'll try." Josie went outside, slammed the door behind her, and walked away muttering to herself.

When Chris arrived, he looked more thin and pale than Josie had remembered.

Chris didn't seem any happier about

the situation than Josie did. "I wish I were in France," he pouted as soon as they were alone.

"What's so great about France?" Josie demanded.

"It's better than a dumb old farm," Chris snapped.

Josie scooped up her baseball glove. "Catch!" she yelled and tossed the ball to her cousin. But Chris missed it, and it went sailing into a lamp.

"Now look what you've done," Josie exclaimed. "Can't you even catch an easy ball like that? Mom will be angry when she finds her favorite lamp broken."

"You didn't even warn me that you were throwing the ball," Chris defended himself. "How'd you expect me to catch it?" His face was very red.

Mrs. James came in and surveyed the mess. When she saw the hurt expression on her nephew's face, she guessed what had happened. "Don't worry, children," she said cheerfully. "I can glue the lamp together."

One day when a group of her friends joined Josie and Chris at the fishing pond, Josie's disgust knew no bounds as she watched Chris trying to bait his hook. "Hold the worm tightly. It won't bite," she snarled.

The big catfish that Chris caught didn't help Josie's spirits either. All she had caught was a five-inch sunfish.

"I'm not taking the smelly thing off the hook," Chris said, throwing down the pole and running toward the barn.

Josie felt her face get warm as someone called, "What's the matter? Is 'Sissy Chrissy' afraid of fish, too?"

"I can't stand it much longer," Josie told her father. "The only place that Chris fits in is at Sunday school. He's in his glory when any activity includes book reading."

"There's nothing wrong with book reading, Josie. I wish you'd do a little

more of it yourself," Mr. James chided gently.

By the day of the Sunday school picnic, Josie was thoroughly disgusted with Chris. "When the picnic is over, I quit," she informed her mother. "He can just stay inside and read until his parents come for him."

During the picnic games, Josie tried to ignore Chris's bumbling efforts. After they had eaten, someone suggested a nature treasure hunt. The children went into the woods in pairs to search for their required specimens. Josie nodded glumly when Chris asked, "Can I be your partner, Josie?"

"I'll draw our specimen slip, though," Josie announced. She drew a slip requiring three different kinds of nuts.

It didn't take them long to find a hickory nut. When Chris discovered a hazelnut tree, he whistled and danced wildly.

"Well, I'm glad that we finally found something you enjoy," Josie sneered. She knew that it was a cruel remark, but she quickly put that thought out of her mind.

For the next half-hour, they looked vain for the third, and last, nut specimen. The sky was gradually darkening and the air was growing heavy and close. "It looks as if a storm is coming," Josie commented idly.

All the enthusiasm went out of Chris like air from a punctured balloon. "Let's get back to the others, Josie."

"Don't be silly. We have to find our more specimen," Josie said. She suddenly remembered some black walnut trees which grew in the forest clearing. "If we hurry, we can probably get back before it storms," Josie called as she ran. "Come on!"

Chris hesitated and then reluctantly followed her. He was worried and uneasy, but he knew that he couldn't find his way back to the other picnicers alone.

Even before they reached the clearing, great cracks of thunder and long jagged fingers of lightning were tearing the sky. Chris trembled violently and looked as if he would begin to cry.

Josie was a little frightened herself. She began teasing Chris to bolster her own spirits. "You're such a baby, Chris."

Suddenly, it seemed that the sky opened and poured out a torrent of water. Lightning flashed, and thunder crashed.

Josie ran under a big tree. "Come on, Chris. You'll get soaked."

Chris shook his head. "My Dad said (continued on page fifteen)



MISSIONS

ARRANGED BY GOD

by Harold Jones
Missionary to the Philippines



It has been over a year and a half now since we met Brother Zacharias Perocillo. One afternoon, around six o'clock, a strange man knocked at our door. This was while we were in Davao. He introduced himself and told us how he came to hear about us. Brother Perocillo at that time was district manager for Atlas Fertilizer Corporation for the island of Mindanao. On one of his trips to General Santos City, as he was returning to Davao late at night, he passed by the Mount Apo Bible College, a college operated by the Christian Missionary and Alliance. Being tired, he decided to stop and see if he could lodge there that night. There he met an old friend, Brother Generoso Invidiado, who is also a very good friend of ours. Brother Perocillo expressed his desire to be back in the ministry as a pioneer missionary to Brother Invidiado. Upon hearing this, Brother Invidiado told him about the Jones family and our desire to do the same. With this in mind he came to talk to us.

At first I was a little bit hesitant, especially after I learned his educational

background. He was highly educated, but from very liberal schools here in the Philippine Islands. But after several meetings and much prayer, and as he poured his heart out, I knew that this man had had a true evangelical experience. Now I am sure this meeting was arranged by God. He had passed by Mount Apo many times before, but this particular night he said he felt especially drawn there. This was the Holy Spirit moving him. God had a plan.

Brother Perocillo has been in constant touch with us during this year that we have been in Manila. He has visited with us once while here. We went to Palawan together in December. Each letter and contact has confirmed in my mind beyond any doubt that he is God's man for this job.

Brother Perocillo is an ordained minister. His wife, Tirzah, is a public school teacher. They have three children, two girls and one boy. They are a lovely family and dedicated to winning people to Christ. We, as Free Will Baptists, are privileged and blessed to have these good people as a part of our missionary family.

Please hold them up in prayer each day. This is a tremendous step for them, but one that we all know is in God's perfect will.

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MERIT BOX

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The school year is nearly over. One more six weeks will end the year of 1971-1972. The improvements we have seen are too many to list, but, I would like to congratulate some outstanding students. The last six weeks 10 out of 16 high school students had "B" averages and the remaining had high "C" or low "C" averages.

Those students having "B" averages are: Judy Warren, Charles Warren, Jimmy Merritt, Jane Hill, Janice Tebo, Dwight Elmore, Randy Faircloth, Joyce Woodard, Julia Woodard, and Ricky Faircloth.

In the primary and elementary grades Terry Faircloth, Sally Alford, Sandra Anderson, and Wendy Lanier have had excellent grades.

We appreciate all of the articles and also donations for the merit box. We have purchased belts, records, rugs, etc. Articles are needed for the last grading period. End tables or night tables (old ones that can be painted), pictures, and rugs are the articles most sought for

now. Our children have chosen rugs over airplane rides or circus tickets, so you can see how much they want articles for their rooms.

Jimmy Merritt, one of our senior boys, has been employed in Vero Beach, Florida, to work on experimental farms. He is employed by and will be living with Dr. and Mrs. R. V. Schonious. We are so happy for Jimmy who has proven to be very deserving.

Judy Warren made her modeling debut in March. She was asked to model in the Spring Hope Fashion Show.

Our students are certainly representing us well in all their outside activities.

Mrs. Jerry Ball

Liaison Coordinator

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Change of Address

Please note the change of address for the Rev. James E. Howard from Route 1, Vanceboro, North Carolina, to Route 1, Box 487, Beaufort, North Carolina 28516. All correspondence to him should be directed to his new address.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 28



NEED FOR RENEWAL

Lesson Text: Colossians 3:1-17

Memory Verse: Philippians 2:5

I. INTRODUCTION

We really begin to live only when we are born twice. Before Christ came into our lives we were dead in our trespasses and sins. If we had possessed all of earth's riches, without Christ we would still have been dead. But then Christ came!

We became alive. We felt the surge of new life in our spiritual veins. For a time we thought we could conquer the world. But something happened to us when we forgot to pray, when we stayed away from worship, when we stopped witnessing to lost souls. We backslid on God. We needed renewal.

This has been the picture of many Christians. Even some of the greatest Christians had their moments of defeat. Peter backslid after Jesus was arrested. John Mark went back on God for a time. David sinned grievously against the Lord. Jacob was a rascal before he wrestled with God. Do you recall that time you forgot to be true?

But like sweethearts who quarrel, making up with the Lord is precious. We are the ones who need reconciling to God; He has never turned away from us. He has always remained constant in His devotion and forthright in His promises. Jesus never fails.

How often have we failed Him, however! In such times as these we need to take a long look at ourselves and ask God for a renewing of our minds and spirits. He will never fail to do it. We need only to read 1 John 1:9 to learn this.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The word "renewal" and the word "revival" compared.
2. The background of the Epistle to the Colossians.

B. Paul Encourages Ambition (Colossians 3:1-4)

1. The Christian should live a different life to that of the unsaved man.
2. The Christian's affections are to be set on heavenly things.
3. Christ will return and take us to be in glory with Him.

C. "Mortify Your Members" (Colossians 3:5-9)

1. The Christian should mortify the fleshly desires of his body.
2. The Christian will be punished if he does not crucify the flesh.
3. There are some things that a Christian must not do.

D. The New Clothes of a Christian (Colossians 4:10-14)

1. There are some things that a Christian must do.
2. Christians are "holy and beloved" of God.
3. Christians must learn to get along together.

E. Complete Surrender to Christ (Colossians 3:15-17)

1. The peace of God comes through complete surrender.
2. Christians are to let the Word of God dwell in them.
3. Christians are to live in such a manner as to glorify God.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Begin with a part of the church instead of attempting to move the whole mass together. Those of us who were country boys know how impossible it is to make a fire out of green logs alone; but if we can get some dry sticks kindled around and underneath these green logs, we can make a very hot fire with them. Don't begin your revival by trying to rouse the whole unseasoned mass of church members, but begin with a few of the most spiritual, and from these work out toward the others. Lyman Beecher said, in answer to the question, How can we promote a revival in the church? 'First get revised yourself, then get some brother church members revived, and the work has begun.'"—A. J. Gordan.

B. Let's take a look at our spiritual wardrobe—the attributes that clothe our minds and spirits. Have you been wearing filthy rags of anger, wrath, a malice? Is your spiritual clothing soiled with blasphemy and filthy speech? Has your garment of lies grown too small to hide behind? Cast aside these filthy garments and take Christlike apparel.

A new Christian may need a complete new wardrobe. Others may lack only a few garments. Take a look at your own relationship with others. Is sympathy in evidence? A Christian should be concerned with the condition of his fellow men, both physically and spiritually. Humility too must be present. "Let each esteem other better than themselves" (Philippians 2:3). Gentleness and patience must have their place in our adornment. Forbearance and forgiveness must be worn when complaints and quarrels arise. Over all these love must be worn as a belt or sash that binds together the loose flowing robes.

These are the things named in our text. Sympathy is mercy and kindness. Humility is humbleness of mind. Gentleness and patience are meekness and long-suffering. Forbearance and forgiveness appear in the text, and "charity" means love.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. To the church at Colosse Paul wrote, "Don't forget what Christ has taught and let what He said make your lives richer and bring you wisdom. Don't be selfish with it, but teach the Scriptures to each other and include them in your psalms and hymns and gospel songs, singing to the Lord with hearts that are thankful."

We should study the Bible carefully and wisely. We should acquaint ourselves well enough with the Scriptures to be able to pass a test if God should give one to us. It is good to read the Bible, but that alone is not enough. We should try to understand it and know what it means because it teaches about Jesus and salvation, which is the most important thing in all the world. People watch our lives, and they can tell how well we know the Word of God by the way we live.

"I'd rather see a sermon, than hear one any day:

I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way;

The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the ear,

Fine counsel is confusing but example's always clear.

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Questions & Answers

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minion of **self**. Instead of conforming themselves to the will of their Maker, and living wholly for his glory, they have made their own will, the **principle**, and their own honour or interest, the **end**, of all their actions. Christianity is intended to bring us back to the state from which we are fallen. The very first step towards our restoration is, to deny **self**, and to restore God to the dominion of which we have robbed him. Our inquiries must henceforth be, not, What do I choose? or, What will gratify me? but, What does God command? and, What will glorify him? To 'put off the old man,' to 'mortify the deeds of the body,' to 'crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts'; in a word, to deny **self** in all its actings, is the course on which every Christian must enter, and which he must resolutely follow to the end of life."

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Sunday School Lesson

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And best of all the preachers, are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.
I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done;
I can see your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.
And the lectures you deliver may be very fine and true;
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do;
For I may not understand you and the good advice you give.
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live."

—Author Unknown.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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at a tree is the worst place to use for shelter," he shouted.
"Well, where should we go?" Josie yelled back.
Frantically, Chris looked around. The clearing was on a small, dirt hill. Chris ran to the edge and looked down. At the bottom, he saw a cavelike opening to another mud-covered hill. He called to Josie, "Over here."
Inside the small cave, Chris sat down and helplessly began to sob.

"Don't be afraid, baby," Josie jeered, joining Chris in the cave.

Frustration and anger spread through Chris. He jumped up and began to pound at Josie and pull her hair. Josie tried to grab the wiry boy. In the struggle, they slammed against the low ceiling of the cave.

There was a dull rumble, and a section of the cave's ceiling crashed down on Josie, leaving only her head and one hand visible under a pile of earth and stone.

Chris tried desperately to dig her out, but he made little headway. "What shall I do?" he cried in horror as he saw that a great stream of water was beginning to run into the cave.

"I'll drown!" Josie bellowed. "Dig me out, Chris. Hurry!"

"I can't," Chris sobbed, tearing at the earth and stone with raw, bleeding fingers.

"Go get the teacher," Josie cried.

With ragged impatience, Josie watched her cousin, torn between his fear of the storm and his concern for her. His teeth were chattering. The water was already above his ankles, but he hesitated at the cave's entrance. Panic suddenly overcame Josie, and she began blubbering wildly.

The water was getting deeper. "I've got to get help!" Chris shouted. Spoken loudly that way, the words seemed to calm the shivering boy. He knelt beside the distraught girl. "I'm g-g-going for h-h-help," he stammered.

But Josie had changed her mind. Her eyes were glazed with fear. "Don't leave me, I'll drown here all alone," she begged, clutching Chris' arm.

Chris unfastened her fingers and ran out, shouting. "Don't worry; I'll be right back!"

"Hurry, Chris," Josie wailed after him. The cave already seemed like a tomb to her, as she fearfully watched the rising water. She had visions of Chris cowering somewhere outside, too petrified to move. Would he be able to find his way back? "Don't let me down, Chris," she sobbed. "Help me, Jesus."

Without warning, everything began to spin around. The cave seemed to turn upside down, pouring the swirling, rushing water on her head. Then everything went black.

When Josie opened her eyes, the first thing she saw was Chris's anxious face bending over her. Memories came flooding back, and Josie sat up abruptly. "What happened? Did we die?"

Chris giggled nervously. Mrs. James

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services as of July 1, 1972. Any church desiring his services may contact him at Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by telephoning 524-5186.

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The Rev. Bill Gaylord announces that he is available for pastoral work with any church desiring his services. He is currently employed as a teacher in the public school system. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and has a partial fulfillment of a Master's degree in education. He may be contacted by calling Belhaven 943-2869.

jumped up from her chair beside the bed and folded Josie in her arms. "No, you didn't die, dear," she said in a sobbing voice. "Thanks to Chris' brave, speedy action, help reached you just in the nick of time."

Chris blushed. "Aw, I wasn't brave. I was just afraid that you'd drown, Josie. God helped me to find the way back, though."

As Josie regarded Chris's familiar embarrassed manner, her heart swelled with love and thankfulness for him. "I guess I know better than anyone how tough it was for you to go out in all that lightning and thunder," she said softly. "No sissy could have done it."

Smiling a crooked, little smile, Chris held out a large black walnut. "We got a good specimen, though."

Josie laughed. "Oh, Chris. You're a pretty good specimen yourself."—My Pleasure.

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AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1972



A
DISCUSSION INSIDE:
ARE
COLLEGE DEGREES
NECESSARY?

ARE COLLEGE DEGREES NECESSARY?

A degree gives one confidence that he is as qualified as anybody else to do any job in his selected field. A degree sometime gives one confidence that he can do any job *better* than anyone else in his selected field. A degree, in many cases, guarantees one a good position. And, sad to say, a degree sometimes makes an individual, who cannot contain himself, obnoxious, conceited, and undesirable to be around.

Universities and colleges award these all-fired important certifications to persons who have completed a required course of study. Degrees are presented in the form of a diploma, a printed document certifying the award. The four basic kinds of degrees are: associate, bachelor, master, and doctor. Then there is an honorary degree which may be awarded for outstanding contributions in a particular field.

The first degrees were presented in the 1200's when European schools won the right to examine and license their graduates. A degree system was developed in the 1300's, and degrees logically were easier to obtain than today. A student formerly spent sort of an apprenticeship with a trained person until he had learned or "mastered" his trade and would present as his "thesis," his masterpiece—a piece of work presented as evidence of his qualification, usually entailing the best skills he had to offer. This "masterpiece," we are told, afforded the student a degree much akin to our present-day bachelor's. A Master's Degree represented the status of a master craftsman and served as a license to teach. Especially skilled or talented students who showed particular interest or aptness in law, medicine, or theology, could continue to work and achieve the title of doctor. The system was largely unchanged until the late 17 and early 1800's.

At present: The Associate Degree is awarded by most junior colleges (as well as some four-year schools) upon the completion of two years of college work. Examples are the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science.

The Bachelor's Degree is normally awarded after the successful completion of four years of university or college study. This usually involves a special field of study or major. Examples are the Bachelor of Arts in history, literature, and the fine arts; and the Bachelor of Science, usually including majors in physical and natural sciences. For the layman, a BS generally indicates a teaching degree.

Those who receive their degrees with special recognition graduate cum laude (with praise); magna cum laude (with great praise); or summa cum laude (with the highest praise). These do not necessarily denote intelligence, but how well one has applied himself and how successful he has been in maintaining superior grades. Many geniuses just get by, whereas many average individuals excell. Motivation is often the key factor.

In addition to Associate and Bachelor's Degrees, there are a Master's Degree, representing one or two years of study beyond the Bachelor's Degree; and a Doctor's Degree, which is the highest earned degree in most countries, and is attained by one or two years' study beyond the Master's Degree.

This brings us to this point: Are degrees necessary? Do they make one more capable than he is without them, or do they make others *think* that he is? Further, do degrees make the degree holder think that *he is more* than he really is?

Granted, most important positions require specialized training and are as a rule given to degree holders, to those who have been through and passed a prescribed system of study, qualifying them (hopefully) for a certain job and attributing to them a certain amount of prestige; such as, "I took a degree in such and such from such and such important school."

What about the naturally talented, the innate intellectuals who haven't the "weight" of a degree, but nevertheless display capabilities equal to (and often surpassing) those who hold degrees? Circumstances prevent some known achievers from obtaining the necessary schooling to qualify them degree-wise for certain positions, but when placed in equal situations, these can many times outdo those "weighted" with degrees—yet, their salary scale is far below. Degrees are where the money is, most of the time, whether we like it or not—and no matter how unfair we consider it to be! Money is necessary, and the more of it we can have, the happier we are—whether we admit it or not.

We are certainly not against education. On the contrary, we are all for it and think it commendable and advisable for everyone to get as much as he can. Yet, we do frown upon intellectual pride, the show-offs, the impressive boys who boast about where they've been, what they've learned, how much they know about everything, and prove in the end that they are a little short of "educated fools." Pseudointellectualism is one of the most unbecoming "conditions" of the learned.

It is sad, in our opinion, that our society has become so degree conscious, and that in order for one to "get along well in this world" he must obtain one from somewhere. One scholar informed this writer that there is decline in "degree importance," but it has not evidenced itself to our satisfaction as yet. Why?—because sometimes a degree in a given field can guarantee fifty to a hundred dollars per week *more* salary for the same work done by a nondegree holder! Though there is a trend toward technical institutes, where persons are skilled in brickmasonry, carpentry, and mechanics, there is still a stigma attached to those who "take up" this type of work. Persons so skilled seldom have difficulty in finding adequate employment with good pay providing a good living, yet society has a way of looking down upon such jobs as being a little substandard and below "our" station. Any *honest* work, however—be it custodial or garbage collecting—is honorable!

Few of us would advocate someone's teaching our children who is not certified to do so; yet, we have known some teachers who seemed to recall so little of their "knowledge" that without their notes they could not teach a thing. On the other hand, we have been privileged to sit under some teachers who knew their subjects "backwards and forwards" and made learning a pleasure. Yes, teachers should have formal education (and a degree) before they are allowed to instruct our children—perhaps. . . But, however well intentioned, a degree cannot *make* a teacher a *good* teacher.

All of us know alert, industrious individuals who can do their jobs well, but because of the lack of a little piece of paper stating their educational achievements, they are underpaid and often unappreciated. And, when they apply for certain jobs, they are marked off as either unqualified or below standard.

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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Sunday in the Soul

by
ESTELLE BROADRICK

HY is it I only feel blessed on Sunday? I go to church and I listen to my heart and my mind to the message. I feel enlightened and blessed. Why can't I have a Sunday heart and all week?"

The answer is simple: on Sunday you are attuned to God. You attend church; you put aside the petty and unimportant things that habitually occupy your mind. On Sunday you fling open the doors to your spirit and give Him the rightful place He deserves. On Monday, and the other days, you arise sleepy eyed and start whatever routine you have set out for. You worry about catching a bus; you will be able to catch up on your work; if you will have to work overtime; you will have a date for dinner or getting your husband off to work and the children off to school; if that sore throat or complaint of will clear up, or if he is getting one of his colds; if Meliss will have any more trouble with that tooth; if the bills from Marcy's will come about the time the electric and the telephone bills are due; . . .

If you will be invited to Janie's party and what will you wear; what shall you have for dinner—pork chops are too expensive, your husband is tired of hamburger, and the children hate soup. . . .

Using the expression, "Sunday in the soul," means "God in the soul." He can be there if you do not crowd Him out with household worries, daily cares, trivial things, and thoughts on your social life. Your mind is often in a turmoil on weekdays—filled with little and unimportant things. God cannot dwell there in all of the dark and swirling confusion you have created. You have closed a door against Him—a door you only open on Sunday.

Start your weekday mornings with God. Whatever your routine, there is time for prayer. If you just give Him the time you usually devote to worry, it will make a vast difference in your life.

Push aside the trivial things that bars the door that Christ could enter in. You can pray as you set the coffee to perking, as you shower; you can pause for a moment and say grace at breakfast and say another prayer as you clear the table. Somewhere in the morning you can read the Scriptures, if you are a housewife, after the family members have set off on their appointed ways. If you are going out to work, you could rise ten or fifteen minutes earlier to read a little and to reflect upon what you have read.

Meditate as you walk to the bus, as you wait for the delivery of groceries, as you clear your desk or open your machine, and as you make the beds.

Open the doors and make room for Him and your work will be easier and your strength more equal to the task. Sing His praises as you wash the dishes; pray as you walk; pray for others—the ill, the lonely, the elderly, the bereaved and the godless.

If you turn to Him often in prayer and in thought, then you shall feel blessed everyday; you shall live a rich and full life. If He seems faraway on weekdays, then the fault lies not in Him, but in you. What are you doing with the life He has given you? Are you giving Him the tenth of your thoughts and of your awareness? If not, you are not only cheating yourself, you are cheating God!

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An elderly person asked her aged father: "Father, why did you never drink? Was it because you didn't like it?" "No," he replied, "it was because I did like it." —Sunday School Times.

KING SOLOMON'S COPPER MINES

by Daniel Fuchs

Archaeology has become the pastime of the new state of Israel. It means more to the average Israeli citizen than baseball does to American youth. It is a mental as well as a physical exercise. The report of each discovery is as vividly devoured by the people as is the box score of the deciding World Series game in America. When the new nation's provisional government met for the first time in the middle of 1948, each member of the constituent assembly had on his desk a copy of an archaeological manuscript. It was the fortieth chapter of Isaiah as Professor Eleazar L. Sukenik of Hebrew University had copied it from the recent find of the Dead Sea Scrolls. These scrolls had been hidden and preserved since before the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 70. Their discovery emphasized the truth that the hand of God controls Jewish history.

One of the world's leading archaeologists is Nelson Glueck, a noted rabbi on the faculty of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. Dr. Glueck gives many instances where his insistence on taking the Scriptures literally has resulted in amazing historical discoveries. For centuries archaeologists sought in vain for the location of Solomon's port city of Ezion-geber. Its location was a mystery simply because no one paid attention to the Scriptures. In 1 Kings 9:26 the location is given: "And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom."

Assuming that this statement was literally correct, Dr. Glueck determined, on the basis of previous explorations, that the shore line of the Red Sea had not changed much since biblical times, and also that the land of Edom did actually extend that far south. All that he did was to follow the seashore and examine the only tell (an ancient mound) in the area, and he found the city just where the Bible said it was.

Later he discovered Solomon's copper mines because he took literally the description of the promised land as being a land "whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper" (Deuteronomy 8:9, A. S. V.). Dr. Glueck says, "On the basis of that information, whose reliability we accepted as a matter of course, and acting on a 'hunch' (continued on page seven)



SUNDAY, MAY 28

WHAT WILL IT BE?

Scripture Reading—Psalm 19:1

A little girl was walking with her father one night under the starry sky. Looking up, she said, "Father, I have been thinking that if the wrong side of heaven is so beautiful, what will the right side be?"—*Christian Endeavor World*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a beautiful way to think! Have you ever felt this way about it? It's ours for the taking! How beautiful heaven must be!

MONDAY, MAY 29

AN HONEST BOOK

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 13:7

An interesting story is told about a certain English nobleman. He has an heirloom which he prizes highly. It is an old brass-bound, leather-covered ledger, and it belonged to the founder of his family. What makes it so precious is not so much its antiquity and quaintness and personal association, as the following prayer which appears as its first entry: "O Lord, keep me and this book honest." This is a prayer that every man may well adopt for himself.—*Gospel Gleaners*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Heirlooms are precious to all of us. How many of us have one as this man did? Do you have one treasure that is more precious than all others? Do you have a treasure in heaven?

TUESDAY, MAY 30

PEACE FOUND IN HIM

Scripture Reading—James 3:17

From very ancient times the hearts of men have longed for peace. Not merely that there shall be no more war, though that too; but more particularly peace of mind and heart. In the early days of Israel we have the benediction, "The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." The Sanskrit invocations end with, "Peace, Peace, Peace." The Mohammedan greeting is, as of old, "Peace be upon thee."

Where can we secure this peace that men have longed for through many centuries?

The answer is given us in the words of the Master: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. . . . These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace." The peace that brings calm to the soul, even amid the storms that sweep over every life, is to be found in Him. It can be found nowhere else.—*Christian Observer*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Surely we all long for peace. Without it we are most miserable! May we turn to the only One who can give us that for which we long for and need so desperately!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

MORE THAN FORGIVENESS

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:14

My Father was fatally ill, and as I watched the precious life ebbing away, I was overcome with remorse at the thought that I must often have grieved that loving heart with my careless ingratitude and thoughtless disobedience. Penitently I begged his forgiveness for my wrongdoings in the past. With a look of ineffable love in his pain-dimmed eyes, he said, "I can't remember that you ever did anything wrong." I had expected instant forgiveness, but was not prepared for the full measure of pardon which I received. He could not remember my wrongs because of his great love for me. How like the heavenly Father's love for us all! "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more" (Hebrews 8:12).—From a Personal Experience in *Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If our earthly father can forgive us for our wrongdoings without a moment's hesitation, let's not hesitate a moment to ask our heavenly Father to forgive us. He loves us too—to an immeasurable degree!

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

GIFT OF LAUGHTER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 126:2

After a hard day's work in serious discussions, Theodore Cuyler and Charles H. Spurgeon went out into the country together for a holiday. They roamed the fields in high spirits like boys let loose from school, chatting and laughing and free from care. Dr. Cuyler had just told a story at which Pastor Spurgeon laughed uproariously. Then suddenly he turned to Dr. Cuyler and exclaimed:

"Theodore, let's kneel down and thank God for laughter!"

And there, on the green carpet of grass, under the trees, two of the world's greatest men knelt and thanked the dear Lord for the bright and joyous gift of laughter.

There is no antagonism between prayer and laughter. One is conclusive of spiritual health, the other of physical health.—*S. S. World*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to be able to laugh?

It's another God-given privilege. May not abuse it!

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

BE FAITHFUL

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:22

The beginnings of unfaithfulness are ways the little things that we think make no difference. No one was ever called of God to a high position who did not lay the foundation of that call in continuous faithfulness to the small details of life. But whether our position be high or low, it is required of a steward that he be faithful.—*Selected*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Faith is a beautiful word. The meaning of the word makes it more beautiful. we know the full meaning of it?

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

ONLY A WORD

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:2

Only a word of anger,

But it wounded one sensitive heart;

Only a word of sharp reproach,

But it made the teardrops start;

Only a hasty, thoughtless word,

Sarcastic and unkind,

But it darkened the day before so bright

And left a sting behind.

Only a word of kindness,

But it lightened one heart of its grief

Only a word of sympathy,

But it brought one soul relief;

Only a word of gentle cheer,

But it flooded with radiant light

The pathway that seemed so dark before

And it made the day more bright.

—*Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls*

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we had only one more word to say, we know what it would be? To what would we say it? Why? Some soul-searching, thought-provoking questions these. Again, What would we say?

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A Tragic Thing

A swerving car—a driver drunk

A heavy crash—a pile of junk!

A wrecking car—a doctor by

A frightened child—a wife's sad cry!

An orphan child—a widow 'lone;

A new-made grave where pine trees moan!

A tragic thing—may we repent—

A tragic thing—drink's monument.

—G. C. Whitley in *Western Recorder*

"He who waits until he can save many souls will never save one."—*Michigan Christian Advocate*.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MAY DAY AT MOUNT OLIVE



Girls, left to right: Nyra Hill, Darlene Bright, Sue Aman, Mary Alice Ward, Penny Edwards, and Arlinda Wilson. Boys, left to right: Craig Dupree, Eddie Dutton, Bobby Dupert, Grady Moseley, Howard Duzan, and John Williams.

Mount Olive College celebrated the ancient May Day on its south lawn with a beautiful spring pageantry.

The occasion originated in Rome, but May Day as we know it, comes to us from England where immense May poles were set in the squares and decorated with brightly colored streamers.

In the United States, the May Queen concept originated in the South where there was an abundance of "southern belles" to reign over the festivities.

This year at Mount Olive College the occasion was no different as half a dozen lovely ladies made up the May Court with their escorts.

They were Miss Sue Aman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Aman of Dunn, North Carolina, escorted by Mr. Bobby Dupert, also of Dunn. Miss Penny Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Edwards of Wilson, North Carolina, escorted by Mr. Howard Duzan of Vanceboro, North Carolina. Miss Edwards is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson. Miss Darlene Bright, daughter of Mr. and Irving Bright of

Chocowinity, North Carolina, escorted by Mr. Eddie Dutton of Emporia, Virginia. Miss Mary Alice Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley Ward, of Dublin, North Carolina, escorted by Mr. Grady Moseley of Farmville, North Carolina. Miss Nyra Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Hill of Deep Run, North Carolina, escorted by Mr. Craig Dupree of Raleigh, North Carolina. Miss Hill is a member of the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church. Miss Arlinda Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson of New Bern, North Carolina, escorted by Mr. John Williams of Morehead City, North Carolina. Miss Wilson is a member of Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

It was then revealed that Miss Aman had been elected as the Maid of Honor, with Miss Ward crowned as the 1972 Queen of May by the president of the College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper.

Faculty and students then presented a variety of entertainment for the Queen, her Court, and the many assembled guests.

Fulcher Elected To Board of Trustees



One of the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College is Mr. Garland F. Fulcher of Oriental Free Will Baptist Church and served as chairman of the building committee during the recent construction of a new church.

His business interests include owning and managing Neuse River Motel and Restaurant at Oriental. This has been the site for various retreats held by Mount Olive College and other church groups.

In business he is the owner of Garland F. Fulcher Seafood Company and a supermarket at Oriental. His other business interests include serving on the Board of directors of the Northeastern Division of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company.

In commenting on the election of Mr. Fulcher to the College board, President W. Burkette Raper declared, "Our College is most fortunate to have the services and dedication of laymen like Garland Fulcher. He and Mrs. Fulcher have shown themselves to be real friends of the College and have played a significant part in its improvement and development."

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Rose Part-Time Admission Counselor

David Rose, son of John W. Rose of Newton Grove, has assumed the role of a part-time Admission Counselor with Mount Olive College.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Ordaining Council of Western Conference to Meet

The Rev. William L. Dale, secretary, announces that the Ordaining Council of the Western Conference will meet at 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 2, with the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church located three miles west of Goldsboro, North Carolina, on Highway 70. He requests anyone having business to take up with the board to please be present for this meeting.

First Church, Durham Announces Revival Services

Revival services have been scheduled for the week of May 29—June 2, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. The Rev. Charles Crisp, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, will be the evangelist; assisted by the pastor of the Durham church, the Rev. O. B. Jones. The pastor and the church membership request your prayers for the success of the meeting and cordially invite everyone who possibly can to attend the services which will begin each evening at 7:30.

Billy Nowell to Conduct Steven's Chapel Revival

The Steven's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Benson, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of June 4-10, beginning each evening at eight o'clock. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Billy Nowell of Four Oaks, North Carolina, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. David Hill. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and to pray for the success of the revival.

Pine Level Church Pays Tribute to Mothers

On Mother's Day, May 14, the Pine Level, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church paid tribute to its mothers in the Sunday morning worship service. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Nellie Peddin, the oldest mother present; Mrs. Danny Garner, the youngest mother present; and to Mrs. Vick Creech, with the largest number of children present with

her at church (six of Mrs. Creech's children were present).

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Robert Rollins, brought a wonderful message on the topic, "Three Kinds of Mothers." He used Scripture taken from Exodus, 1 Kings, and 1 Samuel. All who attended had a wonderful day of worship and fellowshiping with each other.

Central Conference Youth Convention, Marlboro Church

The Central Conference Free Will Baptist Youth Convention will convene on Saturday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m., with the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina. A very special program has been planned for the convention. The Christian folk musical, "Good News," will be presented by the youth group of the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. This musical conveys a dynamic message to today's youth concerning the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Susan McLawhorn, convention reporter, states: "It is hoped that all the churches in the Central Conference will be represented."

Plymouth Church Vacation Bible School, June 5-9

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Carolina, located on Highway 64, will hold its annual vaca-

tion Bible school the week of June 5 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The theme for the school is, "His Name Is Jesus," which will be under the direction of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Langley. Refreshments will be served each day with the commencement on Friday evening, June 9, eight o'clock.

Mrs. J. L. Sadler, church reporter, requests all parents to please enroll their children in the school so they can learn more about Jesus.

\$11,996.92 Left On Budget

Your contributions to the North Carolina State Mission Board for the year 1971-1972 (through May 15, 1972) have totaled \$88,003.08. This leaves a balance on our budget of \$100,000 of \$11,996.92. This amount will have to be contributed during the rest of May and the month of June for us to reach the suggested budget. I believe that this amount can and will be raised by our churches during this period. I hope you will do all you can to help us reach this goal. Thank you.

Joe Ingram, Director-Treasurer

HE WAS CERTAIN OF ONE THING

Said a member of a church some years ago: "I was talking to a colored man whom I was examining for insurance. I asked him, 'Do you drink alcoholic quors?' He answered, 'No, I can't say does; and I can't say I doesn't. But never done drink to success.'" Did any one ever "sin to success"?—Bible expositor.

NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

(Treasurer's Report—End of Fourth Quarter—April 30, 1972)

Balance in Bank January 31, 1972

\$ 1,721.50

General Fund
Promotional (CSF)
Per Capita Dues
Registration Fees
Denominational Enterprises

Receipts

\$ 127.42
159.68
595.90
60.00
7,792.50

Total Receipts

8,735.50

Total For Which to Account

\$10,457.00

| Disbursements | | |
|---|--|-------------|
| Convention Expenses and Allocations | | \$ 328.24 |
| Denominational Enterprises | | 7,792.50 |
| Total Disbursed | | 8,120.74 |
| Balance in Bank April 30, 1972 | | \$ 2,336.26 |
| Summary of Bank Account Balances | | |
| General Fund | | \$ 2,030.18 |
| Interest | | 306.08 |
| Total | | \$ 2,336.26 |
| Banks | | |
| Wilmington Bank and Trust Company | | \$ 1,530.18 |
| Wilmington Savings and Loan Association | | 806.08 |
| Total | | \$ 2,336.26 |

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, Treasurer

DENOMINATIONAL ENTERPRISES REPORT

| | Itemize | Received | Disbursed |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Home Missions | \$ | \$ 657.35 | \$ 657.35 |
| Foreign Missions | | 397.59 | 397.59 |
| Missions Designated: | | | |
| Mexico | 18.00 | | |
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King Solomon's Copper Mines

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as to where to look, we were able to locate the ancient mines and furnaces and slag heaps and establish their dates by pottery finds."

When I read this report my heart leaped for joy. Not only had this noted scholar witnessed to the veracity of the Scriptures, but he also showed, perhaps unconsciously, that archaeology is slowly undermining the tenets of higher criticism. The verse that led to the discovery of the mines of Solomon was taken from the Book of Deuteronomy and this book has been a battleground. Modern criticism has been unanimous in condemning it as a forgery.

But Dr. Glueck, with unquestioning faith, goes to his source Book, the Scriptures, and finds a reference in the Book of Deuteronomy to the land "out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper." On that clue, three thousand years later, he finds Solomon's copper mines. Could any forger have woven such an unbelievable detail into the Book?

Dr. Glueck has written, "It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference. Scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries."—The Chosen People.

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The big things of life show **who** we are; the little things of life show **what** we are!—W. H. Knight.

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Soul Winning Thro

by
RUTH W. STOKES

("Soul Winning Through Christian Examples" was prepared and presented by Mrs. Ruth W. Stokes at the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention meeting with the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Belvoir, Saturday, April 15. Mrs. Stokes is a member of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, and is a teacher of the nursery Sunday school class, a member of the Sunday school council, and a member of the woman's auxiliary. She is a wife and the mother of four children.)

THE theme for the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention held April 15, 1972, at Gum Swamp church was "Soul Winning," and I cannot think of a better theme to have had when there are so many lost souls in the world today.

The topic I was asked to speak on was **Soul Winning Through Christian Examples**. However, if I had been asked to give this topic another title, I think it would have been **Bringing in the Sheaves**.

Verse 19 in Chapter 28 of Matthew says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . ." This was the great Commission given by Jesus to His disciples many years ago. This same Commission also embraces the whole world today, including where we are. Whether you are a teacher, a farmer, a businessman, a housewife, or a missionary in Japan, you are to witness wherever you are.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, and the only way He has to reach them today is through our Christian examples, such as our testimony and witnessing. If we fail Him in this, there is no other way for Him to reach men with the grace that saves!

Soul winning is one of the ancient landmarks left to us by Christ and our fathers, and it is one of the highest privileges Christians have.

We know that the primary purpose of the church is to win lost souls, but today so many churches substitute social activities or other inferior purposes for the primary purpose of the church. This type church does not fulfill its mission here on earth and it will be judged for it in the last days. This should be reason enough for us as Christians to wake up, get up, and go to work.

It is about time we learned that if we are to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord, we must go to the sinner, even if that means going where he lives and where he works, in order to take the message of salvation to him. We will not always win those to whom we go, but the fact does not lessen our responsibility to go. We are to tell the story of Jesus' love and leave the rest to the Spirit.

Responses to our attempts to win souls for Jesus might be like some of the responses of those who heard Paul and other great teachers of long ago: some will believe—others will not. Perhaps many will disbelieve because they will not open their ears to hear the truth about Jesus or their hearts to receive His love. It seems as though they might have padlocked their hearts, plugged their ears, and blindfolded their eyes. However, regardless of the lost one's indifference or opposition, we as Christians must continue to go to them and witness for Christ. If we fail, who will go for the Lord? If we fail, what happens to the world?

If we are going to be soul winners for Christ we must ask God to prepare us for the task. Let's look at some suggestions offered by one writer that would help us in preparing for the task:

1. We should dedicate our lives to God as He calls us, not as make-believe or indifferent Christians in this business.

2. We should stop and pray and ask God to burden our hearts for the work.

3. We should ask God to place someone on our hearts for whom there is somebody you can win that perhaps no one else can.

4. We should learn all we can about the person we want to win and then go after him in love and deep compassion.

5. We should always take the precious Word of God to heart. A few verses of Scripture that will help you; such as, John 18 and Romans 10:9, 10.

6. We should have faith that we will win souls as we use the greatest power on earth behind us.

7. Above all, we are to love the person we hope to win. Once we are prepared to win souls, are we going to waste the advantage of our chances when and where they might be? Let's look at a few places to witness for Christ.

I. IN THE HOME

- A. Among children, using our authority when necessary.
- B. With a mate by example and persuasion.

II. AMONG FRIENDS

- A. Friends, those who share some of our interests in life, etc.
- B. Fellow workers, even learning to love those we may not be fond of.

III. AMONG STRANGERS

- A. We can learn to approach strangers from those who are more about how to witness.
- B. We can testify what Christ has already done for them.

IV. IN CHURCH

- A. We can bring, not send, visitors to church services and other activities.
- B. We can take an active part in the services and testimony in our church.

We claim to be concerned about the lost, but do we witness to the lost when we are given the opportunity? Do we hope we won't be like the so-called Christian in the story:

There were two close friends who were business partners. One, a Christian, attended church regularly; the other, not a Christian, played golf on Sundays. During World War II the Christian saved gasoline by riding the bus. One Sunday morning they went together on the bus, one going to church and the other to the golf course.

Christian Examples

the golfer, said, "Henry, why do you bother to go to church? This business of Christianity is a farcel!"

Henry answered, "I couldn't go through the week if I didn't go to church. And being a Christian is everything to me in life." A friend was silent for a moment and then said, "Henry, I don't want to believe. If church and Christianity mean so much to you, why is it, when you have seen me everyday for the past years, you have never said a word to me about being a Christian or going to church?"

Henry might be good if we all examined our own selves to see if we were making the same kind of mistake Henry was making. Sure, we don't want to be named **Do Nothing Christians** or **Do Nothing Members!**

Do you know that it takes an average of more than 20 church members to win one lost person to Christ? Let's look at some explanation for this fact:

Perhaps we do not believe that unregenerated persons are lost. Perhaps we say, "I know what the Bible says, but such a sweet, cultured girl, she can't be lost."

But she can, and is, without Christ as her Saviour. Just think of it means to be lost! The Bible pictures it as being far from the Bread of Life, thirsty for living water, naked of the righteousness of God, ill with the leprosy of iniquity, the regenerating truth, and dead in trespasses and sins. This is the condition of the lost person.

Perhaps we do not consider the lost people worth saving. Think of all the notorious kidnappings that have occurred in past years and the large ransoms that were demanded. Do you recall any single instance the person was not considered worth saving? One might ask then—What estimate can be placed on the value of a soul? Jesus Christ said, "... what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matthew 16:26). God set the redemption value of a soul equivalent to the value of His only begotten Son. What estimate do you place on the value of a lost person?

I want to share a story with you as told by Dale Cowling, **The Tragedy of Selective Witnessing**; and I hope everyone will remember this story when they have a chance to witness to a lost person.

A certain church took great pride in its evangelistic outreach and proudly preached 'For God so loved the world . . .' Each year they received a list of newcomers to the city. A staff member whose responsibility was enlistment and evangelism, telephoned the persons named on the list to try to determine who would be prospects for his church.

One was impressed one week as he telephoned a particular person who indicated that her family was not Christian, but they had been discussing their need for Christ and the church. Elated that he had given him such an open door of opportunity, the staff member enlisted a deacon to go with him one evening to visit that person. Before driving off together they paused to pray that God would help them win that particular family for Christ and the church. It was no problem to locate the address. Parking their car on the street, they stepped up on the porch of the house and rang the bell. A man opened the door and cordially invited them in. The two visitors, obviously flustered, said abruptly, 'We are sorry, but we seem to have the wrong address.'

"Quickly they got into their car and drove away without sharing one word of witness. After watching the two men drive away, the black man slowly closed his front door. . . ."

3. Perhaps we are content to enjoy salvation ourselves. In that event we would do well to study the account of the four lepers in 2 Kings 7:1-9.

4. Perhaps we are not willing to pay the price of being a soul winner. The price runs into three figures: sterilization from the world, immunization from Satan, and elimination of self.

5. Perhaps we do not know who the lost are. Three avenues of enlightenment are open to us in helping to remedy that situation:

- a. A community census,
- b. A study of Sunday school rolls, and
- c. A habitual spirit of inquiry.

6. Perhaps we do not know how to go about winning them. We have already mentioned ways to win souls, but I feel it would be worth our time to mention the following suggestions also:

- a. Put them on your prayer list.
- b. Let them know you are interested in their soul's welfare.
- c. Try to get them under the sound of the gospel.
- d. Do personal witnessing by the life you live and the testimony you give.
- e. Heed the leading of the Holy Spirit.
- f. Use sound literature.

I am sure you all have heard the expression, "Actions speak louder than words," but how many of us really believe this statement? Do we live our life daily with this thought in mind? People watch our lives and they can tell if we display good Christian examples. The following poem describes what each of us would like to see in the lives of our fellow Christians:

I'D RATHER SEE A SERMON

I'd rather see a sermon, than hear one any day;

I'd rather one should walk with me, than merely show the way;

The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the ear,

Fine counsel is confusing but example's always clear. And best of all the preachers, are the men who live their creeds,

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done; I can see your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very fine and true;

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do;

For I may not understand you and the high advice you give.

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

—Author Unknown.

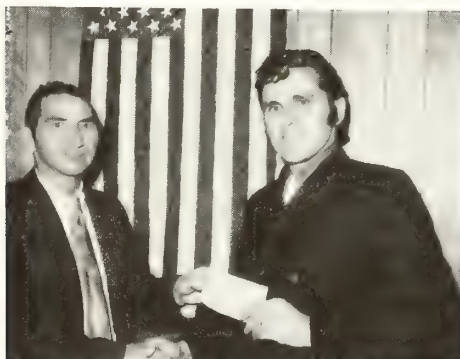
(Continued Next Week)

LIGHT FROM CAMP VANDEMERE

Over \$2,000 Given To Camp Vandemere

The Fifth Eastern District Youth Fellowship has just recently given in excess of \$2,000 to the Stewardship Development Program of Camp Vandemere.

The Rev. Joe Edwards challenged the fellowship to raise \$1,000 by a certain date and he would give a \$500 bond. The young people were successful in raising more than the thousand dollars.



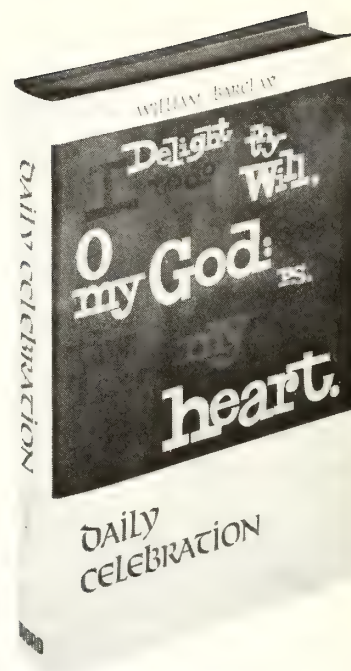
Pictured above, left to right, are the Rev. Joe Edwards presenting his \$500 bond to the president of the Youth Fellowship, Mr. Nathan Harvey.

Mr. Edwards is now living at Camp Vandemere where he serves as building and grounds superintendent.

Anyone interested in visiting the Camp or using the facilities please notify Mr. Edwards by writing to Box 98, Vandemere, North Carolina 28587; or by telephoning 745-0326.

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Sin is first appealing, then appalling; first alluring, then alienating; first deceiving, then damning; it promises life and produces death; it is the most disappointing thing in the world.—Selected.



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Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid" (Matthew 5:14). What way did Jesus mean to say we are the light of the world?

Answer: He, I think, meant that His powers were the light of the world because they had His Spirit in them. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:9-11); "Archiving what, or what manner of life the Spirit of Christ which was in Him did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you of them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and cleave to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:11-13).

Note that in 1 Peter it is pointed out that the Spirit of Christ was in Him who preached of Him before He came to earth, is in us and will be in all who thus represent Him at His coming. "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. When he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John 20:21, 22); "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage unto fear; but ye have received the

Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Romans 8:14, 15).

Jesus sets Himself forth to His followers as being the light of the world and them as His satellites: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12); "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:5); "While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of life. . . ." (John 12:36).

Believing in the light is believing in Christ as is taught in John 3:14-17, 36 and Acts 16:31. Having the Spirit of Christ required or presupposes the presence of Christ which is in one from the time that the change takes place Christ said in John 3:3-5, must take place before one may see the kingdom of God.

There is a sense in which the Word of God is the light of the world. Jesus is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1); "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life" (1 John 1:1). Compare, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105); "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7); "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked" (1 John 2:6).

No one becomes a Christian except he hears or reads the Word of God and through it accepts Christ as his Saviour. (See Hebrews 4:12; Romans 10:9-17; John 3:36.) "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" (Galatians 4:6, 7). The disciples were then and we are now the light of the world. They then and

we now beseech men for God. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

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Question: What was a Sabbath Day's journey?

Answer: Probably when it was first introduced it was a distance between the tents in which the Israelites were camping to the assembly ground of the tabernacle. Joshua 3:4 seems to indicate this was 2,000 cubits which is about 3,000 feet. Acts 1:12 indicates that the Mount of Olives was a Sabbath Day's journey from Jerusalem. "Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off" (John 11:18); "And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples" (Luke 19:29). The facts of these two verses add up to the sum that Bethany and Bethphage are at the Mount of Olives, that is one Sabbath Day's journey which is about 15 furlongs from Jerusalem. A furlong was about one-eighth mile. So this would make the Sabbath Day's journey something near one and seven-eighths mile or one-eighth of a mile less than two miles.

We find the following discussion on Page 576 of Smith's Bible Dictionary.

"Acts 1:12. The law as regards travel on the Sabbath is found in Exodus 16:29. As some departure from a man's own place was unavoidable, it was thought necessary to determine the allowable amount, which was fixed at 2,000 paces, or about six furlongs, from the wall of the city. The permitted distance seems to have been grounded on the space to be kept between the ark and the people, Joshua 3:4, in the wilderness, which tradition said was that between the ark and the tents. We find the same distance given as the circumference outside the walls of the Levitical cities to be counted as their suburbs, Numbers 35:5. The *terminus a quo* was thus not a man's own house, but the wall of the city where he dwelt."

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WHAT WE NEED!

We mutter and we sputter, we fume and we spurt;
We mumble and we grumble, our feelings get hurt;
We can't understand things, our vision grows dim,
When all that we need is a moment with Him!

—Author Unknown.

STORIES

for our youth



THE EAGLE'S WING

by Irma Hegel

JOHNNY McLEOD watched the eagle soar high above Little Mountain and then descend in long, lazy circles. The summer sun shone on the wide spread of reddish-brown wings. Johnny thought of a verse from the Bible that his father had read after breakfast, "I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself" (Exodus 19:4).

High on the crag, Johnny suddenly saw a climbing figure in a red shirt. That would be Gregg Hatfield, he thought. Who else around here wears a red shirt? "Gregg, don't!" he yelled. But the rifle fire had already sounded. The eagle dropped. Johnny clenched his fists.

He turned and ran all the way back to the ranch. "Dad," he shouted at the big, bronzed man saddling a stallion, "Gregg Hatfield just shot a golden eagle on Little Mountain! I've got to see whether the eagle's dead."

Dad wheeled around. "A golden eagle?"

"Yes, Dad, and shooting eagles is against the law—you know that. Gregg is spoiled. Just because his father is a 'big shot' among the ranchers, Gregg thinks he can do anything."

"Saddle up, Johnny," said Dad. "I'll go along with you and help you to find that eagle."

Dad is the greatest, Johnny thought. No matter how busy he is, he is always ready to help. Father and son started out, Dad on his black stallion, Johnny on his brown mare.

New Mexico was hot. Not even the wind sweeping from the high buttes fanned much breeze. Johnny and his Dad

began ascending the winding trail of Little Mountain.

Halfway up, Dad reigned in his horse. "I see the eagle," he exclaimed. "He's beyond those bushes, and he's dragging one wing. Easy now, Johnny. Let's leave our horses here. I'll go behind the bird with the net I brought along. You'd better let me handle this alone."

Johnny nodded. He knew of the sharpness of an eagle's beak and claws and the fight the wounded bird might put up against capture. He'd like to see Gregg punished for doing this.

The sound of wild beating of wings came from the bushes. Johnny saw Dad throw his net over the wounded eagle. The next moment, Dad was lifting the fiercely struggling bird. "This fellow needs water," Dad called. "Let's get him back to the ranch as soon as we can."

"Is he going to die, Dad?"

"I don't know, son. But hating Gregg for what he's done can't help. Doing all we can for this wounded eagle is what counts."

Johnny flushed, feeling ashamed. Dad must have known what he was thinking. Back at the ranch, Johnny quickly dismounted and went to fetch a pan of water. The eagle, free of the net, was now dragging his one wing and hopping helplessly in the sand. He drank water, though, and ate the diced beef that Mom put in the dog's dish.

"We'll have Dr. Altman, the veterinarian, look at the eagle's wing tomorrow, and see whether he can fix it," Dad told Johnny.

"Thanks, Dad. Maybe 'Golden Boy' won't act so wild tomorrow. He'll know we're trying to help him."

"That's right, Johnny. You know, the same kind of love we show to a wounded eagle or to our horses should

be shown to humans, too. Maybe you could even help a fellow like Gregg."

"I'll try, Dad, honestly."

In the summer days that follow Golden Boy, his maimed wing in protective splints, hopped about the ranch and flapped his one good wing. He had Johnny stroke and ruffle the reddish-brown feathers along his neck and back.

On the morning that Dr. Altman came off the splints, Dad said, "How about riding over to the Hatfields' house with me, Johnny? I think you ought to see Gregg that the eagle is about ready to fly again."

"Sure, Dad. I'm so grateful that the eagle's O.K., and I'm not even angry with Gregg anymore."

Dad smiled. "Now you know the eagles' wings of the Lord, and you're ready to soar above all those mean, petty things that keep us earthbound."

They rode to the Hatfield's white, two-lared house. Mr. Hatfield and Gregg were sitting on the wide porch and talking as Johnny and his father reined in their horses. Johnny's mouth opened, and his blue eyes widened in astonishment. Gregg's neck was in a high surgical collar. His right arm was in a cast.

"What's all this?" Dad asked, stretching out his big hand to meet Gregg's small one.

"I was climbing Little Mountain when Gregg answered. 'I fell. I was in hospital four weeks, but I deserved that punishment, Mr. McLeod. I shot the eagle.'"

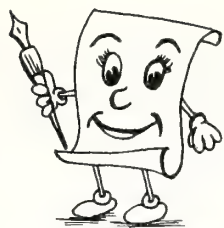
"But you didn't kill the eagle," Johnny spoke up. "Dad and I brought the eagle back to our ranch. Dr. Altman helped mend the wing. We call him Golden Boy, and he is about ready to fly again."

"Wow! Am I ever glad," Gregg said, his dark eyes filled with tears. When the fathers moved away to talk, Gregg put his good left arm around Johnny's shoulders. "I know that you hate me for shooting that eagle."

"I did hate you," Johnny confessed. "I don't anymore. I guess a lot of people do things we're sorry for."

"I'll never fire a rifle again," Gregg promised. "I felt so big when I shot the eagle, but the minute he dropped I sat down and cried. I was trying to get to the bird when I fell. I lay there for about four hours before Uncle Gregg found me. I knew how the eagle felt. Could I see Golden Boy, please, Johnny?"

"Of course you can," Johnny agreed. "You can ride back to our ranch with us. I'll lead your horse. Hey—maybe your dad would let you spend the week here." (continued on page fifteen)



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Five-year-old Cowboy approached the tank where the grocer was catching fish for me, "special" with the purchase of certain soap products.

"You selling the fish, Mister?"

"No, they're free."

"Then you haveta buy something to 'em." Someone had left a pack of candy on the soap display. "What d'ya haveta buy? This candy?"

"No, you have to buy the soap."

Cowboy's mother came along in time to say, "If you buy the soap, you've got to use it."

"Hmph," he shrugged, "I don't believe I want any fish today." Hands in pockets, spurs jingling, heels clicking, Cowboy sauntered off.

How many pleasures we miss because we aren't willing to take the bad with the good! Like the blessings of:

Fellowship, rather than be "tied down" to circle, auxiliary, and church meetings;

Giving encouragement, because it's easier to criticize than say an appreciable word to minister, musicians, ushers, sewer committee, and others who serve the church;

Joy in service, by declining to accept office serve on a committee, or teach, leading lack of time, transportation, and training;

Fulfillment through tithing, saying we can't afford it;

Friendship, forgetting that to have friends we must first show ourselves to be friendly;

Satisfaction in group participation by refusing to cooperate in someone else's plan or program;

Soul winning, because it might hurt someone's feelings to broach the subject.

Surely there's the chance of failure, embarrassment, or criticism. But we must look beyond that. Jesus said, "... If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget himself, take up his cross every day, and follow me. . . ." (Luke 23 TEV). But who wants to bear a cross? Like Cowboy, if it means doing

INFORMATION ABOUT

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THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

ASSOCIATE HOUSEMOTHER RETIRES



Mrs. Alice R. Parker, pictured above, has retired after serving for more than nine years as an associate housemother at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina. Prior to her employment with the home, she lived near Farmville, North Carolina, where she was an active member of the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Parker has served the home well during her time on its staff. Relative to her retirement, she said, "I feel that I have now reached the age at which retirement would be advisable." Then,

something we don't like to do—forget the whole thing!

However, when we put Jesus first, others next, and ourselves last, the inconveniences seem almost infinitesimal, overshadowed by the joys and blessings which come from serving Him.

expressing best wishes to all concerned, she said, "I sincerely hope that the home will continue to do the fine job of bringing up boys and girls that it has done in the past and that God will richly bless each and everyone associated with it."

Mrs. Parker is making her home at 301 East Pine Street, Farmville, North Carolina 27828. Her friends are urged to write and/or visit her there. The home wishes God's richest blessings upon her throughout the future.

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IN THE BLACKSMITH'S SHOP

If all Christians had the spirit of Dr. Norman McLead there would be no trouble about spreading the gospel. "He never came to my shop," said a blacksmith, "without talking to me as if he had been a blacksmith all his life; but he never went away without leaving Christ in my heart."—King's Business.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 4



What Is the Devotional Life?

Lesson Text: Acts 10:1-8, 30-33

Memory Verse: Psalm 63:7

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for today deals with the development of the devotional life. We speak of people as being devout when they have a deep and sincere love for God and an earnest desire to see His work in the world prosper and find fulfillment. Those who have such love for God will be led to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to the task at hand, realizing that God has entrusted this solemn and most important work into their hands by making them custodians of the gospel (which is the power of God unto salvation to all who will believe) and charged them with the responsibility of making it known to people throughout the world—and not only the responsibility of proclaiming it, but also of encouraging and influencing sinners to accept its invitation, and thus find their way from the darkness of the world into the glorious light of the Son of God.

To perform this awe-inspiring work, we will need all of the devotion to God and His cause as we are able to muster; thus we will take advantage of every opportunity presented us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord that we might become more proficient and effectual laborers in His vineyard and thus hasten the day when the kingdom of God might prevail on earth, even as it now prevails in heaven.

Our lesson text for today's study is composed of two selections from Acts 10: the first, Verses 1-8, deals with Cornelius' vision and the instructions he received from the Lord concerning how salvation could be found; the second, Verses 30-33, deals with the testimony which Cornelius gave to Peter when Peter visited him.

The purpose of today's study is to encourage Christians to develop and strengthen

then their devotional life.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.L.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. In time, God will send the gospel to the man who lives according to the light that he has (Acts 10:2).

B. Although the angelic messenger undoubtedly knew the terms of the gospel, he was not permitted to give them to Cornelius because that act was the responsibility and privilege of man (Acts 10:4-6; 1:8; Matthew 28:19, 20).

C. The experience of Cornelius and his household fulfilled the promise of blessing to the Gentiles (Genesis 12:3; Ephesians 3:3-6).

D. God had to prepare the hearts of two men, Peter and Cornelius, in order to accomplish His purpose relative to the Gentiles (Acts 10:1-18).

E. According to the Scriptures the position of the Gentiles was indeed pathetic (Ephesians 2:11, 12).

F. The extension of the gospel to the household of Cornelius is an example of Peter's use of the keys (Matthew 16:18, 19; Acts 15:7-11).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Cornelius was a devout man. Since our lessons for this quarter deal with devotional life this seems a good time to define terms.

Obviously, Cornelius was devoted. That is, he gave himself to doing God's will. He was also devoted to the welfare of others. It is stated that he "gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always."

Cornelius' prayers and alms did not go unnoticed by God. He sent an angel to Cornelius with an important message, and Cornelius was obedient to the divine command.

Cornelius was an officer in the Roman army. He was a man of position and prestige, and yet he was unashamed of his faith in God. He gathered his relatives and friends to share with him the message of God.

When Peter accepted the invitation to

visit Cornelius, he found in this centurion a receptive and responsive student. In a word, he was teachable. When Peter taught Cornelius and his friends the Holy Spirit empowered them to speak in tongues. While this special outpouring of the Spirit was reserved for a relatively few, all men are promised the gift of God's Spirit if they accept Christ as Saviour. In all this it can be seen that the life dedicated to God is the victorious life. Without question, Cornelius was devout. Are we?—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. We are told that in the city of Madras, India, is a chapel, on the wall of which there is a strange cross. At the end of one arm of the crossbeam is a pierced hand, brown in color. At the end of the other arm of the crossbeam there is another pierced hand, a white one. Christ died for white, brown, black and yellow, and in Him the distinctions are forgotten.

"In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide world."
—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.L.).

C. Let us never forget that God loves even the common and the lowly. This writer was once asked not to visit the homes of some ordinary people living in a cotton mill village, lest they hear the gospel, get saved, and join the church. That would be bad for the social standing of the church in the community, so he was told! You may be sure that this writer did not heed such unchristian advice. Nor did he stay much longer at this particular church! How can "respectability" can sometimes be! Let us look at all men through the eyes of Jesus. We can do this if our devotional life is as it should be.—The Rev. C. Bowen.

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Are College Degrees Necessary?

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How about the man with experience who has dedicated his life to a certain position and educated himself firsthand (on the job), but who is oversalaried by and of removed by a fresh-out-of-college, still with behind-the-ears smart boy who happens to have a degree in that particular field? Is this fair? We say not.

Rebuttals are expected, to be sure. So we maintain that all degrees are not what they're cracked up to be. Comment?

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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ose has served in the U. S. Army as pilot and aircraft commander for which he won the Bronze Star, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and the Air Medal. As a result, his admissions activities will place special emphasis on veterans.

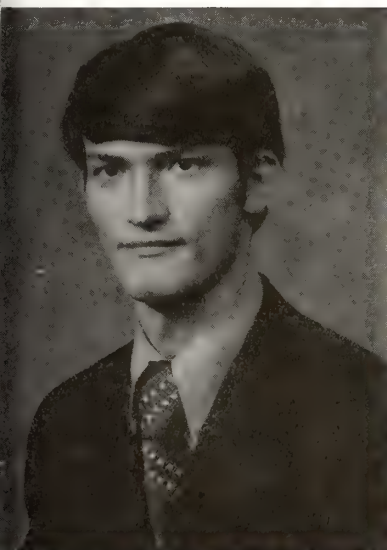
In accepting the appointment, Rose said, "My commitment to this program comes from a deep-seated feeling for Mount Olive College. Now I want to work for the College because my own experience at Mount Olive has been so rewarding."

Rose is a rising senior at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina, where he is a psychology major. He plans to go on to graduate school upon completion of his studies at Atlantic Christian.

Mount Olive College is happy to have him join its staff.

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Waters Elected President of Student Fellowship



Marvin R. Waters, a rising sophomore, has been elected as president of the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship at Mount Olive College. Marvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Waters Sr. of Williamston, North Carolina, and Mrs. Elsie Waters of Plymouth, North Carolina. He is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth and prior to becoming a student at Mount Olive College served as president of the YFA in his local church. During his freshman year Marvin has

served as vice-president of the freshman class at the College, and is a member of the Oriental Experience, a group of students dedicated to Christian witnessing through singing and testimonies.

The Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship is a Christian organization which meets weekly during the school year for the purpose of providing an opportunity for Christian fellowship, service, and worship through which students may strengthen their personal faith and character.

The following comments are given by Marvin regarding the Fellowship:

"It is indeed an honor to have been elected to serve as president of our Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship for the coming year. I had felt for some time that God was going to put forth a challenge to me to do a work for Him. I have seen how our fellowship has strengthened the lives of many students on campus and I pray earnestly that God will bless us equally as much next year. I feel that God has made this as a calling for me to do a work for Him, and I pray that He will continue to bless our Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship as He has in the past.

"The Fellowship has grown tremendously in the Spirit of Jesus Christ this year. It has really been an enjoyable experience to see so many young people stand up and voice their complete support for Christ. For them Christ has put new meaning in their lives as can be witnessed by many of the students here on campus.

"Some are experiencing Christ for the first time and others are experiencing a renewal of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Because the Bible teaches that 'all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,' we find that we are to seek a higher plane for Christ each day. Through doing this we find ourselves growing in the Spirit of our Lord.

"Our Fellowship has provided an opportunity to every student who will to grow in his Christian faith, and it is for this reason I feel that God has blessed our Fellowship as richly as He has."

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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day at our ranch. You've never been there."

Gregg ran to his father. "Dad! Dad! Johnny invited me over to their ranch. May I go?"

"Of course." Mr. Hatfield patted

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Verona, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church is in need of a pastor, immediately. Any minister interested in serving this church please contact Mr. Robert A. Rochelle, Route 3, Jacksonville, North Carolina 28541; or by telephoning 347-4989.

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The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services as of July 1, 1972. Any church desiring his services may contact him at Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by telephoning 524-5186.

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The Rev. Bill Gaylord announces that he is available for pastoral work with any church desiring his services. He is currently employed as a teacher in the public school system. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and has a partial fulfillment of a Master's degree in education. He may be contacted by calling Belhaven 943-2869.

Johnny's shoulder. "Thank you for asking him, Johnny. Gregg is a lonely boy, I'm afraid. He hasn't made any friends among the ranchers' sons. I'd be grateful for any help you can give him."

It was Johnny who put his arm around Gregg's collared neck as they moved toward the horses. "The cast will come off soon," Johnny said. "So will the collar. You'll be like Golden Boy, all mended and ready to fly." Johnny looked up and saw his father smiling at him.

"Eagle's wings," Dad murmured.

Gregg asked, "What does that mean?"

"Oh," said Johnny, "I'll tell you all about them when we get to the ranch." —My Pleasure.

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*The Pieta is attacked --
but who cares?*

WHO CARES ABOUT THE PIETA?

An enraged Hungarian attacks the priceless Pieta, a marble statue of the Virgin Mary holding the body of her dead Son across her knees, which was carved from Italian marble 500 years ago by Michelangelo; and the world is stunned!

The attacker claimed that he was Jesus Christ, and was thus within his rights to do what he wished.

A big to-do was caused by this senseless near destruction of a priceless piece of sculpture, one of the "revered" art treasures of the world; and lovers of art were angered by the rebellious nature of the man which made him lash out to injure and possibly destroy this precious piece of art and symbol of the cultured past.

The virgin's face (in Catholic circles she is always referred to as the "Virgin" or "Mother of God," though our contention is that she did not remain a virgin after the birth of Christ, but bore other children as well through physical propagation; and she was the mother of God's Son, not God the Father)—well, the virgin's face was damaged and one of her arms was broken off as the attacker vented his anger in a cruel and malicious manner.

Officials state that the statue can be repaired, but obviously it will never be the same again. When people look upon it now they will remember the attack and the fact that it is no longer "perfect." If Mike could turn over in his grave, he probably would; for this work of art displayed his skill as a master sculptor and was by all standards beautiful; though some of us frown upon any visible representation of Christ, disdaining any "graven" image since the Bible warns us against "making unto" ourselves such.

What is so important about the statue anyway? Its age? Its creator? Its symbol? It is strange to us that world sympathizers struggle under their emotions because someone affronts a representation of the blessed Saviour, yet in everyday language they curse His name and break His sacred heart by their daily actions and unchristian attitudes. Where do values lie?—in a visible representation of divinity, a material object of adoration indicating the likeness of the Saviour, or in the spiritual aspect of His existence?

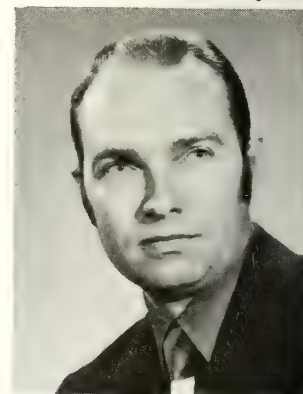
Christ does not exist in stone or wood, nor even in beautiful paintings of His compassionate face. He exists today, not in human form or likeness, but in spiritual form; and though we perhaps treasure relics of the past indicating His nature and His "traditional" image, these representations can never hold a light to the everlasting existence of His divine Spirit!

In short, the Pieta is not really too important in terms of spiritual values. It is only important in that it is a great work of art by a master craftsman (long since gone) and is centuries old, an antique which would be hard to value in dollars and cents.

What or who is more important—the statue or the man who imposed his disfavor upon it? It would surprise many to know that Christ came into the world to die for just such men as this. And admittedly the attacker must have been a troubled soul to lash out thusly—and to have acclaimed himself as Jesus—well, this is not too unbelievable as it might have been ten or twenty years ago. Many long-haired, bearded, berobed individuals walk around today claiming that they are Jesus. The Lord himself said on at least one occasion that "many shall come in my name."

We are sorry about the damage done to the Pieta. We are sorry for the man whose rebellious nature compelled the attack. We are sorer still that mankind will "oo" and "ah" over the statue but disregard the Lord of heaven whose death is represented by it. We think it regrettable that mankind, in cultivating taste for beauty and culture, has placed more importance on the mundane than the divine.

Further, our Lord does not lie across the knees of a stone Mary. Our Lord lives in heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father!



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Jesus Movement Comes to Cambodia



WAS really astounded and shaken," beamed an American evangelist in Phnom Penh after his first afternoon of meetings in Cambodia. "I thought at first it was a joke," confessed Dr. Stan Mooneyham who was the preacher in the first evangelistic crusade ever held in this country of more than seven million people.

Mooneyham, president of World Vision International with headquarters in Southern California, said, "When I first saw the people in the auditorium stand to receive Christ, I almost sent them away because I couldn't believe they were sincere. But when I realized that they really wanted to know the Lord, I couldn't stop them."

When over 500 people, mostly young men, responded to the first night's invitation, Mooneyham suspected it might be a local form of mockery. Since local evangelical church membership in Cambodia numbers only 600, it was inconceivable that such a sudden response to the gospel might be genuine.

But after the three-day crusade had come to a close, the honest response of Cambodians to the Christian message was unmistakable. A total of 2,000 responded to "the simple message that Jesus Christ loves you and gave His life for you."

A riot nearly erupted as thousands of people pushed against police lines seeking entry into Moho Srap Tonle Bassac Auditorium to hear the evangelist. More than 4,000 were turned away from the 1,200-seat arena on the first night. On subsequent nights, separate meetings were held in a nearby park for those unable to get into Phnom Penh's largest auditorium.

Local Christians from the Khmer Evangelical Church met with the hundreds of new believers as they came forward. The 1,011 who filled out decision cards will be called upon in their homes by these local Christians. Fourteen of the converts began attending church services even before the crusade was completed and others joined with the counseling staff to help explain salvation to others only one day after they had decided to follow Christ themselves.

"What's going on is an explosion," remarked Peter Yuen, a missionary of Chinese descent from Singapore, "suddenly the church has multiplied nearly three times."

Usherettes, dressed in traditional, floor-length sarongs with embroidered white blouses frequently served as counselors when the hundreds of inquirers began streaming to the front of the auditorium.

Overflow crowds outside the audi-

torium heard the meetings over a public address system and both Dr. Mooneyham and the "Danniebells" quartet appeared on an improvised stage near the auditorium steps to speak and sing in a special program for the thousands who couldn't get in. Police allowed as many people to stand inside the auditorium as fire regulations would permit, and the hall was filled well beyond its capacity of 1,200 seats. Government sources said that ten thousand people attended the meetings.

A 100-voice choir, dressed in blue skirts with matching ribbon bow-ties, provided music for the crusade. The "Danniebells," four soul-sisters from the San Francisco Bay area on the United States West Coast, made special television appearances here promoting the crusade, but the only other advertising appeared in local newspapers, printed handbills, and posters.

Dr. Mooneyham, long interested in Cambodia, has spearheaded a drive to build a new hospital here. Ground-breaking for the 112-bed structure is expected in November.

Commenting on the sudden new interest in Christianity, President Chau Uth, 51, of the Khmer Evangelical Church, said, "We feel that Phnom Penh has been shaken—turned upside down. Before we used to be the hidden people, but now we're visible. We have longed for this to happen for many years."—World Vision International.

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Soon to Be In Heaven

When Billy Bray was taken with his last illness, he asked: "Well doctor, how is it?" "You are going to die." "Glory, glory be to God. I shall soon be in heaven." He then added in a low tone, and in his own peculiar way, "When I get up there shall I give them your compliments, doctor, and tell them you will be coming, too?"—The Witness.

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"NOT IN VAIN HAVE I BEEN I"

If this bit of earth may be
Stronger for the strength I bring,
Sweeter for the songs I sing,
Happier for the path I tread,
Lighter for the light I shed,
Richer for the gifts I give,
Purer for the life I live,
Nobler for the death I die,
Not in vain have I been I.

—Selected.



SUNDAY, JUNE 4

HEAVEN IS

Scripture Reading—Acts 7:49

A certain minister preached one day on Heaven. The next morning he was met by one of his wealthy members, who said:

"Pastor, you preached a good sermon about Heaven. You told me all about Heaven, but you did not tell me where Heaven is."

"Ah," said the pastor, "I'm glad of the opportunity this morning. I have just come from the hill yonder. In that cottage there is a member of your church who is extremely poor; she is sick in bed with fever. If you will go and take her a good supply of provisions and say, 'My sister, I have brought these nice provisions in the Name of our Lord and Saviour': if you ask for a Bible and read Psalm 23, and then get down on your knees and pray, if you don't see Heaven, before you get all through, I'll pay the bill."

The next morning he said:

"Pastor, I saw Heaven, and I spent fifteen minutes in Heaven, as certainly as you are listening."—*Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do you think there is a bit of heaven for us here in this life? Look around you. Don't you see? And just think, this is only the beginning!

MONDAY, JUNE 5

FROM BULB TO FLOWER

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:18

Henry Ward Beecher said: "If my child asks me for a tuberose, though I plant the bulb immediately, and comply with his request at the earliest possible moment, months necessarily elapse before he gets the flower. So our prayers are not answered at once, not because God would tantalize us, but because the things for which we ask are often so large and require such a development, that there is of necessity a space between the asking and the getting."—*Christian Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we not grow impatient when we ask Him for things we want. He knows what is best for us. Isn't it wonderful to know we have someone who cares—always.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

WHEN TASKS ARE HARD

Scripture Reading—Exodus 5:13

In a certain cotton factory there is a card on the walls of the workrooms that reads: "If your threads get tangled send for the foreman." One day a new worker got her threads tangled, and she tried to distangle them, but only made them worse. Then she sent for the foreman.

He came and looked. Then he said to her: "You have been doing this yourself?"

"Yes," she said.

"But why did you not send for me according to instructions?"

"I did my best," she said.

"No, you did not," the foreman said.

"Remember that doing your best is sending for me."—*Moody Monthly*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would that we would not get our problems "more tangled." Let's take them to Him in the first place. He wants us to!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

HIS NEED HIS RECOMMENDATION

Scripture Reading—Lamentations 5:3

One day Dr. Barnardo was approached by a dirty, little, ragged lad who asked him for admission to the London Orphanage. "But, my boy," said the Doctor, "I do not know. Who are you? What have you to recommend you?" The lad was quick to seize his opportunity, and held up before Dr. Barnardo his ragged coat, and with a confident little voice he said: "If you please, sir, I thought these here would be all I needed to recommend me." Dr. Barnardo caught him up in his arms, and you may be sure he was welcomed to the orphanage.—*Wonderful Word*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would the little boy have had to have credentials other than his ragged clothes if he had come to us? Seriously, would he?

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

GOING FORWARD

Scripture Reading—Romans 11:6

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of growth in grace. To healthy life, growth is absolutely necessary. Indeed, it may be questioned whether there is real, true life at all where there is no growth. It is true in other spheres than the spiritual, whether it be in plant life, or any other kind of life you choose to mention, that, unless there be growth and development, there is decay and destruction.—*Rev. Hector Mackinnon*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we find ourselves growing as Christians? Or are we at a standstill? Let's examine ourselves. Decay and destruction—that's not for us—is it?

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

HE LEADS

Scripture Reading—Revelation 7:17

He leads us on by paths we did not know;

Upwards He leads us though our steps slow,

Though oft we faint and falter on the way
Though storms and darkness oft obscure the day;

Yet when the clouds are gone

We know He leads us on.

—N. L. Zingende

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we will let Him, He will lead us. May we follow closely—more closely than ever!

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

"I'VE SHUT THE DOOR ON YESTERDAY"

Scripture Reading—Psalm 23

I've shut the door on yesterday—

Its sorrows and mistakes;

I've looked within its gloomy walls

Past failures and heartaches.

And now I throw the key away

To seek another room,

And furnish it with hope and smiles

And every springtime bloom . . .

I've shut the door on yesterday

And thrown the key away—

Tomorrow holds no fears for me,

Since I have found today.

—Vivien Yeiser Laramore

PRAYER THOUGHT

Can we read the above and really mean it? May we strive to really and truly mean it? We would really be living life to the fullest. Are we?

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LITTLE IS NEW SS SECRETARY

Mr. Steve Little is now recording secretary for the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention. All correspondence should be directed to Mr. Little, Route 4, Box 58, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Mr. Little replaces the Rev. Harry Jones, and Sunday schools of the state are advised to remember this in regard to reports and other items of correspondence connected with the state Sunday school department.

Count Not Your Years

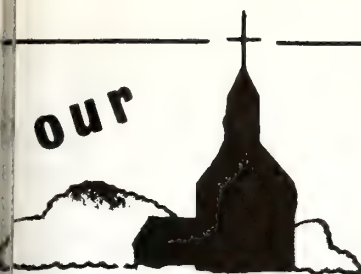
Count not your age by the years you live
But by the happiness you give.

The friends you make, the good you do
The confidence that's placed in you.

The little things that day by day
Brings cheer to others on life's way—
And count this birthday one more mile
Upon the road of things worthwhile!

—Selected

our



Church Auxiliaries

First Church, Kinston, Woman of the Year



Mrs. Isaac Hines, the former Annie Belle Deaver, was born July 23, 1926, in Wayne County, North Carolina, to a dedicated Christian couple: Mr. and Mrs. A. Deaver. She was reared in a Christian home and accepted Christ at twelve years of age and became a member of Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Since that time, Annie Belle has been an excellent example of a true Christian.

She was married on October 24, 1943, to Isaac Hines. They are the parents of one son, Ikie Hines, who is presently serving as director of the Kinston church choir and also director of the recently organized men's choir of our church. He is a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and part-time graduate student, working on his Master's degree.

Annie Belle always portrays a Christian attitude, smiling everytime you see her. She has been an active member of the Kinston church since 1946 when she transferred her membership to our church. She is presently serving as assistant treasurer of the church, assistant Sunday school teacher, program-prayer chairman of the woman's auxiliary, and member of the choir. Her past offices held in the church include: youth chairman, working diligently with all the

youth groups. While she held this position, oftentimes the youth groups would take special parts in the Sunday evening worship services. They always attended the meetings held in the surrounding area for youth groups. She has also served as Bible school director, president of the woman's auxiliary, and youth choir director. Presently, she directs the little children's singing in the Sunday evening services. Very few meetings are held at the church that she does not attend. She and her family were instrumental in the establishment of Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church, working there with the youth groups, as well as all other phases of the church, for approximately one year. We are confident her Christian life influenced many new members of that church during her tenure there.

She is always willing to give freely of her time when other people are being helped; for example, working on the mobile chest X-ray unit at Caswell Center. On her days away from regular employment, having worked with the Roses Stores for ten years, she visits the shut-ins and patients in hospitals and nursing homes, always portraying her Christian smile and concern for people less fortunate.

We, the auxiliary members, feel that Annie Belle's life speaks for itself. Her attitude, "For to me to live is Christ, . . ." (Philippians 1:21), is a challenge to everyone who knows her. We believe souls have been won to Christ through her efforts; therefore, we feel she is most deserving of the honor of "Woman of the Year" from our auxiliary, church, and Eastern District.

Woman of the Year
Nominating Committee,
Mrs. W. B. Warren
Mrs. William E. Tyndall
Mrs. Stanley Jenkins

"If Christ be not divine, every impulse of the Christian world falls to a lower octave, and light and love and hope decline."—Henry Ward Beecher.

St. Mary's Grove Woman's Circle Honors Seniors

The Young Woman's Auxiliary Circle of Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, enjoyed a covered dish supper Wednesday evening, May 17. Special guests for the occasion were three high school seniors from the church: Miss Wanda Coats, Miss Ginger Liles, and Mr. Steve Stephenson. Nineteen others, including the pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson, and Mrs. Jackson, were in attendance at the supper held in the new fellowship hall of the church.

Auxiliary Honors Mrs. Casey

On the evening of May 14 (Mother's Day), at 7 p.m., special dedication services were held at Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina, by the pastor, the Rev. Ed Miles.

Following the dedication services, the woman's auxiliary of the church presented a special surprise program honoring Mrs. Elizabeth Herring Casey as "Mother of the Year." The life of Mrs. Casey was reviewed with approximately 75 members of her family in attendance, along with friends and other relatives. During the program six special songs were rendered by Mrs. Esther Mae Casey, mistress of ceremonies, and Gerald Herring, accompanied by Howard Herring at the organ and piano. Slides were shown by Ben Casey Jr.

Mrs. Casey was presented a "This Is Your Life" album by the auxiliary and a mother's pin by her children and grandchildren.

Refreshments were served in the educational building to the 220 present.

Woman's Auxiliary Convention of The General Conference

The eighth session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Free Will Baptists will convene with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Knob, West Virginia, Monday and Tuesday, June 26, 27, 1972. The convention theme will be "Witness-
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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

N. C. State Convention Superannuation Report

The following is a report of the Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer, of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches, for the first quarter of 1972 (January-March):

Balance January 1, 1972 \$15,899.09

Receipts

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| Religious Contributions for First Quarter | \$1,739.67 |
| Insurance and Retirement Premiums for First Quarter | 6,505.02 |
| Ministers' and Widows' Fund | 360.00 |
| Burruss-Galloway Endowment Fund | 50.00 |
| Interest Income | 3,482.33 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 75.68 |
| Total Receipts | 12,212.70 |
| Total to Account For | \$28,111.79 |

Disbursements

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| Ministers' and Widows' Checks for First Quarter | \$ 840.00 |
| MRS Retirement Checks | 211.50 |
| Insurance Premiums for First Quarter | 9,581.11 |
| Transferred MRS Fund | 10,005.98 |
| Transferred Reserve Premium Fund | 872.73 |
| Transferred Burruss-Galloway Endowment Fund | 200.00 |
| Transferred MW Fund | 360.00 |
| Operating Expenses for First Quarter | 622.63 |
| Total Disbursements | 22,693.95 |

Balance March 31, 1972 \$ 5,417.84
Information of the superannuation work may be secured by writing the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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Trent Church To Have Revival

The Trent Free Will Baptist Church, Merritt, North Carolina, will begin a series of revival services June 5 to continue through Saturday night, June 10. The Rev. Billy Twiddy will be the guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Willie Stilley. The public is cordially invited to attend and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival. The time of the services is 8 p. m.

St. Mary's Grove Revival—June 12-17



Revival services are scheduled for Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Benson, North Carolina, for the week of June 12-17. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the Rev. N. Bruce Barrow Sr. of Snow Hill, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. R. H. Jackson. Along with good preaching each evening, special music has also been planned.

The pastor and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend these services.

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Holly Springs Church to Observe Homecoming

The Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, June 4. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at 12:30 p.m. At 1:30 an afternoon service of singing has been planned.

The pastor, the Rev. W. Royster Martin, and the church membership invite everyone to come and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship. Gospel singing groups are cordially invited to come and participate in the afternoon service.

Woman's Auxiliary

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ing," with Scripture taken from Proverbs 11:30. The scheduled program as follows:

Monday Evening Session June 26

7:00—Registration
7:30—Youth in Action

Tuesday Morning Session June 27

9:30—Registration
10:00—Hymn
—Devotions and Prayer, Mrs. Walter Patterson, Mason, West Virginia
—Welcome, Host Church
—Opening of Convention, Mr. James Evans, Kinston, North Carolina
—Recognition of Officers, Delegates, and Ministers
—President's Remarks, Mrs. Norman Ard, Pink Hill, North Carolina
—Business Session
—Hymn and Offering
—Special Music, the Rev. and Mr. Arnold Price, Madison, West Virginia
—Speaker, Mrs. Carl Dudley, Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon Session June 27

1:30—Hymn and Prayer
—Memorial Service, Mrs. O. Jones, Durham, North Carolina
—Special Singing, Durham, North Carolina, Church
—Announcement of Bible Quiz Winners
—Installation of Officers, Mr. Melody Wall, Pink Hill, North Carolina
—Final Business Session
—Committee Reports
—Adjournment

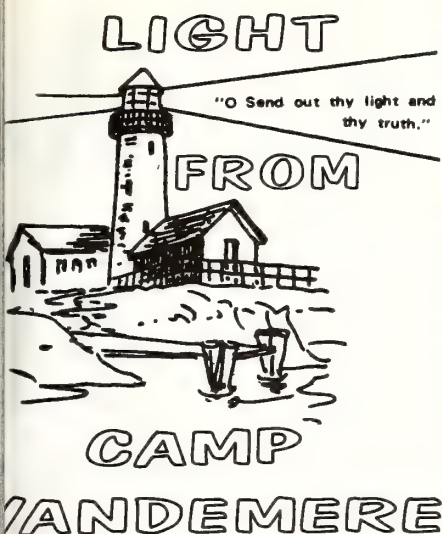
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North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz

by Mrs. Jack Everett
Woman's Auxiliary Youth Chairman
General Conference of Free Will Baptists

The North Carolina State Bible Bowl Quiz on the "Book of Mark" was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, Saturday, May 27.

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Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina:

What Is It?

Camp Vandemere is a nonprofit corporation, duly chartered under the laws of the state of North Carolina for a recreational ministry. The idea for a camp is not something new for Eastern North Carolina Original Free Will Baptists. Over two decades ago there were committees appointed to study the possibilities of a camp in this area. The people have had a keen interest in a recreational ministry that is Christian in principle. For many years our youth have had to attend camps sponsored by other denominations; that is, if they attended a camp on the eastern coast.

During the setting of the Eastern Conference in 1968 a board of directors were appointed and authorized to proceed with purchasing and developing a camp located in Vandemere, North Carolina, in Pamlico County on the Bay River. Camp Vandemere is located about 25 miles from New Bern, North Carolina. Vandemere is a historic and picturesque fishing community whose name means: "Village by the Sea." The site of the camp is within the town and situated on the shore of the beautiful Bay River a few miles from the Pamlico Sound. Camp Vandemere is only a few minutes, by water, away from the Neuse and Pamlico Rivers. The broad expanse of shallow salt and fresh waters makes it ideal as a fishing area and the vast wetlands and organized clubs provide for some of North Carolina's finest in fishing.

What It Is to Be

Camp Vandemere is to be a complete center for a Christian recreational ministry. Its ministry is twofold: (1) It will provide facilities for many year round

recreational activities, and (2) it will provide the location for a ministry to people in a recreational setting.

Policy

Camp Vandemere's first principle is: "A ministry committed to Jesus Christ and concerned with persons." With this in mind, Camp Vandemere will offer its facilities and services in a manner thoroughly Christian, and pledges to its owners and friends that it will always offer the finest atmosphere for the enjoyment of its facilities.

Facilities and Services

The plans for Camp Vandemere call for many facilities; such as, summer youth programs, family camping, recreational buildings, picnicing, swimming, boating, and many others.

The area offers many attractions. Nearby are excellent hunting and fishing, and golf is grand on two courses within 25 miles. Just a few miles away are such famous points of interest as Tryon Palace in New Bern and the phosphate center of the world near Aurora.

Immediate Plans

Plans are underway to construct a water and sewage disposal system; build a kitchen, dining hall, assembly, and a dispensary; and to build a dormitory.

Future Plans

Plans for the future are to build a chapel as a central focal point, develop the swimming area, and landscape the campus.

Camp Vandemere Needs Your Help

Camp Vandemere is just some land. If it is to be a working project it must build. Buildings and programs cost money. We have just secured a loan in the amount of \$100,000, and must begin now making plans for repayment. The only funds Camp Vandemere gets come from its friends and the churches of Eastern North Carolina.

Its board is now extending an invitation to all the churches of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists to participate in its Stewardship Development Program. All gifts are tax exempted in accordance with state and federal laws concerning charitable contributions.

A gift to Camp Vandemere will help untold numbers to find wholesome recreation and scores to attend youth camp. Your gift will help people to help themselves and it will help you. Send your gifts to: Camp Vandemere, Inc., Ralph Sumner, Treasurer, 2918 Camelia Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

College Graduation Exercises

Mount Olive College held its graduation exercises for members of the 1972 class on the downtown campus Saturday morning, May 13, at 10:30, when 119 students received their degrees. John N. Walker, president of Mount Olive Pickle Company, was the principal speaker.

PRAYER AT GRADUATION

by W. Burkette Raper, President

We have come today, Father, to one of the great moments of life—a moment of victory and triumph—but also a moment of self-examination when we face the truth about ourselves and the truth about you.

We thank you, Father, for having brought us this far in our pilgrimage toward becoming men and women.

We thank you for parents, for friends, for teachers, and for the generosity of those unknown to us whose faith in us and whose love for us have made possible this glad hour.

We remember those who began this educational journey with us two years ago but who are not here today, and we pray for your guidance and blessings upon their lives that even the experiences of failure may be redemptive.

And now, Father, as we turn to leave this campus, teach us that it is not so much the future that we face as it is ourselves.

Help us to understand that the most significant thing we carry away is not a diploma nor a degree, but what we have become.

Teach us that the true measure of these two years is not what we hold in our hands, but what we hold in our hearts.

Teach us that while life will not be what we want it to be, it can be what we make it.

Teach us, Father, that you are not only the Source of life but the Meaning of life, and grant us that full measure of dedication that leads to abundant life here and to eternal life in that world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Soul Winning Thro

by
RUTH W. STOKES

("Soul Winning Through Christian Examples" was prepared and presented by Mrs. Ruth W. Stokes at the North Carolina State Sunday School Convention meeting with the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Belvoir, Saturday, April 15. Mrs. Stokes is a member of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, and is a teacher of the nursery Sunday school class, a member of the Sunday school council, and a member of the woman's auxiliary. She is a wife and the mother of four children.)

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The Bible has given us many outstanding men and women whose Christian actions spoke much louder than their words, or rather we could say, they were great soul winners for Christ.

For example, let's look at the life of Philip. As we all know, Philip was a great soul winner and he even set an example for us today. He showed us that all can win souls to Christ as he was not a preacher, but rather, a deacon and a spiritual leader in the Early Church.

I'm sure you remember the story of Philip as told in the eighth chapter of Acts. His plan was to preach Christ to the people; so after Stephen was killed, Philip left Jerusalem and went to the city of Samaria. There he preached with great success and the multitudes gave heed to what he said. They were amazed at the miracles he was able to perform, such as casting out devils and evil spirits and healing the paralytics and the lame.

Soon after the people began to believe Philip's message, many men and women were baptized. Two of Philip's more outstanding converts were Simon the magician of Samaria and the Ethiopian treasurer.

Philip was very sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and he could easily have rationalized that day he met the Ethiopian treasurer: "A high government official like that won't listen to what I have to say." But often Christians discover that God has prepared the heart of the person beforehand.

After much discussion between Philip and the treasurer, we are told how the treasurer came to believe and was baptized in a small body of water.

Just stop and ask yourself what might have become of the treasurer if Philip had not obeyed the Holy Spirit that day on the road to Ethiopia. His soul might never have been saved, but thanks to a Christian and a soul winner named Philip, he was saved and given eternal life!

Another great soul winner for Christ that I am sure you are very familiar with is Paul. The marvelous story of Paul's conversion has blessed the world, but the greatest marvel of Paul's life is seen in his willingness and ability to witness—both in action and word—the power and love of Jesus Christ.

Because of Paul's past persecution of the early Christians, he had to do more than talk to convince the "believers" that he had been converted—he had to show by Christian actions.

It was in Jerusalem that Barnabas, a Christian and friend of Paul's, explained to the apostles the great workings that had begun in Paul on the road to Damascus. After this, the "believers" accepted him, and he was constantly with them.

By now it was clear to Paul that God had called and commissioned him to go into other countries and tell the message of Jesus Christ. If we were to read 2 Corinthians 12:13 we would see how God empowered him for the work. In Acts 20:20-35 we see how God protected him in his work. In Galatians 2:19, 20 we see that God gave him victory.

Even though Paul had traveled very far and had been in many lands of Jesus, who showed men the love of God and died for his faith. But before his death, he sent to the Corinthians this message: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7).

Can we, as Christians today, say that we have fought a good fight, we are fighting a good fight, and that we have the faith to finish the race?

Aquila and Priscilla are the next soul winners whose examples would be well for us to examine. One writer has called Aquila and Priscilla as a great husband and wife team who worked for God.

They were tentmakers who seemed to have migrated all over the Mediterranean world teaching the gospel wherever they went. While in Corinth, at one time, they met Paul; and in Ephesus they worked with him, as he was a tentmaker also. Later, Paul went to Ephesus and while there they met Apollos, who was a wonderful Bible teacher and preacher.

When they left Ephesus they went to Rome for a while. Apparently they returned to Ephesus where they established a church in their home.

Aquila and Priscilla not only served their Lord well but they also had much courage. At one time they laid down their lives to save Paul's life. So, from all the references we meet in the Scriptures, we should readily know that Aquila and Priscilla were well-known and effective workers as Christians.

Not only do we have Christian examples in the Bible but we also have some truly great people in the history of our country.

There was Florence Nightingale, the nurse who ministered to the soldiers on the battlefields. There was Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth President of the United States, who was humble and anxious, not about his high office, but about serving the people.

There was William Carey, a great missionary. Greatly he desired not honor for himself, but wanted only to serve so well on the mission field that others would love and serve the Saviour too. Then there was Martin Luther who led the Protestant Reformation in Germany and also made an important contribution to German literature with his translation of the Bible. Throughout his lifetime Luther continued to teach, to preach, and to

Christian Examples

ple as these have always been honored and will be re-
d for having done most in the service of God and in the
of mankind.

are also fortunate to have outstanding soul winners that
g Christian examples today. These would include such
s: Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, Rex Humbard, Catherine
Kathryn Kuhlman, Peter Marshall Jr., and Dale Evans

ould also like to mention some people whose lives have
pecial meaning in my own life: my mother, my mother-in-
stian friends in my neighborhood, and one of my Sunday
achers—Mrs. Queenie Clark.

y that we have talked about the need to win souls, how
e for the task of winning souls, and about some outstand-
winners, I think we should mention briefly the rewards
one gets from winning a soul to Christ.

ording to the 1972 "Devotion" the rewards of soul win-
as follows:

Winning souls to Christ gives us a place in the greatest
phase of kingdom service.

Winning souls to Christ helps us to become more like Jesus
or this was the heart and soul of His earthly ministry.

Winning souls to Christ causes us to become more conscious
of the world's needs.

Winning souls to Christ assures us of continuing success in
our Christian life.

The joys of soul winning according to the 1972 "Devotion"
are:

1. Soul winning is the joy in the heart of God.
2. Soul winning is the special joy of the worker, thus making it a personal joy. About 98 percent of all souls won into the kingdom are brought by joyful soul winners.
3. Everytime a soul is won to Christ, the winner becomes stronger in the Lord. You cannot win another to Christ without your own life being made better.
4. Soul winning is the greatest joy in the world because it is the fulfillment of God's plan for redeeming the world.
5. Soul winning means we are having real fellowship with heaven, as both heaven and earth rejoice when a sinner returns to the Lord.

Yes, soul winning is essential to the growth and survival of the church as Christ intended it to be. If we would be obedient servants of the Master, we must never remove this ancient landmark, established by Christ himself when He sent His disciples out two by two to win souls to the kingdom. He is counting on us! Let us not fail Him!

In closing, I would like to leave one verse of Scripture with you, and I hope you will keep it in your thoughts constantly.

Verse 6 of Psalm 126 says, "He that goeth forth and weep-eth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."—Adaptations from: 1971 and 1972 "Devotion"; "Speaking in His Name" by Ken Chafin; and "Devotionals for All Occasions" by Virginia Whitman.

TELEVISION SPECIAL ON NATIONWIDE CAMBODIAN TV

The appearance of a visiting Christian quartet on nationwide Cambodian television marks a new breakthrough in Cambodia. Mass media communications like radio and TV have been strictly off-limits for Cambodian Christians until the 15-minute special featuring the Danniellles of World Vision International. It was the first time Christians have appeared on local TV.

Although commercial time is sold in both print and electronic media here, antichristian bias in the days of former head of state Norodom Sihanouk made Christian local broadcasting out of the question.

Observers here feel that the door has been opened and that Christians might be putting on several more specials at

Christmas, Easter, or other religious holidays and eventually obtain regular airtime.

The local Bible school has not opened communications courses yet, although the Cambodian film industry is highly developed. Through mass media it would be possible to present the gospel to almost everyone in Cambodia everyday, according to local observers.

Local media outlets, both print and electronic, are suffering revenue deficits, and advertising space and time are relatively inexpensive. Through mass media, Cambodians in territory held by the North Vietnamese could be reached as well as Khmer-speaking minority groups in nearby South Vietnam and Thailand.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

The meaning of each of the seven deadly sins become clearer if we set down beside each one the corresponding godly virtue which God desires us to practice, that which overcomes the sin.

Pride — Humility
Anger — Forgiveness
Covetousness — Generosity
Lust — Purity
Envy — Love
Sloth—Diligence
Gluttony — Temperance

—Copied.

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I want no great preachers in the field. If I can find a man who can talk face to face with another man, wherever he meets him, then I know how to get missionary work done in America or China.
—Dr. Nevius, Missionary.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. James David Hoke announces that he is available for pastoral work on the first and third Sundays of the month. He is presently pastor of the Pilgrim's Home Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing 814 Lancaster Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

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The Rev. Bill Gaylord announces that he is available for pastoral work with any church desiring his services. He is currently employed as a teacher in the public school system. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and has a partial fulfillment of a Master's degree in education. He may be contacted by calling Belhaven 943-2869.

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—Christian Acti

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YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS AND WIDOWS

Listed below are the Free Will Baptist ministers of North Carolina who are on the superannuation list of the State Convention. Also listed are widows of Free Will Baptist ministers of the state who are receiving aid through the superannuation program. As in the past, during holiday seasons, on birthdays, and throughout the year, cards, gifts, and any other remembrances for these who have served the denomination so faithfully throughout the years, will be greatly appreciated.

MINISTERS

The Rev. Herman Wooten
104 Avery Street
Garner, North Carolina 27529
Birthday: February 15, 1893.

The Rev. Wiley Ferrell
608 Tower Street
Selma, North Carolina 27576
Birthday: September 27, 1902

The Rev. B. F. Ringgold
Route 5, Box 47
New Bern, North Carolina 28560
Birthday: August 22, 1898

The Rev. W. G. Boykin
Dorothea Dix Hospital
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Birthday: October 10, 1900

The Rev. Milford Hales
Route 2
Kenly, North Carolina 27542
Birthday: February 5, 1898

WIDOWS

Mrs. Vedia S. Reynolds
P. O. Box 302
Columbia, North Carolina 27925
Birthday: March 17, 1907

Mrs. W. R. Glover
Box 408
Coats, North Carolina 27521
Birthday: September 28, 1884

Mrs. M. A. Woodard
60 Lemon Street
St. Augustine, Florida 32084
Birthday: June 5, 1891

Mrs. W. H. Lancaster
Route 4
Smithfield, North Carolina 27577
Birthday: August 2, 1899

Mrs. L. H. Wetherington
83 Dahlgren Avenue
Portsmouth, Virginia 23702
Birthday: March 22, 1880

Mrs. J. R. Bennett
Bridgeton
North Carolina 28519
Birthday: May 23, 1908

Mrs. Duffy Toler
131 N. Eastern Street
Greenville, North Carolina 27834
Birthday: February 8, 1884

Mrs. Emelina Rhodes
Route 2
Tabor City, North Carolina 28463
Birthday: March 7, 1893

Mrs. Julia W. Snyder
Box 162
Erlanger, North Carolina 27292
Birthday: August 25, 1896

Mrs. Mary J. Parrish
Box 43
Elm City, North Carolina 27822
Birthday: September 23, 1903

Mrs. J. W. Alford
c/o Mrs. Earl Lewis
Box 163
Knightdale, North Carolina 27545
Birthday: October 11, 1881

Mrs. G. C. Joyner
c/o Mrs. Norma Eubanks
Route 3
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312
Birthday: April 15, 1894

Mrs. Bessie G. Mitchell
Box 65
Pikeville, North Carolina 27863
Birthday: July 18, 1891

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Would a Christian girl be justified in marrying an atheist?

Answer: I do not think so. The Bible, in the Old and the New Testaments, teaches that God's children should live their lives separated from the world. It makes us to understand that we are to live holy lives before a lost world of sinners; also, that we are to live apart from them in their life of sin, unbelief, and disobedience. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what agreement hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (2 Corinthians 6:14-17). If this Scripture alone does not teach that a Christian should live a separated life from the unsaved or the world, pray tell me what does it teach?

Then the Old Testament is about as definite in its teachings on the subject of language can put it. When the Old Testament saints were coming into Canaan they were commanded to destroy idols, idol temples, and other idolatrous places of worship, and the idolaters with all objects of worship. The saints were to have no kind of intercourse with them whatsoever. "When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no cove-

nant with them, nor shew mercy unto them; Neither shalt thou make marriage with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly" (Deuteronomy 7:1-4); "But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: but thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God" (Deuteronomy 20:16-18); "Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee" (Exodus 23:32, 33); "Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods" (Exodus 34:12-16).

God's Word gives several incidents in which Israel was disobedient to His teaching concerning a total separation in living and all activities in which He took drastic measures in judgment upon them. "They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor, and ate the sacrifices of

the dead. Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake upon them" (Psalm 106:28, 29); "And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. . . . And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand" (Numbers 25:3, 9).

Years ago Catholics and Protestants did not marry generally nor did a liberal and an orthodox Christian if the two were true to their profession. The lines were more definitely drawn and people as a whole seemed to me to be more sincere in what they claimed to believe; but now instead of such a clear distinction as black and white the situation seems to have more or less taken on a dingy gray. If I understand the Bible's teaching on this subject correctly, as the church age draws nearer to its close, we are to see this change bringing forth more fruits of its kind. Many will be so-called church people, but convictions will be less pronounced until finally the devil and not the Lord will be the great influence in the decadent or false church; and finally God will take all the saved to be with Himself, leaving for a terrible tribulation period, the organized church. This will probably not only include Protestants and Catholics, but all the cults: Buddhist, atheist, universalist, and whatever else they may call themselves, and God will become so nauseated with such conglomeration that He will spew them out of His mouth. When the dragon and the antichrist have had their time with them, God will assign them to eternal punishment.

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"You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late."—Emerson.

Bookstore Hours

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STORIES

for our youth



Bull's Eye Buddies

by Nita Newcomb

WENDY GORDON'S only brother Dave, had left to start summer college in the big city. Wendy felt terribly lonesome. Dave was a wonderful brother. Not many older brothers took their kid sisters ice skating and fishing, but Dave did. Why last fall he even had helped her to set up an archery range on Mrs. Adams' vacant lot next door. He had taught her how to shoot an arrow into the bull's-eye.

Dave had often mowed Mrs. Adams' yard, and Wendy had run many errands for her. She was happy to let them use her vacant lot.

"Fix up any kind of archery range you wish," she had told them, "and use it as often as you like."

Dave and Wendy had hauled bales of straw to form a backstop. They had cut a round piece of canvas four feet wide for the target. After painting a gold bull's-eye in the center, they painted four more circles—red, blue, black, and white—around the bull's-eye. Then they had mounted it on three legs and began practicing.

"You're my favorite tomboy," Dave had teased as he showed Wendy how to hold the bow.

Now Wendy was wishing with all her heart that he were home again. To add to Wendy's loneliness, many of her friends had moved away.

Wendy watched as a moving van backed up to the empty house on the corner and began unloading furniture.

"Our new neighbors won't have time to cook on moving day," Wendy's mother said. "I think I'll take them a big pan of chicken and noodles."

When she came back, she told Wendy, "Our new neighbors' name is Morgan. They seem very friendly, and they have a daughter Rosalie, who is your age."

Wendy didn't answer. She didn't want any new friends; besides, she had her archery range to practice on.

Several days later, Wendy saw Rosalie out in the vacant lot. Using a homemade arrow and a string-tied willow branch as a bow, Rosalie shot an arrow into Wendy's target! Right into the red circle. She had her nerval!

"Hi," Rosalie smiled, as Wendy hurried over to the vacant lot. "This is a fine archery range. Do you—"

"I know," Wendy interrupted without smiling back. "My brother, Dave, and I made it before he went away." She walked over and stood in front of the target, hoping Rosalie would take the hint and go away.

"Where's your brother now?"

A lump stuck in Wendy's throat. "He's gone to college and won't be back until the summer term is over. Then we'll target practice on OUR archery range again."

"I know how that is," Rosalie said gently. "I miss my brother, too. He joined the army last month."

Wendy wanted to be friendly to Rosalie. She remembered how she had felt when she was new in the neighborhood. But this archery range was her and Dave's. What right did Rosalie or anyone else have to use Dave's things?

I'd tell her to leave our things alone, Wendy thought, but Mrs. Adams owns the lot. Besides, she might tattle to

Mom and Dad, and I'd be in trouble. Mom's always saying to me, "You've got to learn to be a friend, Wendy, if you want to have a friend."

Rosalie straightened the string on the bow. "Maybe I can save enough money from my paper route to buy a real bow and-arrow set."

"You're a papergirl?" asked Wendy.

"Sure," Rosalie answered proudly. "Some kids call me a tomboy because I carry papers, but I don't care. It's a good job, and my customers are nice."

Wendy smiled to herself and walked back to her house.

Rosalie shot a few more arrows; then she went home, too.

Mrs. Gordon was just leaving as Wendy came in. "Wendy, will you put some charcoal bricks on the outside grill to light them, please? We're having a hamburger cookout this evening. Perhaps you'd like to invite a friend."

Wendy began to get everything ready for the cookout and started with fixing the fire. Even though she used a newspaper to handle the charcoal, her hands got soiled. So after the charcoal had started burning, Wendy went into the house to wash her hands. She saw a sudden gust of wind toss the newspaper onto the coals, catch it afire, then sail over onto the straw bales, setting them afire.

"Help! Fire! Help!" she screamed. She grabbed the watering hose and raced to the fire.

Swishing the water back and forth over the burning bales, Wendy had the fire nearly out when she tripped over the smoldering target lying on the ground. A flame jumped up and licked her dress just as a spark landed in her hair, setting it on fire.

"Help! Somebody please help!" she screamed.

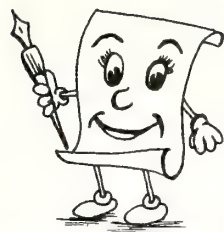
Suddenly Rosalie dashed up and began beating out the flames in Wendy's hair and soaking her from head to foot with the hose.

Rosalie soon had the fire out. "Where was that close!"

Wendy brushed away her tears. "Thanks ever so much, Rosalie. I'm not burned very much, but you have some blisters on your hand that we'd better take care of." Then she looked at the burned straw and the ruined target. "Not much left of the archery range now, is there?"

"Don't worry," Rosalie answered. "You and I can get to work and fix it up before Dave gets home."

Wendy swallowed hard. "Sure. A" (continued on page sixteen)



NOTES

by Nina Grace Register

Do you have a cross-eyed bear?

We have several around our house. In the morning, they come and go. It's a family tradition that comes from an old story: They are finishing Sunday dinner when Father asked Gladly, "Well, what shall we do this afternoon?"

"I want to go see Gladly," their daughter spoke up.

Thinking she meant his sister, Gladys, Father answered, "Honey, that's too far of a trip for Sunday. You'll have to pick someplace nearer home."

"Gladly lives at the zoo," she said. "That's not far."

"Gladly? At the zoo?"

"You know. Gladly, the cross-eyed bear. We sang about her in church this morning."

That story is about as old as the song. And although it's corny, it makes a good point. It has been said that a cross-eyed bear can be borne valiantly and obediently or evaded fearfully and unsubmitively.

I can't imagine anything "testier" than a cross-eyed bear. So for us it has come to have two meanings. One is a situation that could be changed with a fight but for the sake of peace can be endured, like someone taking your piece of chicken, sitting in your chair, saying what you just said, or washing a cabinet you just washed. The other is anything that should be done whether or not we want to, even if it's unpleasant, from washing dishes to studying for a test while "they" watch TV, mowing grass when the buddies are playing, practicing when there's a good book to be read, attending the revival and missing a big ball game, or writing a column when I'd like to be sewing.

In other words, when there are two alternatives and we "choose the better part," though we'd prefer the other, when that's a "cross-eyed bear."

I suppose everybody has at least one, whether you name it "Gladly" or "Sadly."

INFORMATION ABOUT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

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THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

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| Religious Contributions Received | 1972 | 1971 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 630.69 | \$ 120.20 | \$ 510.49 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 1,057.81 | 485.00 | 572.81 |
| Central Conference | 2,351.67 | 643.46 | 1,708.21 |
| Eastern Conference | 3,057.41 | 1,562.44 | 1,494.97 |
| Piedmont Conference | 167.83 | 30.00 | 137.83 |
| Toe River Association | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Western Conference | 1,636.16 | 1,270.27 | 365.89 |
| Other Religious Contributions | 35.00 | | 35.00 |
| Total Religious Contributions | \$ 8,986.57 | \$4,111.37 | \$ 4,875.20 |
| Parents and Relatives | \$ 934.20 | 1,054.10 | (119.90) |
| Friends and Others | 750.00 | 297.00 | 453.00 |
| Farm Sales | 2,132.33 | 984.53 | 1,147.80 |
| Canteen Sales | 183.00 | | 183.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 111.06 | 76.46 | 34.60 |
| Total Other Income | \$ 4,110.59 | \$2,412.09 | \$ 1,698.50 |
| Total Income for Month | \$13,097.16 | \$6,523.46 | \$ 6,573.70 |
| The above was received for the following: | | | |
| General Fund | \$13,018.16 | \$6,518.46 | \$ 6,499.70 |
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Albemarle Conference

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| Gum Neck | \$100.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 100.00 |
| Plymouth | 150.00 |
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| Lee's Chapel | 255.73 |
| Smithfield | 200.00 |
| Hopewell | 105.00 |
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Central Conference

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| Black Jack | 258.96 |
| Bethany | 138.14 |
| Dilda's Grove | 102.65 |
| Ormondsville | 160.00 |
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| Aspen Grove | 178.00 |
| Greenville | 110.00 |
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| Daniel's Chapel | 175.00 |
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| Holly Springs | 527.36 |
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| Snow Hill | 300.00 |
| Arapahoe | 110.00 |
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| Everett's Chapel | 148.08 |
| Spring Hill | 100.00 |
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"I find the name of Jesus Christ written on the top of every page of human history."—George Bancroft.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 11



Meeting God Through the Scriptures

Lesson Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; Psalm 119:9-18

Memory Verse: Psalm 119:10

I. INTRODUCTION

We cannot see God in person, but we can know about Him through the Scriptures and a study of the life of Christ. We learn from the Scriptures that God loves us and wants to direct our lives. Sometimes His love is expressed in chastisement, for He would not love us if He allowed us to have our own way without warning us of the dangers of willful living outside His will.

A missionary in India tells of a Brahman priest, an intelligent and open-minded man, who listened intently to the preaching. He was given a New Testament written in his own language on condition that he would faithfully read it. He read it for a month; then meeting the missionary again, he said, "I wish you to take the book back. As I read it, it kicks me."

Mark Twain is quoted as saying he was not bothered by the passages in the Bible that he did not understand, but by those he did understand.

It has been said, "A person who is ignorant of the Bible is not an educated person, no matter what other things he may know." A distinguished professor once said that if he had to choose between a thorough knowledge of the Bible and a college education he would take the Bible every time.

"Bible reading is equally important to the ordering of life and to the well-being of every Christian. The Bible should be the compass giving direction to everyone who desires to know and do the will of God."—Guy P. Leavitt, *The Advanced Quarterly* (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The Bible is God's Word.
2. The first portion of the printed

Scripture deals with young Timothy and the Word.

3. The second portion of the printed Scripture deals with Psalm 119, a remarkable psalm.
- B. Paul Admonishes Timothy (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
 1. Timothy had learned the Word of God from others.
 2. Those who had taught Timothy had been faithful witnesses.
 3. The Scripture is given by inspiration.
 4. Various theories of inspiration:
 - a. The dictation theory
 - b. The intuition theory
 - c. The illumination theory
 - d. The dynamic theory
 5. The purpose of the Scripture.

C. The Basis of Blessing (Psalm 119:9-16)

1. We must heed the Word of God.
2. We must hide the Word in our heart.
3. We must allow the Lord to teach us His Word.
4. We must be living witnesses of the Word.
5. We must meditate and rejoice in the Word.

D. A Prayer for Open Eyes (Psalm 119:17, 18)

1. The purpose of life is to live the Word of God.
2. God must illumine our minds, and open our eyes so that we can see.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "An old Scotch woman who was alone for the better part of the day was asked, 'What do you do during the day?' 'Well,' she said, 'I get my hymnbook, and I have a little hymn of praise to the Lord.' Then she added, 'I get my Bible and let the Lord speak to me. When I am tired of reading, and I cannot sing anymore, I just sit still and let the Lord love me.'"—Selected.

B. There are numerous devotional

helps for the one today who wants develop the practice of daily devotion. Most communities are even served by Dial-a-Devotion system that offers a brief devotional thought over the telephone anyone who dials a certain number.

Devotion booklets such as *Devotion* are also available. They provide inspirational messages with suggested Scripture readings, hymns, and prayer thoughts for each day.

If you are a person who prefers "do his own thing" when it comes daily devotions, the possibilities are nearly limitless. Some folk, in addition setting a particular time, also appoint certain place for their altar. A picture or two with a religious theme can be used to set apart such an area. A collection of appropriate books should be nearby. Included may be a hymn book, a book of poems, and a Bible storybook for the children, as well as commentaries, concordances, Bible dictionary, and a Bible atlas. Sacred recordings should not be forgotten. Filmstrips and slides may be used effectively also.

Whatever you use, the Bible must be kept at the center. All the others are only helps to aid our understanding of God's Word.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. "Be honest with me now: Have you ever read the Bible all the way through? If you have accomplished this, was it just once or several times? Would you be surprised if I told you that there are those who have read the Bible through 100 times, 115 times, even 150 times? It's true, and some have committed whole books to memory.

"As a matter of fact, the Bible is not as long as you think. There are only 119 books with 1,189 chapters. If you set yourself to read just three chapters each weekday and five on Sunday, you could read it easily in a year.

"Certain mysterious things will happen to you as you embark on this program of continuous Bible reading. First, your estimation of the Bible as a literary marvel will rise. Then you will find that the precepts of the Book will begin to take hold of you. You'll have a tendency to think in terms of Bible truth. When questions arise in life, the Bible answer will pop into your mind. In other words, the Bible will become a part of you. This is good.

"Dedicate yourself: Make it a rule to live your Christian life to really know the Bible. You'll find yourself in a class with the great men and women of history if you do."—Selected.

Accelerated Degree Program

Students who will be high school seniors in the fall of 1972 may elect to begin their college studies at Mount Olive this summer. The first summer session begins June 5, and during nine weeks of summer school students may earn nine hours of academic credit which may be applied on a degree from Mount Olive College if the student enrolls at Mount Olive College following his graduation from high school.

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At the end of the above period the student will have completed two full years of academic study and will be eligible to transfer to a four-year college or university as a junior.

On the basis that the average college graduate earns \$8,000 during his first year following graduation from College the above schedule actually prepares the student to begin his life's vocation a full year earlier and thereby adds to his lifetime earning capacity approximately \$8,000.

Students who are interested in the above program are invited to write or visit the College for additional information. Those who prefer may call collect (919) 658-2502 and ask to speak to Dr. Roy Swords, academic dean.

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The Test

"I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility," said John Ruskin. Sir Isaac Newton, when an old man, said, "I am as a child on the seashore picking up a pebble here and a shell there, but the great ocean of truth lies before me!" W. B. Knight.



SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE ILLUSION OF CHRIST IN THE PICTURE ABOVE

(This picture was submitted to us by Mrs. George L. (Melissa) Rouse of Winterville, North Carolina. It has been in her family for many years, and she thought it might be interesting to share it with the readers of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. All of us have seen cloud formations which remind us of artists' conceptions of the Son of God, but in this case the trees do it. Look carefully and you will be able to determine just where the illusion appears.)

Who Are the Meek?

A missionary in Jamaica was examining his school upon a certain verse. He asked a black boy this question: "Who are the meek?"

The boy answered, "Those who give soft answers to rough questions."—Western Recorder.

BEHIND THE WHEEL

When I used to walk to get someplace, Car drivers were a menace to the human race!

But now that I, too, drive a car, I discover what fools pedestrians are.

—Selected.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Boys' and Girls' Stories

(continued on page thirteen)

—and I have another bow-and-arrow set you can use to practice with, Rosalie, until you get your new set.”

“Wonderful! And I have an old canvas umbrella that we can use to paint a target on.”

Wendy looked at the grill. “Why don’t you go and ask your mother whether you can come to eat hamburgers with me tonight, Rosie?”

Rosalie’s eyes sparkled. “I’m sure I can. My mother says that you folks are good neighbors.”

“Good.” Wendy put her arms around Rosalie. “You know, Rosie, we tomboys ought to stick together.”—My Pleasure.

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Woman’s Auxiliary

(continued from page six)

6, with more than 50 young people in attendance. Curtis Brock from the local church served as pianist. Sharon Braxton, president of the YFA of the local church, welcomed those present. Scott Dowdee from the First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, led the devotions.

Susan Badder, Mike Rigsby, and Mike Wheeley from the First church, Durham, were first-place winners in the Bible Bowl Quiz. Sandra McPherson, Deborah Cartrette, and Marilyn McPherson from the Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourn, North Carolina, were second-place winners. Third-place winners were Terry Ball, Terri Holland, and Marsha Gray from the First church, Kinston. These three teams will represent North Carolina at the General Conference in Pine Knob, West Virginia, June 26, during the youth night service. The winning team will be awarded \$75 in bonds (a \$25 bond to each contestant on the winning team).

Youth sponsors, please help your young people with their money-raising projects to help pay their expenses to the conference. Let’s be a true representative for North Carolina!

You may make reservations at the Honey in the Rock Hotel, 2315 Hill Road,

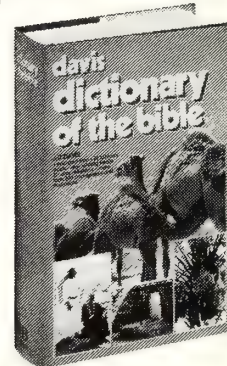
Intersection of 19-21 and State Route 3, Beckley, West Virginia 25801; telephone 252-7391. Most of our young people will be staying here.

See you at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Knob, West Virginia, June 26, 1972.

He sat and puffed on his cigar
And blew his smoke anear and far;
He soon forgot his charm and grace
And puffed it right into my face.
Life is like that. Of course he’s free.
But what about my liberty?

—O Ray Burg

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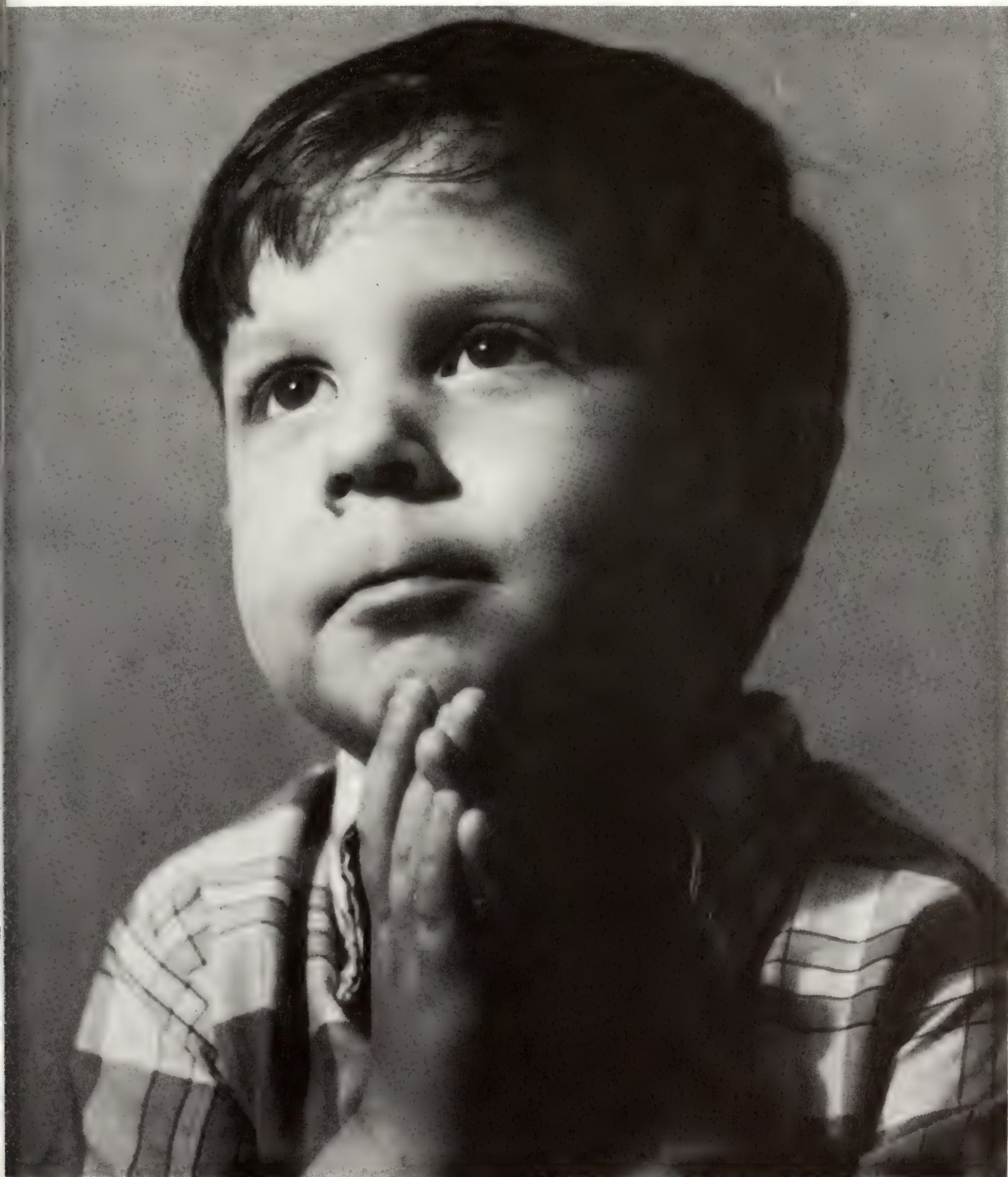
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BLESS DADDY, GOD . . .

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Bless Daddy, God. . .

He needs your help. Sure, he's a big man; but I've seen tears in his eyes sometimes—and I don't know why. Maybe I'll know when I get older.

He works hard, God, to buy me food and clothes—and I know he probably thinks that I'm too young to understand. That's why he won't tell me some things when I ask him questions.

He's a good man, God. Even when he's tired he takes the time to talk to me about what I did during the day. He even laughs at the things I think are funny. That makes me feel good. And God, when he pats my head—why it's just like being in heaven!

Sometimes he'll bend down low and hug me or kiss my cheek and say, "I love my little boy"—and God, I feel so safe when he does that.

Bless Daddy, God. . .

I don't know what I'd do without him. He's never told me anything wrong yet—and I know he never will. He's about the smartest man I ever saw—and the best. He tells me that I must be a nice boy, and he tells me how I'm supposed to love you. And I do, God—I really do love you! 'Course I don't know a lot about you except what Daddy tells me. I do know that when he talks to me about you I get a good feeling inside that makes me want to cry and laugh at the same time.

Bless Daddy, God. . .

Sometimes his eyes are sad and sometimes they just light up like stars. I wish he could be happy all the time.

I love it when he throws me up and catches me and wrestles with me in the grass. 'Course he always lets me win when we wrestle. He wouldn't hurt me for the world—and I know it. If I ever fall down, he picks me up and slings me around; and I forget all about being hurt.

Bless Daddy, God. . .

Last night I heard him talking to you about me, but he didn't know I was listening. I think I heard him cry when he asked you to look after me. He said that he couldn't do it alone. 'Course he's always looked after me real good, and I never worry when I'm with him.

The other day he told me that I was the most precious thing in the world to him and that he wouldn't take a million dollars for me. Boy! that's a lot of money! Am I worth that much, God? Daddy said that I was.

Bless Daddy, God. . .

I wish I could do something for him.

All I can say is that I love him.

Bless Daddy, God. . .



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The Church and The Holy Spirit

by
F. B. CHERRY

... but be ye filled with the Spirit"
(Ephesians 5:18).

SOON after I was saved, my family moved across the street from the Assembly of God Tabernacle in Dothan, Alabama. I heard these people preach and testify that the baptism of the Holy Spirit was a second work of grace—something different and subsequent to salvation. This disturbed me very much because I wanted all that God had for people.

I continued to study God's Word, but I also continued to be unsettled in my mind about this matter of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then after I became a member at the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayer, North Carolina, I had the privilege of attending the Evangelical Press Association meeting in Chicago. There I met and became friends with an elderly man, B. H. Gaddis, who was manager of the Light and Life Press of the Free Will Baptist Church. He invited me to visit his home and in the Light and Life Press on my way home from Chicago. I did. In our travel together I talked with this man about my unsettled mind about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Of course, he believed the same as my Assembly of God friends had back in Dothan. After I arrived home, I received a box of books as a gift from Mr. Gaddis. All of these books pertained to the Holy Spirit and His work. Then I

began a detailed study on my own to really decide what I believed.

After several weeks of study in every spare moment that I could find, I came to the conclusion that the baptism of the Holy Spirit takes place at the time of regeneration, but that the infilling of the Spirit may take place then or later. Also that the infilling of the Spirit is an act that may be repeated many times.

It is these two things that I want to talk with you about today: the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The Old Testament promised the Holy Spirit, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as such, is never mentioned. However, it is definitely and positively promised in the New Testament. All four Gospels mention it (Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; and John 1:33). All of these passages are from John's statement concerning Jesus. Then Christ himself in Acts 1:5 promised: "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a definite promise to New Testament Christians.

The purpose of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is given in 1 Corinthians 12:13: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have all been made to drink into one Spirit." It is the baptism of the Holy Spirit that makes us a member of the body of Christ. We cannot be saved and we cannot belong to this great body of our Lord called the church apart from the Holy Spirit.

The Epistle to the Ephesians is preeminently an epistle of the church, and in it we are told how the church is built.

In Ephesians 1:4, 5, Paul tells us that the church is the product of God the Father's mind. He is the Architect of the church. In Ephesians 5:25, we are told that God the Son gave Himself for the church. Christ is the Purchaser of the materials that go into the building of the church. In Ephesians 2:19-22, we are told that the Holy Spirit makes us part of this great building. He is the Contractor of the church.

Many years ago when I was a student in the Old Zion Bible school in south Georgia, I learned a little riddle that goes like this: "God thought it; Jesus brought it; the Holy Spirit wrought it; the devil fought it; I've got it, and you can have it too." This shows the part that each Person in the Godhead plays in our salvation.

At the time of salvation, when we are baptized by the Holy Spirit, He comes into the heart to indwell the Christian. Therefore, every Christian has the Holy Spirit. This is why we are never told in the Bible to pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit or to seek it in any way.

The Infilling of the Holy Spirit

Now let us go on to discuss the infilling of the Holy Spirit. You may say, "But you just finished saying that every Christian is indwelt by Him. Aren't we already filled with the Spirit?" It is one thing to say that there is corn in the barn, but quite a different thing to say that the barn is filled with corn. The Holy Spirit lives within each Christian and fills as much of him as He is allowed. The Holy Spirit cannot fill a heart that is so filled with other things that there is no room for Him.

There are many works of the Holy Spirit in the Christian. He is to comfort in the time of sorrow, strengthen in time of weakness, teach us the things of God as we study the Word, and guide us in life's decisions. However, He is able to do His work only as there is an emptying of self so that He may pervade our being and have control of our lives.

When I first began to study this great doctrine of the Holy Spirit, one thing bothered me greatly—were the disciples baptized by the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost or were they infilled by the Spirit? After reading Acts 1 and 2 over many times, looking for clues, I came to the conclusion that both took place. They were baptized by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ, and as they surrendered He pervaded and controlled their lives, giving them great power. This is the way it should always work, but it does not always happen this way.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 11

WHAT IS A FATHER

Scripture Reading—Luke 15:31

A father is a creature that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic. A father growls when he feels good and laughs loud when scared half to death.

A father never feels worthy of the worship in a child's eyes. He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks; never quite the man his son believes him to be, and this worries him—sometimes. So he works too hard to try to smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him.

A father gets very angry when the school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be. So he scolds his son—though he knows it's the teacher's fault. A father gives his daughter away to another man who is not nearly good enough—so he can have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's. A father makes bets with insurance companies about who will live the longest. One day, he loses—and the bet is paid off to those he leaves behind.

I don't know where a father goes when he dies; but I have an idea that after a good rest, wherever it is, he won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there, too—repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets—smoothing the way.—*Selected.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Is this your idea of a real father? Do you know one like this man? They're wonderful things to have around. Surely we all know of at least one man like this—don't we?

MONDAY, JUNE 12

THAT LITTLE CHAP THAT FOLLOWS ME

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:5, 6

A careful man, I want to be;
A little fellow follows me.
I do not dare to go astray,
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

I cannot once escape his eyes;
Whatever he sees me do, he tries.
Like me, he says he's going to be,
That little chap that follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every work of mine.

The bad in me, he must not see;
My life to him must an example be.

I must remember, as I go
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be,
For that little chap that follows me.

—Author Unknown.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Boys want so much to be "just like Daddy," don't they? Small wonder men work so hard at living up to their son's image of themselves! You don't know of any who do not—do you?

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

GETTING THE RIGHT START

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3

The young father, pushing a baby carriage, seemed quite unperturbed by the wails emerging from it. "Easy now, Albert," he said quietly, "control yourself. Keep calm." Another howl rang out. "Now, now Albert," murmured the parent, "keep your temper." A young mother passing by remarked, "I must congratulate you! You know how to speak to a child." "Child Nothing! My name's Albert!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Maybe we do need to talk to ourselves before we talk to our children. Talk to God and ourselves—seriously. We might be better parents, hadn't we?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

Scripture Reading—Matthew 8:8

Supposing today were your last day on earth,

The last mile of the journey you've trod;
After all of your struggles, how much are you worth?

How much could you take home to God?
Don't count as possessions your silver and gold,

For tomorrow you leave them behind;
And all that is yours to have and to hold
Are the blessings you've given mankind.
Just what have you done as you've journeyed along

That was really and truly worthwhile?
Do you feel your good deeds would offset a wrong?

Could you look o'er your life with a smile?

We are only supposing; but if it were real,
And you invoiced your deeds since your birth,

And you figured the profits you've made in life's deal—

How much are you really worth?

—Author Unknown.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We could ask of the fathers we know: How much are you worth in your daughter or son's eyes? In God's? Evaluate yourself. Today, how much are you really worth?

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

THE COST OF FOLLOWING GOD

Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:24

It cost Abraham the willingness to yield his only son.

It cost Esther the risk of her life.

It cost Daniel being cast into the den of lions.

It cost Abed-nego, Meshach, and Shadrach being put into the fiery furnace.

It cost Stephen death by stoning.

It cost Peter a martyr's death.

It cost Jesus His life.

Does it cost you anything?—*Copied.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

How much does it cost you to follow God? Having someone want to be like you would far bypass any "cost," wouldn't it? Such a small price to pay for such treasure! Is it worth the cost to you?

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

TWELVE YEARS OLD

Scripture Reading—Luke 11:11

I know a man who lives nearby
In the land called Everywhere.
You might not think he's a man at all

By the clothes he may chance to wear
But beneath his coat with many a patch
Lies a heart more precious than gold
The heart of a man 'neath the coat of a
A man who is twelve years old.

For we never can tell what the future will make

Of the boys we carelessly meet;
For many a congressman is doing chores,

And presidents play in the street.
The hand that is busy with playthings

The reins of power will hold,
So I take off my hat and I proudly salute
The man who is twelve years old.

—Anonym

PRAYER THOUGHT

Bless our "little men"! Yes, they will be the fathers of tomorrow. May we lead them with God's help every step of the way. What a wonderful privilege!

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

I THANK THEE, FATHER

Scripture Reading—Psalm 9

I thank Thee, Father, for the way
Thy hand has guided me today.
I woke at morning's dawn, afraid
To face my problems. But I prayed,
And one by one each need was met;
For Thou hast never failed me yet.
Dear God, henceforth my prayer shall be
For strong, abiding faith in Thee.

—Florence Ta

PRAYER THOUGHT

We are so thankful for our fathers every day—our young ones and our older ones. And our heavenly Father—may we never cease to thank Him for being with us every day! How wonderful!

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WANT TO MAKE FRIENDS?

An elderly woman was once asked, "What is your formula for making keeping friends?"

"Well, honey, I follow just one rule," she replied; "I am always most careful to stop and taste my words before I let them pass my teeth."—*Selected*

THE FREE WILL BARR

Ayden Seminary- Eureka College Alumni Meeting

The annual meeting of the Ayden Seminary-Eureka College Alumni met Wednesday, May 17, in the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church. Serving organist and pianist respectfully were Mrs. Ruth Pike and the Rev. Leonard Earl Harris, both of Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

The meeting opened with the singing of the "Doxology," followed with the hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing." Prayer was offered by the Rev. L. E. Ballard.

The host church extended a welcome to the alumni with the Rev. James A. Morris responding.

In his remarks, President Leonard Earl Harris expressed regrets that some of the former students were not attending the alumni meetings. He stated that the organization needed to get things moving and cited a need for greater publicity. Dr. Harris also stated that the Ayden church is a result of the administration of the Ayden Seminary-Eureka College.

The Rev. Frank Ray Harrison brought greetings from Mount Olive College. He stated that those at the college looked to this group for leadership and guidance. Mr. Harrison expressed deep gratitude to this group for keeping the light of hope going for educational facilities. He reminded the group of the historical collection at the college library and urged each one to visit as often as possible. Mr. Harrison stated that he believed Mount Olive College existed because God had a purpose for it, and that purpose is to make people better servants of humanity. He announced a \$60,000 gift to the college for the building of a chapel. Plans are underway for the raising of \$100,000 additional for the chapel. He asked that the college be remembered in all our prayers.

President Harris read a letter of regard by Mrs. Anna G. Hill and accepted the read.

The treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of \$60.95. An offering was received in the amount of \$37.83.

After a brief discussion, President Harris was authorized to secure a list of names of leading Free Will Baptists and report back to the next meeting for action on placing appropriate names on a memorial plaque in the college library historical collection.

It was agreed that Mrs. H. L. Spivey is to take care of expenses for 1971-72. A decision will be made at the next meeting as to other disbursements.

A motion was made and carried to invite, by classes, students to the next meeting or to represent by letter. Both husband and wife are included. Mrs. Anna G. Hill and Mrs. Leon Dunn are to handle this. The meeting could serve as a class reunion.

The Rev. L. E. Ballard expressed a desire to see a marker placed at the site of the Ayden Seminary and Eureka College. President Harris appointed Mr. Ballard to proceed with the necessary plans to erect a suitable marker. It was stated that he would need to confer with city officials and state archives.

The Rev. James A. Evans was appointed to see if it would be possible to secure the bell of the Seminary and College from the Black Jack church in order to have it placed on the campus of Mount Olive College. The president made the appointment. This is the original bell used by the above institutions.

President Harris appointed the Rev. E. C. Morris, Mrs. Anna G. Hill, and the Rev. James A. Evans as a nominating committee to secure officers for the next year. (See report.)

Accompanied by Mrs. Pike, Dr. Harris sang "The Master's Voice" and "Where We'll Never Grow Old."

Greeted from Mrs. H. L. Spivey for not being able to attend the meeting due to a death in her family. A prayer for her and her family was offered by Dr. Harris.

The minutes of the last meeting were

Mrs. Anna G. Hill, with a background of candles and roses, conducted a brief memorial service for the following de-

ceased members: Mr. Bonner Sawyer, Hillsborough, North Carolina; Mrs. Montie Newsome Barnes, Lucama, North Carolina; and Mr. D. Bagley Morris, Fremont, North Carolina.

Under "Who's Here" the following responded: E. C. Morris, 1917-21; L. E. Ballard, 1918-19; A. F. Rowe, 1914-15; Ed Hill, 1914-16; James A. Evans, 1922-25; Mrs. Butler Cox, 1914-15; Mrs. Anna G. Hill, first grade through graduation in 1917; Leonard Earl Harris, 1924-26. (I tried to get dates of those responding, but could not here those in the back.)

Mrs. Hill was requested to get an article in "The Free Will Baptist" about this meeting.

The secretary was requested to send cards to the absentees stating that they had been missed at the meeting.

A motion was made and carried to extend to the Ayden church our heartfelt thanks for hosting this meeting. Mrs. Hill was asked to convey this message to the pastor.

Mrs. Hill was also appointed by the president, approved by the body, to secure from Mount Olive College a complete membership roll right away and have same at the next meeting of this organization.

We were dismissed with prayer by the Rev. E. C. Morris and adjourned to Bum's Restaurant for a Dutch lunch.

Leonard Earl Harris, President

Mrs. James A. Evans, Acting Secretary

Report of Nominating Committee

We, your nominating committee, submit the following for officers for the year, 1973: President, the Rev. L. E. Ballard; vice-president, Mr. A. F. Rowe; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Spivey; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Leon Dunn; historian, Mrs. Anna G. Hill.

We recommend that we extend a ringing vote of thanks to Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, our outgoing president, for his faithful service in the office of president.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. Morris
James A. Evans
Mrs. Anna G. Hill

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Too Late

In this world of hurry, and work, and sudden end,
If a thought comes quick of doing kindness to a friend,
Do it that very minute; don't put it off, don't wait;
What's the use of doing a kindness if you do it a day too late?

—Selected.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Annual Ministers' Conference Cragmont Assembly

The twenty-sixth annual North Carolina Ministers' Conference will be held the week of June 19-22 at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina. The conference theme will be, "A Call to Personal Evangelism." The Scripture, "Go and Tell," is taken from Acts 8:4. The program for the week is as follows:

Monday

- 6:00 P.M.—Supper
- 7:30 P.M.—Message No. 1, "Methods of Personal Evangelism," the Rev. Ralph Sumner
- Hymn
- Message No. 2, "Fishing with the Word," the Rev. Henry Armstrong

Tuesday

- 8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M.—Special Music
- Message No. 3, "Group Organization for Personal Evangelism," the Rev. Francis Garner
- Special Music
- Message No. 4, "The Whole Church working at Soul Winning," the Rev. George Greene

- 12:00 P.M.—Lunch
- 6:00 P.M.—Annual Fellowship Banquet
- 7:30 P.M.—Annual Business Meeting and Memorial Service

Wednesday

- 8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M.—Special Music
- Message No. 5, "By-Products of Personal Evangelism," the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison
- Special Music
- Message No. 6, "My Experience in Personal Evangelism," the Rev. Walter Carter
- 12:00 P.M.—Lunch
- 6:00 P.M.—Supper
- 7:30 P.M.—Special Music
- Message No. 7, "Christ's Command for Personal

Evangelism," the Rev. Paul Jenkins

- Message No. 8, "The Second Coming of Christ," the Rev. C. L. Patrick
- Communion Service, the Rev. E. C. Morris in Charge

Thursday

- 8:00 A.M.—Breakfast
- Devotions, the Rev. R. H. Jackson

Warden's Grove Church to Observe Homecoming

The Warden's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Lowland, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, June 11. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. Bill Twiddy, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour, with special singing in the afternoon.

The pastor and the church membership invite all friends, relatives, and former pastors and members to attend and enjoy a day of worship and fellowship.

Rains Cross Roads Revival in Progress

Revival services are in progress this week at the Rains Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly, North Carolina, with the Rev. James Joyner as the evangelist. Services began Monday evening, June 5, and will continue through Saturday evening, June 10, beginning each evening at eight o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Bill Futch, is assisting in the services. The public is invited to attend the remainder of these services.

Mount Zion Church Announces Revival

The Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Cash Corner, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of June 12-17. The guest minister will be the Rev. David Charles Hansley of Golds-

boro, North Carolina. Mr. Hansley, the present president of the North Carolina Ministerial Association, and is pastor of Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Ayden, North Carolina. Rev. Elbert E. Edwards, pastor of Mount Zion church, will be assisting in the services which will be featuring special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend these services which will begin each evening at eight o'clock.

Elm Grove to Host Central Layman's League

The Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Ayden, North Carolina, will be host to the Central Conference Layman's League, Monday evening, June 12, beginning at eight o'clock. The leagues of the district are urged to present.

Wanted: Full-time church members. Duties: faithfulness to attendance at every service, wholehearted cooperation with the total church program. Salaries: rich blessings in the service of the Kingdom. Everyone who applies will be gladly accepted.—Selected.

A member never belongs to the church unless the work of the church belongs to him. It is never "my church" as long as it is "those people" who are keeping it going. Where the treasures of energy and thought are, there will the heart be also.—New Life and Church.

The baby helped snap beans today;
She saved the bad, threw good away.
I thought how patient God must be,
When I help Him as she helped me.

—Author Unknown

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The Life and Legacy of J. C. Griffin

by
TOMMY EVANS

Student at Mount Olive College

The following article was submitted in partial fulfillment of Religion 210, "The Free Will Baptist Church," taught by Dr. Burkette Raper. Copies were also made of the article and given to the family of the late Rev. J. C. Griffin. Tommy is a member of the Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina.)



On June 22, 1879, one of the most important events in Free Will Baptist history took place. William F. and Malda Griffin were the proud parents of a newborn son. Nash County, North Carolina, can boastfully claim itself as the site of this historical occasion. Why? A man destined for one of the most distinguished and fruitful Free Will Baptist ministers was born.

Little did the parents realize the prominence their son would have. Nor could they foresee the respect that the name Jesse C. Griffin would someday merit and command; for J. C. Griffin was to lead a most wonderful life in the service of the Lord. J. C. Griffin was destined to be the courageous "Columbus" of his denomination. J. C. Griffin became a preacher of Pentecostal Power—powerful, effective, popular evangelist. J. C. Griffin became a noble bearer of the truth in triumph and trial. J. C.

Griffin became a well-beloved, inspiring leader.

J. C. Griffin led a life which created a legacy for others to remember. He set an example for others to emulate. He was a vessel of the Lord—not only called, but chosen. His beginnings were rather normal. He wasn't born well-to-do, with the advantages young people have today. He was born at a time when a boy had to become a man fast. He was born in a day when money was scarce and hard work was an unrelenting reality of life. He emerged from this age to endure depression and the war years. Like the Apostle Paul, there came the physical afflictions. Like the Apostle Paul, there came a time when others would falsely attack him and his ministry. And most significantly, like the Apostle Paul, he could claim, "I have fought a good fight."

Family

In 1902, Mr. Griffin married Miss Callie Virginia Williams. They had one son, Marvin Griffin. She died in 1910. The year 1910 had not only brought tragedy to Mr. Griffin, but he was called by the Lord into the ministry. In June of that year one of the most remarkable events in Free Will Baptist history occurred: J. C. Griffin was licensed to preach one day, and ordained the next! Perhaps, in retrospect, this was God's sign of approval. It was more than unusual. It could not be entirely attributed to lack of ministers; rather, he was worthy and capable. Mr. Griffin was a man God had chosen!

In 1914 he married Miss Bertha Dail. They were to raise a large household. J. C. Griffin loved each of his children, Marvin, Exum, Paul, Elizabeth, Bertha, Walter, William, and J. C. Jr. In an eulogy, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, said, "To his family, Elder J. C. Griffin . . . was a loving patriarch." Surely, the precious memories held dear by many people who were influenced by his ministry could be no sweeter than the experiences of his family. And these memories are inseparable from his faithful and loving wife. Of her it was said "that she, like her husband, has been a noted leader and

together with him has served in many distinguished offices." No one can top a Christian mother, and Mrs. Griffin is tops as a Christian mother.

Education

Mr. Griffin sought to better himself by attending Eureka College and the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden, North Carolina. He believed in education. In the Free Will Baptist paper he said, "The denominations who have ignored education . . . have gone to ruin and have largely passed out of existence . . . And he who does not improve his talent is not counted 'a good servant by the Lord' . . . I think it a crime against a loving God for man to say that 'I'm a preacher of the gospel, and that God is preaching through me and I don't have to study'; and then for the same fellow to misquote, mispronounce, misconstrue, mislead and slaughter up language, mystify God's plain truths, cause destruction instead of building, and then accuse God of any such preaching. It is a crime. God is the very embodiment of intelligence and wants His Word presented intelligently." Mr. Griffin said this in 1923. He said it at a time when Free Will Baptists were just looking into education. He said it without the benefit of a modern campus like Mount Olive College has today. He said it at a time when there were no great reservoirs of money. From the beginning, J. C. Griffin was for education.

His Preaching

J. C. Griffin was a man on fire for God. God blessed this man of action. He was the evangelist par excellence of his day. His preaching was so effective that he could publish a sermon, "Hell or Endless Punishment of the Soul," and sell it for 10 cents a copy. One person commented, "They sell like hot cakes. The sermon is just splendid, . . . I believe all who read this sermon on hell will be made to shudder unless they are well on the road that leads to heaven." The ladies aid society sold these sermons. Half of the money went for publishing costs, while the other half went to Christian education.

Mr. Griffin later said unreservedly, "I preach 'hell, hot and everlasting,' and I have found some who say that it is exciting and ought not to be preached. Some folks need to be cited and excited, before there can be an earthquake in their life that will shake them to common sense." Indeed, he preached with an infectious fervor. He was a constant and consistent witness for the Lord. (He

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

CHAPEL PLANS FOR MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



Architectural renderings for a chapel on the new campus of Mount Olive College are shown under study by members of the chapel committee. Left to right are Nyra Hill of Deep Run, North Carolina, student member of the committee; Frank Harrison, college chaplain; G. Milton Small of Raleigh, North Carolina, architect; and the Rev. C. M. Coats of Smithfield, North Carolina, member of the college board of trustees.

Notice of Educational Travel-Tour

Robert Head, associate professor of Religious Studies at Oakland City College, will be host of a 10-day Travel-Tour to the "Land of the Bible," from December 26, '72, to January 4, '73.

In cooperation with Wholesale Group Tours Incorporation, the Department of Religious Studies of Oakland City College is offering this inspirational and educational travel experience to Israel and Greece.

The tour will focus on many cities and sites where important events of Christ's ministry occurred. Included in the course of travel are the cities of Bethlehem, Jericho, Bethany, Jerusalem, Corinth, Nazareth, Samaria, Capernaum, Athens, and others. Many places of

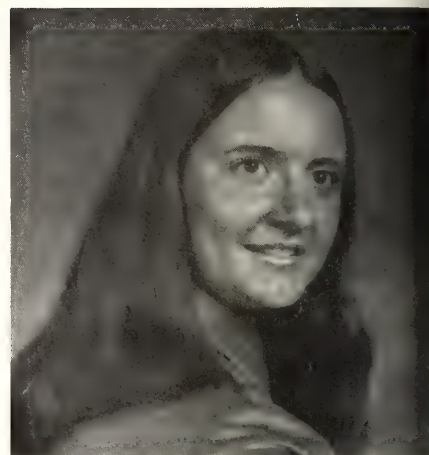
eventful happenings such as the Mount of Olives, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount Carmel, Jordan River, etc. will be visited.

The cost for the entire trip (from New York City and return) including all meals, housing, transportation to and from cities and sites, will be \$715.

One course (five quarter hours) of academic credit may be earned at Oakland City College by those who desire and are qualified students. To obtain college credit, regular tuition (\$150) will be added to the cost of the tour. For further information, contact Robert Head at Oakland City College, Oakland City, Indiana, 47660.

(Buddy Sasser, a transfer student from Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will be taking the tour.)

Miss Ingram Awarde Scholarship



Becky Ann Ingram, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Ingram of Goldsboro, North Carolina, has been awarded scholarship at Mount Olive College.

Miss Ingram will enter Mount Olive College this fall and plans to major in music.

She is a member of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, and serves as vice-president and reporter for her youth group at the church. Miss Ingram also is a member of the adult and teen-age choir.

During her career at Charles B. Aycock High School she was a member of Future Homemakers of America, Falconettes and Falconaires, Math Club, Ecology Club, and Christian Society Club.

Mount Olive College is a two-year liberal arts institution featuring individualized instruction, a nonfailing grading system, intercollegiate athletics, and one of the most innovative and progressive educational programs in the nation.

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William E. Whitfield III Awarded Scholarship

Mr. William E. Whitfield III, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whitfield Jr. of Plymouth, North Carolina, has been awarded scholarship at Mount Olive College for the year 1972-73.

Mr. Whitfield, a sophomore at Mount Olive College, is majoring in accounting.

During his freshman year at the college he was a member of the Young Democrats Club and the Student Government Association Elections Committee. He has been very active in the Free Will Baptist Fellowship also.

Mr. Whitfield's interests include golf and chess.

Register Now for Mount Olive College Youth Conference

Applications are now being received for the "weekend" Youth Conference for high school students at Mount Olive College, June 23-25. The conference will begin with the evening meal at 6 p. m. on Friday, June 23, and will end with the morning meal on Sunday.

The program will involve a number of students who will attend Explo '72 in Dallas, Texas, and will use the theme, "Abundant Life: A Shared Experience." The program will also involve worship experiences, group discussions, and a campfire sing-along.

The cost of the conference will be \$15 which will include a \$5 nonrefundable registration fee. In addition to the \$5 registration fee, the cost for commuting expenses will be 75 cents for each meal.

For an application or further information, please contact: Frank R. Harrison, Director, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; or telephone 658-2502 (office), 658-9363 (home).

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\$60,000 Commitment toward Chapel



An anonymous donor has made a \$60,000 commitment to Mount Olive College for the purpose of constructing a chapel on the campus.

The contribution, one of the largest in the history of the College, will be paid over a period of four years, according to an announcement made today by President W. Burkette Raper.

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The name of the donor will be announced at a later date.

It is estimated that the chapel will cost approximately \$175,000. Contracts are expected to be awarded by the end of this year and it is hoped that the new chapel will be ready for use by late 1973.

Architects have presented preliminary sketches for the chapel design which are both distinctive and unique. When completed, the chapel could be one of the most interesting buildings in the area.

The masterplan of Mount Olive College has the campus essentially divided into two sections. The half containing the residence halls will be devoted to student activities. Its focal point will be the combination cafeteria-student union (not yet built).

The half where the Henderson building now stands will be devoted to academics with its focal point being Moye Library which will, in turn, face the student union.

At the center of the campus will stand the chapel.

The chapel will tie together the various aspects of campus life. It joins the social and recreational pursuits of the students with their academic endeavors to form a true living-learning environment.

The chapel itself will contain a sanctuary and related areas, and provisions for private and small group devotional use.

The chapel will serve and be open to all members of the college community, all persons from the surrounding area, and students and visitors of all faiths.

A drive is currently underway to raise an additional \$100,000 and the prospects are most encouraging. Approximately \$15,000 is already in a chapel fund at the College.

"This chapel represents one of the long-felt needs on our campus, and we believe this addition will help to strengthen the Christian commitment of Mount Olive College," President Raper declared. "One of our primary objectives is to assist students in their spiritual development, and the chapel will help us to achieve this goal."

The site for the chapel is already marked by a cross erected by students this year during a religious-life awakening at the College.

President Raper said today that all inquiries regarding the new chapel are welcome.

Students Make Contribution to Chapel Fund

Two groups of students at Mount Olive College made yearend contributions to the chapel fund. The "Oriental Experience," composed of a group of men who visited churches throughout the state for the purpose of sharing their Christian testimony, gave all that was left in their treasury—\$523.87. The sophomore class gave the balance of its class fund in the amount of \$91.22.

"These gifts have far more meaning than their monetary value," President W. Burkette Raper declared. "These gifts came not so much from the wealth of our students as from their hearts and they help to express the genuine desire which students have for a suitable place for Christian worship on the Mount Olive College campus."

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Mrs. Kennedy Resigns As Youth Advisor

The following letter was read at the April meeting of the Third Union District Youth Fellowship of the Eastern Conference by the secretary, Vicky Williams:

April 15, 1972

Dear Christian Young People, Youth Workers, Pastors, and Visitors of Our Youth Fellowship:

Words cannot express how much I thank the Lord for our young people and for our Youth Fellowship.

It is a joy and wonderful privilege to work with young people, a work that I thoroughly enjoy. It takes cooperation from everyone to make a successful organization, and I can truly say we have had good cooperation over the years. I thank the Lord for the progress made in the youth work, and I also thank everyone for each effort that may have been put forth, especially for all the prayers.

I have served to the best of my ability as Youth Advisor of the Third Union District, and I really appreciate the opportunity to serve. Please accept this letter as my resignation as Youth Advisor of the Third Union District as of August, 1972.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Arthur Kennedy

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If you want to launch big ships, go where there is deep water.—Selected.

THE CHURCH AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Many Christians are not wholly yielded to the Holy Spirit; therefore, they are not filled. All Christians are baptized by the Spirit; all Christians are indwelt by the Holy Spirit; but all Christians are not filled with the Holy Spirit. We are baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Spirit only once, at the time of conversion; but we may be filled many times as we surrender and empty self so that He may pervade our being.

Jesus promises the disciples that when the Holy Ghost came upon them they would have power (Acts 1:8). What is the purpose of this power that comes from the Holy Spirit when we allow Him to fill our lives?

We can best understand the purpose of the Holy Spirit's power in our lives if we first observe some things that this power is not. It is not the power to foretell the future. Jesus said to the disciples, "... It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, ..." (Acts 1:7). It is not the power to speak with an unknown tongue. There were no unknown tongues on the Day of Pentecost. All the languages that were spoken were understood by those who were present. It is not the power to perform miracles. True, the disciples did perform some miracles after they were filled with the Holy Spirit, but this is not the age when God gives His children power to perform miracles. What then is the purpose of this power?

The power of the Holy Spirit is the power to be Christlike in character. I cannot believe that many, if any, of the people who walk our church aisles and profess Christ as their Saviour intend to be hypocrites. They are sincere, but they go out and try to live the Christian life in their own strength; and, of course, they fail. If we could only learn to keep surrendered to the Holy Spirit, and let Him reproduce the Christ life in us! This is the only way that we can become Christlike in character. Paul gives us the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22, 23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." It is the Holy Spirit who produces these Christlike qualities in our lives, and not our own strength.

The power of the Holy Spirit is the power to be compassionate in attitude. Do you have trouble feeling the way you

ought toward people? I do. I find it hard to love some people. They just seem to "turn me off." You remember the blind man, Bartimaeus, who came to Jesus, and the disciples charged him to hold his peace. What an attitude for disciples to have! But later when Peter and John went into the temple to pray and a lame man was at the gate, their attitude was different. They stopped and Peter said, "... Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: ..." (Acts 3:6). A complete surrender of yourself to the Holy Spirit and letting Him fill your life will change your attitude towards people.

The power of the Holy Spirit is the power to be competent in service. Jesus told the disciples that they were not to go about the job of witnessing until the power of the Holy Spirit was theirs. Oh, the failures we bring because we go in our strength! The church will not and she cannot carry the gospel effectively to all the world without the power of the Holy Spirit.

In closing may I ask you a question: Have you allowed the Holy Spirit to so pervade your being and fill your life that He has complete control? It is one thing to say, "Lord, here's my soul, save it"; but it is quite a different thing to completely surrender and say, "Lord, here's my life, use it." Why not surrender so that the Lord can use your lips to speak His message, your feet to carry the glad tidings of salvation, your hands to do works of mercy, and your mind and talent to do His service?

Sometime ago I visited a man who has terminal cancer. He had lived a wicked life, but he told me that now God had saved him. I rejoiced. I am always glad to see a soul saved. But later I got to thinking of how unfair to God this is. It is like taking an apple and eating all of it you can and then offering God the core. God will take you and save your soul, anytime and anywhere you come to Him. That's the kind of God He is. But wouldn't it be better to not only let Him save your soul, but also use your life in His service?

Too many Christians are satisfied to just be a Christian. They are eating the apple of life and enjoying it; and if they have an opportunity on their death beds, many of them will offer God the core. My Christian friends, why don't you make a complete surrender now and allow the Holy Spirit to fill your life so that you can live the kind of life that brings glory and honor to His name?

"Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit;

Bathe my trembling heart and brow;

Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,
Come, O come and fill me now."

—E. H. Stok

(The Rev. F. B. Cherry is pastor Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church Route 3, Wilson, North Carolina. The above sermon was preached recently in one of church services and also delivered at chapel at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.)

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The Life and Legacy of J. C. Griffin

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called it, "Bragging on the Lord.") Later he challenged Free Will Baptists for more winter revivals, for he reasoned, "For need salvation as much in the winter as they do in the summer."

Often Mr. Griffin would relate results of revivals in his column, "Notes and Quotes," in *The Free Will Baptist*. He had held nine revivals at Sound Church up to 1921. The people there were never tired of him. According to Ella Price, he held one revival at Antioch and there were 27 conversions. "I know J. C. Griffin," she said, "is a brother that is filled with the Holy Spirit." There were 87 baptized in one week in Alabama. 12 days of revival at Union Church there were 21 confessions—19 new additions to the church. In 13 days of revival at Black Jack church (22 sermons) there were 35 confessions (20 new additions). In 14 days of revival at Macedonia church there were 27 confessions (27 baptized). At Sound Church, he preached 17 times and there were 22 conversions. At Powhatan church, he preached 23 times with 23 conversions.

Hazel Woodall said, "I know Brother Griffin did the best preaching I ever heard." Of particular interest to me was a revival he conducted at Saint Mary's church in New Bern. The highly respected and devoted Alice Lupton related that "the church was greatly built up as a whole, and the meeting will long be remembered as one of the most spirit-filled ever held at Saint Mary's church. Brother Griffin brought 'soul-stirring messages' ... which brought conviction to the unsaved, and strengthened those who professed to love our Lord." There were 27 confessions, including Mrs. Lupton's.

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People who object to going to church because of the hypocrites there will probably object to going to hell for the same reason.—Selected.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Does the Bible require of us we continue doing good even though it we do is not appreciated by those who do good deeds favor?

Answer: Yes! The Bible goes so far as teach us to act favorably to those who do not show in any way their appreciation of what we do for their good. "And ye shall not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:9, 10); "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Jesus said: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

It is not so difficult to do favors to those that have behaved favorably toward us, but when it comes to those who have acted unkindly toward us as to favor them (even though they may be in need of such kindness, and had added on their part that may make us think there is no use to continue to lend assistance to them) but repeated acts of kindness on our part could produce the good effect of repentance on their part. Whether it does or not we are in behalf of what Jesus did for us to continue kind deeds of favor to these. The Bible says, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:20, 21). Again as Jesus discussed this subject with His disciples He said, "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. . . . And as ye would men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them

which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:27, 28, 31-36).

This part of God's Word is written especially for Christ's close followers. The unsaved that might, in his own strength, put forth an effort to live up to this standard while he refuses to accept Jesus as his Saviour, he will not be able to accomplish such a feat. Jesus made clear in John 3:3-5 that the new birth must supercede kingdom obedience and kingdom of heaven living. None need to expect the worldly or unsaved man to come up to the standards Jesus set for His own. They will never do it.

Jesus invites those that have not come to Him to come, and then it is He that says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:29, 30). The sinner must first do what Jesus invites him to do, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:26). Then he may obey Verses 29, 30, quoted above.

On Pages 159 of **1000 Difficult Bible Questions Answered** by George H. Sandison, the following is found:

"Those who are of the household of faith are admonished 'not to be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.' And this applies even to the small details of everyday life. There are many things that are discouraging, viewed through the lenses of the world's estimation, and the lack of

appreciation for kindness or of gratitude for help rendered to others is not the least of these. Yet this need not trouble one who is doing good not for praise or reward and not even for thanks, but for the sake of him who 'went about doing good.' A truly noble spirit, inspired by the love of Christ and humanity, will not seek any reward beyond the approval of a good conscience and the knowledge that he is serving the divine will. The real merit in a good act largely lies in the fact that we do it from a spirit of brotherly love, without thought of recompense, and all the better if it can be done quietly and unostentatiously, even so secretly that the left hand does not know what the right hand doeth (Matthew 6:3, 4). God's secret service is the rightest in spiritual rewards."

I must confess that to show the Christ-like attitude to those who do not reciprocate in any way and do not appear to appreciate it is one of the most difficult of the Bible standards to live up to, and yet God's Word requires of us that we always be on the alert to improve our benevolence, bringing it always into a closer harmony with that which Jesus displayed in His earthly life.

Question: Did Paul make his last journey to Jerusalem against God's and the Holy Spirit's will?

Answer: I do not think so. The fact that several prophets, in befriending him, predicted bonds to follow his entrance into Jerusalem does not necessarily say that his going and taking with him Gentile Christians, who bore the offering made by the churches for suffering Jewish Christians of the Jerusalem church that had been impoverished by a recent famine Jerusalem Christians had been subject to, does not indicate this. God does not always preserve the bodies of Christians in the face of opposition. When He chooses to, He is able; but as was true of Stephen when Paul held the garments of the young men who stoned Stephen to death as he laid down his life for Christ's sake, and in the ordeal sealed his testimony with his blood, so would Paul seal his testimony with his blood in Rome.

Paul, as he said more than once, was ready to not only be bound in Jerusalem, but to die for Christ. He had said: ". . . I die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31). Jesus, before Paul had taught that being a Christian meant a day-by-day life of complete devotion to Him and His (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



BEAR IN THE CAMP

WAKE up, Wayne," said Jim Stands, the head camp counselor. "It's past 5:30. Wake up!"

"Why do I have to get up now?" mumbled Wayne. "No one else is up." If only he had known the danger that was close to his tent, Wayne would have been up pronto. But he didn't know—yet.

"It's your day to help me fix breakfast. That's why," said Jim. "Hurry up, or breakfast will be late. Then the hike to the waterfall will get off to a late start."

"O.K., O.K.I" answered Wayne, as he unzipped his sleeping bag. "I'm getting ready as fast as I can." Wayne liked going away to Christian camp every summer—except this part of it. He liked the fun with the other fellows, the hikes, and the swimming. Most of all, he liked the Bible studies, in which he learned how to become a stronger Christian. He just didn't like getting up so early. Usually he had to get up at 6:30 A.M., but today it was 5:30 a.m., to help with breakfast. Oh, well, there's nothing I can do about it, he said to himself.

Wayne unzipped his tent and stepped outside. The cool morning air smelled great—crisp and fresh. The fir trees gave it a special, spicy smell. Wayne took a deep breath and headed for the picnic table, where the camp stove and food chest were kept.

When he got there, Jim already had the pots and pans out. "Go and fill this bucket with water," said Jim as he handed Wayne a large container.

Wayne took the bucket and headed for the path to the pump. He heard Jim unlock the food chest to get out the eggs and bacon.

Wayne came to a quick stop. He couldn't believe his eyes. There was a

bear right in the middle of the path in front of him. It was the biggest black bear he'd ever seen. He backed up slowly. The bear's back was toward Wayne. It was eating blueberries on a low bush. Wayne turned quietly and walked as fast as he could back toward Jim.

When he thought he was a safe distance from the black bear, he called, "Jim, there's a bear in the camp!"

Immediately, Jim slammed the food chest shut. He knew that the bear would head for it as soon as he caught the smell of their provisions. "How close is it?"

"Too close," said Wayne. "He's almost to the clearing where the tents are. He's eating berries now, but I think he's headed this way."

Jim, as the head counselor, was responsible for the safety of the boys in the tents. He had to think fast. He whispered a prayer, asking the Lord for guidance. Should he get the boys into the bus, or should they make loud noises and try to frighten the bear into leaving? He decided that first they should make noise, and it probably would leave. He'd try that first.

"Take these pots and bang them together," said Jim. "Be as noisy as possible. Bears scare off easily when they hear a loud, unfamiliar noise. It'll wake the others, but that's O.K." There were eleven boys sleeping in the tents. "I'll call a warning to them so that they'll know what we are doing."

"Fellows, there is a bear in the camp," called Jim. Just as he said it, he saw the bear come into the clearing. "Stay in your tents. We'll make noise, and he'll probably go away. Bang on anything you have in your tents."

Jim and Wayne banged pots and lids together with all their might. The bear was startled and wheeled around to head back to the woods. Then it stopped, stood up, and sniffed the air.

"What's he doing?" asked Wayne, trying not to let his voice shake.

"I think he smells something wants," said Jim.

"I hope it's not us," said Wayne.

Jim decided that he'd better get boys out of the tents and into the safety of the bus. This bear wasn't behaving normally. Generally, a loud noise would scare a bear away. The burly bear was still quite a way from the tents.

"Boys, get out of your sleeping bags as quickly as possible," commanded Jim. "The bear is heading for the tents. Zip your tents and run to the bus. Run as fast as you can!"

Tents were popping open, and boys were pouring out. They dashed to the bus. "Scott, what's the matter?" called Jim. Scott's tent was still closed. It was the closest to the bear, and the bear seemed to be heading in that direction. "Come out of there."

"I can't," answered Scott. "The zipper is stuck. I can't get the tent open."

"Calm down," called Jim. "Try again. Now the bear was at the back of Scott's tent. He took one swap with his middle paw, and a big rip appeared in the canvas. Jim took several steps toward the tent to help Scott. Suddenly Scott's tent popped out of the flap. His eyes were big with fright.

"I got it," yelled Scott. The bear was in the back of the tent as Scott crawled out the front. Scott was like a streak coming toward the bus. Jim opened the door open. Scott fell inside.

"That was close," said Jim. "You made the bear do that? He must be crazy."

Everyone was crowded around the windows watching Scott's tent. The bear backed out holding a box in its paws. He headed for the trees at a speed.

"What does he have?" asked Wayne.

"Scott, maybe you'd better tell me," said Jim.

"I'd rather not," Scott sputtered. "My eyes are staring at the bus floor."

"It looked like a box of cookies," said Jim. "Am I right, Scott?"

"Yes, sir," answered Scott.

"Scott, you disobeyed one of our important camping rules," said Jim. "You know that food must never be taken into a tent in bear country."

"I was hungry," said Scott. "I'm home, I always eat cookies in my tent. I wanted some here, too. I didn't know you'd find out."

"Scott, you must not have been listening," said Jim. (continued on page fifteen)



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MISSIONS

Thanks From the Mexican Mission Field

by Mrs. J. E. Timmons

would like to say thank you to her Joseph Ingram and to all North Carolina Original Free Will Baptists for you have done for us here in Queretaro, Texas, and in Mexico.

The other morning our 15-year-old daughter, Ruth Ann, walked into the kitchen where our 14-year-old daughter, Mary, was having breakfast. Mary looked up and exclaimed, "Oh, Ruth, where did you get those pretty slacks?" Ruth answered, "From the box we got from North Carolina, where else?" Then she went on to say, "I don't know what we could do for clothes if it weren't for the clothes the good Free Will Baptists of North Carolina send us."

This morning as I hurried the children they would not miss the school bus, noticed that five out of the seven children were wearing clothes from North Carolina. Later on in the day we went to Acuna where Brother Lopez lives and a mission there. I gave Mrs. Lopez one of the clothes we had received and she said, "Oh, thank you so very much! I just don't know how much I appreciate this." She then said, "Look at this dress I have on. It was in the sack you brought me the other day."

In the evening we went to church in Piedras Negras where Brother Escobar the pastor and I noticed three ladies and several children wearing clothes that had come from North Carolina.

So you see friends, I could just go on and on telling you how the Lord has blessed us here in Mexico through you Free Will Baptists in North Carolina and through Brother Ingram, whom we all love very much.

The sheets and towels that we use here at the Bible School in Quemado, Texas, all come from North Carolina. I can let me say thank you for everything you have done for us. The cooking here at the school is made much easier because you, our friends, have provided the pots and pans for us to cook in.

May the Lord bless each and everyone of our Free Will Baptist friends in North Carolina.

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Mexico Mission News Report

by J. E. Timmons

We cannot but give God the praise and glory as we count our blessings and see the goodness and mercy of the Lord.

It was our joy to meet in the Emmanuel El Salvador church of Piedras Negras, April 19, for the ordination of



their pastor, the Rev. Antonio Escobar, to the gospel ministry. The Rev. Antonio Lopez brought the message for the occasion, the Rev. Antonio Castillo presented the charge to the ministry, I presented the charge to the church, and the Rev. Herman Rodriguez led in the prayer of ordination. Most of our ministers attended this impressive service and took part in the devotional program. We thank God for Brother Escobar as he is leading the Emmanuel El Salvador church in reaching new people in Piedras Negras, enlisting those in the regular services and Sunday school. We are thankful for this pastor and church and feel that they will be in the days to come a power house for the cause of Christ in Piedras Negras, Coah, Mexico. This pastor has acquired his learning by attending the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute here in Quemado, Texas.

In Acuna, the Rev. Antonio Lopez is going ahead in the finishing of the mission building. This chapel is up with



the roof and walls. They lack the windows, the floor, and a few other items; however, they are now holding regular services in the chapel, and the dirt floor does not discourage the brethren. There are now new people attending. Brother Lopez continues to go each Monday to the Centenario area to minister to those that gather there to hear the Bible preached. Also we are now working in another village near Acuna, some five miles out, called Santa Maria. We are holding services every Saturday and Brother Lopez witnesses to those that gather. It has been encouraging to see the good number that are willing to stop long enough for the message.

The Rev. Camerino Ortega, pastor of our mission in Nueva Rosita, is faithfully working in this mining town where there are thousands that are in need of salvation. Brother Ortega also has taken on the opening of a new mission in the city of Allende with the help of one of our Bible students, a Mr. Miguel Esqueval Gonzalez. They are also holding services in the town of Castanoros. The Rev. Isaías Lugo, pastor of the Gethsemani church in Acuna, is enjoying the blessings of the Lord as he leads the church forward in reaching the lost and teaching the saved the word of life.

Our good pastor down in Saltillo, Brother Domitilo Hernandez Mendez, is busy with the El Sinai Mission. They are also having preaching services in homes in the city and out in a ranch area, thus reaching those far and near. Brother Mendez is a worthy worker and we need to remember him in our prayers. He and his wife are working hard to witness to the fanatical people in the area that are so tied up in the traditions

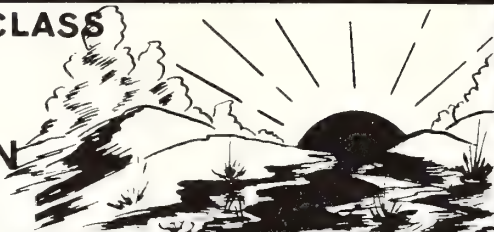
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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 18



Meeting God Through Prayer

Lesson Text: Matthew 6:5-15

Memory Verse: Isaiah 55:6

I. INTRODUCTION

Though there are many elements that can form a portion of our prayer, all too many of us are prone to think of prayer as consisting of petition alone. This being true, we are likely to give scant attention to our prayer life at times when we recognize no need. Prayer is a communion with God, and as such is much more than mere supplication, or the asking of God to do something for us. Praise, thanksgiving, resignation, and an earnest desire to see the kingdom of God prosper and the name of Christ glorified through our works are all worthy motives to lead us to seek communion with God through prayer. Another very important motive that leads the consecrated soul to the throne of God's grace in prayer is the seeking of fellowship with a kindred Spirit and the finding of companionship with Him who has a perfect understanding of all that is associated with our natures and our lives.

We must constantly be on guard that we do not allow our prayer life to become mere ritual and formality; for, though public prayer is valuable and to be encouraged, we must never allow it to take the place of our own personal communion with God.

Our lesson text for today's study is composed of Matthew 6:5-15, which embraces some general instructions on prayer and also the Lord's Prayer, or the Model Prayer, as some have been pleased to term it.

The purpose of today's lesson is to show us that God be met through the medium of prayer.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The value of the Scriptures is evident in that they are able to make us

wise to salvation (2 Timothy 3:14, 15; Psalm 119:105).

B. The fact that the Scriptures are God-breathed indicates that they are God's Word, and not man's (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

C. The Word of God not only keeps us from sin but also cleanses us from its defilement (Psalm 119:9, 11; cf. John 15:3).

D. The value of the Scriptures within the home is easily seen in the example of Timothy (2 Timothy 1:5-7).

E. Although nature reveals God's power and deity, the Scriptures give a greater revelation of Him and His actions (Hebrews 1:1, 2; John 5:39).

F. To be complete and to be equipped for the problems of life, a man needs to know the Scriptures and their power (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

G. The Scriptures reveal the heart of man (Hebrews 4:12).—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Most of us will agree that we don't thank God for His blessings as often as we should. We don't express in words frequently enough our love for Him and our desire to obey and please Him. The child in the beginner's Sunday school class had the right idea if she did get the words mixed up a bit when she learned the Lord's Model Prayer this way: "Our Father, which art in new haven, how did you know my name?" Begin a prayer by thanking God for loving you. A good rule is to say thank you for every favor you ask.

An old Irish prayer reads, "May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be always at your back; may the sun shine warm upon your face; may the rain fall soft upon your fields; and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand." What a blessing to pronounce upon a dear friend. Try it!—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. In ancient days, when pottery making was a necessary profession, the products sold were not always of the same quality. It often happened that in the

shaping and firing of the clay pots so would develop cracks. Unscrupulous businessmen would take these cracked pots, fill the crack with wax, cover with a coat of stain or paint, and sell them as first quality merchandise. In those days a merchant who wished to advertise that his products were perfect would hang out a sign saying his products were "Sincere" that is "without wax."

Today there are men and women who are like these clay pots. Some are sincere Christians whose every effort and motive is to do the will of God without seeking the praise of men. No flaws appear in their character. But there are others who make a show of being religious. Jesus called such people in this day hypocrites. They appeared to do something they were not. These hypocrites prayed in public to be seen of men. Before giving alms to the poor they blew the trumpet to call attention to their good deed. Jesus said they had their reward. The praise of men which they sought they received.

Jesus demands that true Christians sincerely honor God in their every act with no thought of personal acclaim. Have you been living up to this high ideal? Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. "A Christian worker had reached the end of the week, well wearied with service. The sunshine and rippling river were luring him to an hour's rowing. Boarding a passenger car, he was soon on his way to the river bank. As he neared it he remembered that it was near the end of the season, and the likelihood of the boathouse being closed. But the outing seemed a clear need. So he lifted his heart quietly in prayer that if it were the Lord's will He might send along the caretaker of the boathouse to furnish the boat. Reaching the boathouse he found it closed. Turning to leave under the impulse of the moment, the thought flashed in his mind, 'has only been a moment or two since you prayed the Lord to send along the boatman, and now you are going away without even waiting long enough for him to get here. Why don't you give God a chance?' He sat down to wait. Ten minutes the boatkeeper came stroking along, and the boat was secured." James H. McConkey.

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A grocery store in Beverly Hills, California, greets Sunday morning callers with a locked door and this sign: "Go to church. That's where you ought to be.—Selected.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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to the Bible lessons this week er," said Wayne. "Yesterday we died the verse that should have been warning to you. Don't you remember numbers 32:23: 'Be sure your sin will find you out'? Didn't you listen?"

"I listened," said Scott. "I guess I didn't think that taking cookies into tent was a sin."

Well, of course it is," said Wayne. You broke a rule. That's sin."

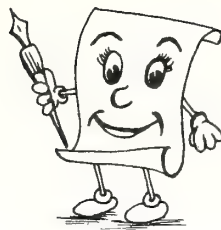
You brought trouble to the entire camp because of your sin," said Jim. You remind me of Achan in the Book of Joshua. He hid stolen gold, silver, and a garment in his tent. All of the camp of Israel suffered because of Achan's sin. They lost a great battle. Achan confessed and was punished for his sin."

"I'm sorry for what I did," said Scott shyly. "Someone in our camp could have been seriously hurt by the bear. I'm ready to be punished."

"You'll have to stay behind this morning and wash the dishes," said Jim. "We have a behind schedule now. You can do the dishes and clean up, while the rest of us go on the hike to the waterfall."

"That's only fair," said Scott. "I won't disobey again. I know now that you can't hide sin. God sees it. I'll ask His forgiveness, too. I'm sorry, fellows. I've learned my lesson."—My Pleasure.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

It's unflattering to our ministers, but I'm sure they realize that we remember the songs we sing much longer than the sermons we hear. So we should be more particular about the words and dogma of our hymns.

For instance, it may be a nice sentiment to sing about walking in the fields hand in hand with God, laughing and talking about how it was planned for us to be together and we'll be happy forever. But does it say anything of lasting value? Many such songs are so "me" centered that their use is limited.

There is a pleasant little song I don't use with my singing classes, because it says that if Noah had listened to his wife, we'd all be swimming around like fish now. Do you know what Noah's wife said to him? Would we really be fish? Somehow I think the author was more interested in his rhythm and rhetoric than his research.

When we memorize songs, the words stick with us. Even Cliff Barrows said that he learned more childhood theology from the hymnbook than from the Bible. It would be to our advantage, then, to be sure that what we learn is worthwhile.

You'll need your Bible and hymnbook for this, but look at "How Firm a Foundation," the favorite hymn of General Robert E. Lee. For the first verse, read 2 Timothy 2:19. The second verse expands Philippians 4:19. "My grace, all sufficient" in the third verse is from 2 Corinthians 12:9. "The flame shall not hurt thee" refers to Daniel 3 or 1 Peter 1:7, which also mentions gold. In the last verse, "I'll never forsake thee" is in Hebrews 13:5 and Joshua 1:5. Written about 1787, it is both reverent and fundamental. And did you notice that it aims your thoughts toward God and not yourself?

I'm not saying all our new music is bad, because much of it is very good. However, we should examine it carefully and not waste time learning worthless claptrap.

Churches and Ministers Available

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The Rev. James David Hoke announces that he is available for pastoral work on the first and third Sundays of the month. He is presently pastor of the Pilgrim's Home Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina. Any church interested in his services may contact him by writing 814 Lancaster Street, Durham, North Carolina 27701.

Questions & Answers

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cause, said, ". . . If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels" (Luke 9: 23-26).

Live the Christian life and men will admire you, women will respect you, children will love you, and God will crown your life with success!—Copied.

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MISSIONS

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idolatry that are so popular in this area of Mexico.

We want to sincerely thank all of those that had part in making it possible for us to have the good number of Bibles and New Testaments to place in the hands of those here in Mexico that need them.

Our work here at the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute continues to be one of the richest blessings for us that are involved in the teaching and for those that attend. Last month we had a good number of new students from Jimenez which consisted of a layman and his wife, three young ladies, and two young boys. Our students are faithful in attending, and we are made to rejoice in the number of laymen that attend and the interest shown in learning. Certainly this is a rich ministry that all of you, as Free Will Baptists, can have a personal part in training workers in Old Mexico.

Special Notice

TO ALL FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS . . .

The Annual Conference of the North Carolina Ministerial Association of
Original Free Will Baptists will convene

JUNE 19 - 22, 1972

AT

Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

Black Mountain, North Carolina

The association membership is now the largest in its recent history. However, its continued growth will depend upon **you**, the Free Will Baptist minister.

A true **Evangelical Spirit** now permeates **your** Ministerial Association. May God help us through His divine wisdom never to lose this **blessed Spirit**.

DO NOT MISS THIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1972



A FATHER'S PRAYER

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Lord, help me to be a man—a real man. . .

One kind enough to understand but not too soft to reprimand.

Help me to live the way I should, knowing that my child's eyes are always on me, trusting me, loving me, and following after me.

Let me see him grow big and strong, to become adult in action and attitude.

Let no harm come his way because of me. I'd rather die than to see him hurt physically or emotionally.

Make his sleep restful, Lord. Let no nightmares disturb his peace.

Help him to know thee well, and help me to live in such a way as to make him want to.

Comfort him, Lord, when he is troubled. I do my best, but sometimes it just isn't enough.

Sometimes the biggest tears fall from his eyes, and it's all I can do to keep mine back.

Lord, it's hard sometimes—being a father—but I thank thee for the privilege. This precious child makes life worth living. Of all earthly things, he's the most valued.

I'm a man, Lord, but I still make mistakes—many of them. I know that I'm not wise, nor very smart—though I heard him bragging one night about how smart I am. Neither am I as strong as he thinks, physically or spiritually. I need you constantly. I wouldn't want it any other way—just help me to remember that I can't do anything alone.

Look after my boy, Lord. I'm helpless sometimes. I try my best, but I know it isn't enough. I can't make everything right when it isn't, even though he thinks I can.

I can't climb a mountain or swim an ocean. I can't even conquer little problems without your help. I depend on you to help me to make him secure.

What would I do without him, Lord? I need him as much as he needs me—perhaps more. He's worth a million dollars to me—even more than that—but who can put a price tag on a child? I certainly can't. You loved yours dearly, but you allowed Him to die. Please don't require that sacrifice of me. . .

Make my mistakes count, Lord, so I can become a better person, a more dedicated person.

When he falls down, I pick him up. When I fall, it's up to you to help me. Big men fall down sometimes, don't they? And often, it's harder for them to get up. . .

I worry about tomorrow, Lord—about where it'll find him and me. I know we should live one day at the time—and I try, really I do—but when I consider where the road of fate could take us, it frightens me. Help me to be brave, dear Lord, and to be able to light the way for him. He's always been afraid of darkness. . . and being alone. . .

Grant that I may stay with him, Lord, as long as he needs me. Sometimes he wraps his arms around my neck as though he never wants to let me go, and he says, "I love you, Daddy." You know what that does to me. And then he'll say, "I know you love me too, Daddy," and I assure him that I do. He's always known it, and if I have my way he'll never forget it. I'll never let him stop hearing it from me. . .

Sometimes he clutches my hand and holds it tight. If I cross my legs, he crosses his. He says that he wants to be just like me. Oh that I could be worthy of that honor, that confidence and love; but, I want him to be better than I am, Lord—in every way. . .

Lord, help me to be a man—a real man who would never shame his son. Help me to be a father that he can take pride in and can feel comfortable with and will want to come to in times of trouble as well as during times of happiness. . .

Lord, help me to look after my boy.

I can't do it alone. . .



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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mount Olive College Delegation Leaves for Explo '72

An Explo '72 delegation of forty-three enthusiastic young people left Mount Olive at 7 a. m., Saturday, June 10, for Dallas, Texas, where they are attending what has been described as "the most significant religious gathering in this century."

The delegation included students and personnel from Mount Olive College along with a few Free Will Baptist high school students. Arriving in Dallas on Monday afternoon, the delegation joined 100,000 other college and high school students from throughout the world in a week-long evangelistic training program designed to prepare these students to be effective Christian witnesses on their own campuses.

The trip was made possible by gifts from many churches and friends of the college. "No student who applied to go to Explo had to be turned away for financial reasons," Miss Jean Fillingame, adviser to the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship which sponsored the trip, reported.

Following their return to Mount Olive on Tuesday, June 20, many of the students will be participating in a Weekend Youth Conference at Mount Olive College June 23-25 at which time they will share their experiences. Persons interested in attending this conference may obtain application forms by contacting Frank Harrison, college chaplain.

President W. Burkette Raper, who is accompanying the Mount Olive delegation to Explo '72, has called for the prayers of all Free Will Baptists, not only for the success of the trip, but that "we may receive the training of this experience to strengthen the spiritual ministry of Mount Olive College. We hope too," he added, "that the spiritual glow of Christian evangelism may extend throughout the Free Will Baptist Church and to mankind everywhere."

Student-Aid Fund Established

The establishing of "The Victor D. and Mary Swan McCotter Student-Aid Fund" at Mount Olive College was announced today by President W. Burkette Raper. The fund consists of gifts made to the college by the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. McCotter of Pamlico County, North Carolina.

The McCotters were life-long members of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

The fund will be used to assist worthy and needy students at Mount Olive College in furthering their education.

In making an initial contribution to the fund, George V. McCotter of Lillington and owner of Tyron Moving and Storage Company, Inc., declared, "This fund will not only be a lasting memorial to our parents but it will give us the satisfaction of knowing that we have participated in a very worthy cause. Mount Olive is a Free Will Baptist College located in Eastern North Carolina and it serves young people primarily from our rural areas. The Scriptures teach us that we should lay up treasures in heaven where rust and moth will not corrupt and thieves will not break through and steal. For where our treasures are, there will be our hearts also. If we carried through with this thought, truly we will lay up treasures which will last forever," Mr. McCotter concluded.

Resolution Regarding A Chapel for Mount Olive College

Whereas, it has been a longtime desire of Free Will Baptists for a chapel on the campus of Mount Olive College,

Whereas, we believed that this facility would be a means of strengthening the spiritual development of students and personnel of the College,

Whereas, God has laid it upon the

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The Rev. Joseph A. Lehmann announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services as of July 1, 1972. Any church desiring his services may contact him at 407 East Church Street, Farmville, North Carolina 27828; or by telephoning 753-3527.

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Any Free Will Baptist minister interested in helping get a mission started in Wilmington, North Carolina, please contact Mr. F. T. Heath, 4306 Peachtree Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401; or telephone collect 791-4461.

heart of an anonymous donor to give \$60,000 for the construction of this chapel,

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College has authorized architectural drawings to be prepared for the chapel;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, acting on behalf of the Convention, express appreciation for the \$60,000 challenge gift,

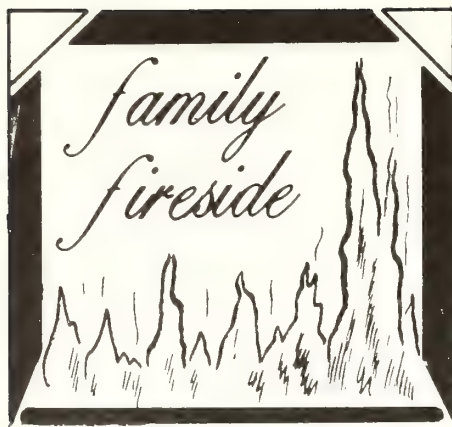
2. That the executive committee enthusiastically endorse plans for the construction of a chapel on the campus of Mount Olive College at the earliest feasible date.

3. That the executive committee commend this project to Free Will Baptists and urge them to provide a minimum of \$100,000 to this project over and above their regular support, and

4. That the executive committee endorse the plan of seeking at least 100 donors (churches, individuals, families, denominational groups) who will give \$1,000 to the Mount Olive College Chapel Fund, over a period of two to four years.

C. F. Bowen, President

Cedric Pierce Jr., Secretary



SUNDAY, JUNE 18

PRAYER FOR A LITTLE HOME

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:17

God send us a little home
To come back to when we roam—
Low walls and fluted tiles;
Wide windows, a view for miles;
Red firelight and deep chairs;
Small white beds upstairs;
Great talk in little nooks;
Dim colors, rows of books;
One picture on each wall;
Not many things at all.
God send us a little ground—
Tall trees standing 'round,
Homely flowers in brown sod,
Overhead 'thy stars, O God!
God bless when winds blow
Our home and all we know.

—Author Unknown.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are we thankful for our homes? So many people do not have anywhere to live. So many do not have anything but a house. Do you have a real home?

MONDAY, JUNE 19

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR HUSBANDS

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 5:25

- I. Remember that thy wife is thy partner and not thy property.
- II. Do not expect thy wife to be thy wife and wage earner at the same time.
- III. Think not that thy business is none of thy wife's business.
- IV. Thou shalt hold thy wife's love by the same means that thou won it.
- V. Thou shalt make the buildings of thy home thy first business.
- VI. Thou shalt cooperate with thy wife in establishing family discipline.
- VII. Thou shalt enter into thy house with cheerfulness.
- VIII. Thou shalt not let anyone criticize thy wife to thy face and get away with it; neither thy father, nor thy brethren, nor thy sisters, nor any that are not thy relatives.
- IX. Thou shalt not take thy wife for granted.
- X. Remember thy home and keep it holy.

—Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

This is really a set of rules, isn't it? You follow them, though, all ten of them, don't

you? What a challenge! And the results—but then, you know, don't you?

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

HOW TO PRESERVE A HUSBAND

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:18

Found in an ancient cookbook: Some insist upon keeping a husband in a pickle, while others are constantly putting them into hot water. Even the poor varieties may be made sweet and tender by garnishing with patience, sweetening with smiles, and flavoring with kisses. Wrap well in a mantle of charity, and keep warm with a steady fire of devotion. Thus prepared, he'll keep for years.—Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

There are many kinds of preservatives. It sounds as if these are surefire ways to keep a husband. May we all read the above thoroughly. Don't we agree that God would have us do the latter?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

A DOZEN TOO MANY?

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 1:24

A clergyman in a midwestern town was called to the vestibule just before the service to meet a couple who wanted to be married. He explained that there wasn't time for the ceremony. "But," said he, "if you will be seated, I will give you an opportunity at the end of the service to come forward."

The couple agreed, and at the proper moment the clergyman said, "Will those who wish to be united in the holy bond of matrimony, please come forward?"

Thereupon thirteen women and one man proceeded to the altar.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would you be humiliated beyond measure if you were one of the twelve other than the groom's "intended"? How many of us have been called though, and did not answer? God calls—have we answered?

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

THANK YOU FOR MUSIC

Scripture Reading—Psalm 65

Our Father, God, our thanks to Thee,
We offer in humility.
For sky and birds and tree and flow'r,
Vast harmonies from nature's bower.
And then, advancing Thine own plan,
The power Thou has placed in man
Through music, praise, and prayer to bring,
We thank Thee, God, that man can sing.
In midst of discord, senseless war,
We thank Thee, Lord, we have in store,
In music that which makes us free,
And gives us peace and harmony.

—Author Unknown.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sometimes we do forget to thank God for all of our wonderful blessings. To be able to hear—and music does have a way of soothing one—if it is the right kind.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

THE RECORD BOOK

Scripture Reading—Psalm 141:3

*If all the things you ever said,
Were written in a book,*

*And all your thoughts were on display,
So all could take a look,
I guess there's not a living soul
Who wouldn't hang his head,
And feel ashamed before the Lord
And wish that he were dead.*

There is a record book, I'm told

*With every deed and word;
It even keeps the records of
Our thoughts that can't be heard;
The good, the bad, and every sin,
For nothing has been missed;
It really makes me feel ashamed
To think what's on my list.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Maybe after reading the above, we try to be more careful about what we say and do—and think even! Let's try hard

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

STRANGE PEOPLE

Scripture Reading—Romans 12

People who talk about prayer, but never pray.

People who wish to belong to the church but never attend or support the church program.

People who say giving is right, but never give.

People who say the Bible is God's Word to man, but never read it.

People who criticize others for things they do themselves.

People who say that eternity is more important than time, but who live for the present.

People who stay away from church for trivial reasons, and then sing, "O how I love Jesus."

People who follow the devil all of their lives, but fully expect to go to heaven.

Does this describe you? If it does, then you surely should change.—Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do you know any strange people? Let's take a close look at ourselves. Maybe we are among them. Are we?

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*"Character is largely caught, and the father and the home should be the greatest source of character infection."
Frank H. Cheley.*

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KEY 73: CALLING OUR CONTINENT TO CHRIST

What Is Key 73?

Key 73 is a unique, simultaneous, continent-wide evangelism thrust in which 10 denominations, church bodies, and para-ecclesiastical groups are participating—each working individually or in cooperation with other groups or congregations at the community level. The movement will be backed up with a mass media program developed by Key 73 committees.

How Did Key 73 Get Started?

Five years ago, a number of leading churchmen of several denominations responded favorably to an editorial in **Christianity Today** calling for a pooling of manpower and resources to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord. The first meeting was called by Dr. Carl F. Henry, former editor of the magazine, and Dr. Billy Graham, the evangelist. It was held in a motel near the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Washington, D. C., hence the name "Key 73."

How Is Key 73 Organized?

Each of the 130 participating church groups has a representative on the Central Committee, which has elected an Executive Committee of 16 persons to meet during the interim between meetings of the Central Committee. In addition, there are 10 subcommittees—finance, mass media, resource, program review, and six program development committees. The executive office at 418 Olive Street, St. Louis, has only three people on its staff—Dr. T. A. Raedeke, executive director who served for 14 years with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's evangelism department; Mrs. Mildred Marsh, administrative assistant; and Mrs. Michael Magwire, secretary.

What Is the Purpose of Key 73?

The purpose of Key 73 is to confront the people of our continent (more fully and more forcefully) with the gospel of Jesus Christ by proclamation and demonstration, witness and ministry, word and deed. Key 73 hopes to unite Christians in the task common to all Christians—evangelism. Key 73 is **not** designed to launch another ecumenical movement or to establish some new ecclesiastical structure to force denominations or groups into some new organic church union. To safeguard the autonomy of doctrine and practice of the participating church groups, Key 73 has three

principles of operation—**separately** developing their own programs, **simultaneously** carrying them out in 1973 for maximum impact, **cooperatively** using national television, radio, and the press as the air force to prepare the way for the army of foot soldiers on the community level.

What Is the Potential of Key 73?

About half of the people on this continent **claim** membership in some 200,000 Christian churches. Both the potential participation and the potential targets are about the same—100 million people. Key 73 proposes to confront all of them with the claims of Christ.

How Will the Program Be Carried Out?

The program development committees have outlined six phases of Key 73—"Calling Our Continent to Christ":

1. "Calling Our Continent to Repentance and Prayer"—Thanksgiving, 1972, to Epiphany, 1973

2. "Calling Our Continent to the Word"—Thanksgiving, 1972, through Lent, 1973

3. "Calling Our Continent to the Resurrection"—Easter, 1973

4. "Calling Our Continent to New Life"—Easter through late summer, 1973

5. "Calling Our Continent to the Proclamation"—fall, 1973

6. "Calling Our Continent to Commitment"—Thanksgiving to New Year, 1973

How Is Key 73 Supported?

The participating denominations and groups are contributing funds based on their size to meet the operating expenses of the Key 73 office. A campaign is currently underway to raise a minimum \$2 million program budget to finance the cost of network television, radio, and other mass media, as well as the cost of printing materials.

Why Key 73 Now?

Four factors suggest the urgency of a continent-wide evangelism thrust now: the **spiritual** need is extremely critical; our **concern** for our fellowman is at a new high; the **potential** for witness and service was never greater; the present turmoil in the churches and the nation have tended to distort the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit bless our efforts to that end in Key 73!

Free Will Baptist and Key 73

A resolution at the last regular session of the State Convention called for Free Will Baptists to join the other major denominations of North America in this effort to win souls for Christ. At that time, the convention instructed the

executive committee to appoint a committee to study the role of Free Will Baptists in Key 73. This committee has met and recommends the following to our denomination.

1. Each denomination participates in Key 73 using its own methods, its own programs, and making its own plans. Since no strings are attached to any participating groups from this standpoint, we recommend that our denomination participate.

2. The Key 73 effort will be done on a simultaneous basis. Therefore, we recommend that our denomination plan programs to coincide with the program of Key 73.

3. All of the participating denominations will share in the sponsorship of radio and television and other mass media. Therefore, we recommend that our churches share this expense as the Lord leads them. We recommend that our State Convention as a whole endorse Key 73 and pay our denominational share.

The time is late. Churches that wish to participate should begin now! Materials that will help in planning are available. In a few days, pastors and church clerks will receive some basic information on Key 73. If further help is needed, churches may contact the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, chairman of the Key 73 Committee, The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

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NIEMOELLER'S SONS

Once the three eldest of the five Niemoeller boys came to their mother. When she smiling inquired the meaning of the delegation, their elected spokesman said: "Mother, the three of us have decided to go into the Christian ministry, we admire Father so much."—Presbyterian.

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IF OTHERS ARE TO BE HELPED

A boy said to his mother, "When I grow up I am going to be a Christian like Father. Nobody knows whether he is a Christian or not." That man was like the clock in a certain courthouse tower we used to see. It had no hands. It may have been working inside, but how were we to know it?—Presbyterian.

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"A boy has a right to more than food, clothes, and correction; he has an undeniable right to a father."—Dr. Joplin.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

"The Heralds" Musical Group at First Church, Goldsboro



"The Heralds," a student musical group of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, will present a program of sacred music at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Sunday, June 25, at 11 a. m.

The group will travel over 7,000 miles this summer and appear at Bible conferences, youth camps, and churches in seventeen southeastern and central states and also one Canadian province.

The five-man team is led by Randy Carver, Spring Green, Wisconsin, who sings second tenor in the quartet. Gordon Page, Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, is the accompanist for the team and plays piano.

Other members of the team include Tim Walberg, Calumet City, Illinois, who sings bass; Paul Lenz Jr., Wantagh, Long Island, New York, who sings baritone; and Dave Lewis, Booneville, Kentucky, who sings first tenor.

Moody Bible Institute is one of

America's oldest and largest Bible and missionary training schools. The institute, located near Chicago's famed loop, has a missionary aviation training center at Elizabethton, Tennessee, and the Moody Institute of Science in Whittier, California.

More than 3,000 former students now serve as missionaries in some 100 countries around the world and 3,500 Moody pastors serve churches across the nation.

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Young World Singers At Vanceboro Church

The Young World Singers will present a program of Christian witness through singing and personal testimonies Sunday night, June 18, at 7:30, in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Vanceboro, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. Elmo Truitt, invites the public to attend and especially encourages Christians to pray for this service.

"School-Out Party" for St. Mary's Grove AFCs



Mr. and Mrs. Junior Byrd entertained the AFC youth group at Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, at a "school-out party" Friday afternoon, June 2, from six to nine o'clock.

While the refreshments were being prepared, the group played several games. Following the games everyone was invited to the refreshment table to enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips, colas, and ice cold lemonade. There were approximately 40 youths present. Also present were the pastors of the church and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Jackson.

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C. F. Bowen Conducting Union Grove Revival



Revival services are in progress this week at the Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Fremont, North Carolina, with the Rev. C. F. Bowen of Wilson, North Carolina, as the visiting evangelist. Services will continue each evening at eight o'clock through Saturday, June 17. The pastor, the Rev. R. P. Harris, is assisting Mr. Bowen. Mr. Harris and the church membership extend to everyone a cordial invitation to attend the remainder of these services.

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The Life and Legacy of J. C. Griffin

by
TOMMY EVANS
Student at Mount Olive College
(Continued from Last Week)



Churchmanship

Mr. Griffin was a prominent denominational figure. He was a bold worker for denominational enterprises. He was a disgruntled with those who were timid and hesitant about money raising for such causes. He said, "Some pastors and preachers seem to be afraid to mention money for our institutions and for charitable work. I think sometimes that it is because they want it all for themselves. . . . Well, that kind of a teacher gets less than any other. . . . I believe that if preachers would do more for their congregations and for God they would receive more."

In the November 11, 1925, issue of "The Free Will Baptist" he related his experiences of going out trying to raise \$2,000 for the orphanage. In a personal diary he relates going out January 1 to collect for the college. The next day, though it was raining and he was

sick, he still raised \$142. At times his ability came in handy. When he pastored Saint Mary's church (1918-1922), he lived in the first parsonage in Eastern North Carolina. But there was no electricity and his salary was only \$20 weekly. So his wife sold candy so they could have electricity. He also gave himself. In years when his income was between \$1700 and \$1900, he gave over \$200.

Mr. Griffin was a leader given much responsibility. He was manager for a time of the Free Will Baptist Press. He wrote a column, "Notes and Quotes," for over 40 years in "The Free Will Baptist." From time to time various sermons of his were published in the "Baptist." He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, for five years. He was a member of the denomination's Board of Publications and Literature for twenty years. He served as president of

the State Convention of Free Will Baptists, as moderator of the Cape Fear Conference for four years, and the Eastern Conference for eight years. He was president of the Ministerial Association of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. He pastored one church—Bridgeton, North Carolina—for twenty-eight years, receiving a lifetime call and title of "pastor emeritus." He even organized a church in Alaska, and his evangelistic work spread into North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Texas.

An indication of his dedication was the year 1938 when he suffered a heart attack. He preached after he was taken ill. He had to be assisted outside the church, and he confided later to his wife that he couldn't see the ground to put his foot on. In 1945, another remarkable event happened after he suffered a light stroke. His left arm and the left side of his face were affected. Three ministers—W. B. Everett, J. R. Bennett, and Duffy Toler—came by and prayed for him and it had an immediate effect upon his body. Truly, the hand of God was with him.

Tribute

We have tried to acquaint ourselves with Mr. Griffin through the things he did and said and believed. To complete this picture is to add what others thought of him. Certainly he was held in the highest regard.

An example of this was when a new dormitory at Mount Olive College was named in honor of him. Among the remarks given at this time were the thoughts that there will "never be one more worthy of the honor" for he was a "man of great learning . . . by burning the midnight oil, gleaning of bits of truth here and there, and by 'holding fast' the precious knowledge he obtained." President Raper said that the dorm would serve as a "perpetual reminder to generations of students of the love which he had for God and the Free Will Baptist Church." In 1962, there was a scholarship fund set up in his honor at Mount Olive College.

The Rev. J. C. Griffin towered over his contemporaries. Many looked to him for spiritual leadership. Many trusted his thoughts and spiritual insight. He was a greatly beloved minister. Like the Apostle Paul, the churches he organized and served loved him dearly. This mighty ship had sailed through tumultuous seas, but Christ was at the helm. If anyone ever experienced "Victory in Jesus," then
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AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Christian Friends:

On June 27, 28, 1972, the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Knob, West Virginia. The program will begin on Tuesday evening at 7:30 and continue through Wednesday afternoon. We sincerely hope that your church or denominational organization, as well as all of our ministers, will be represented at this meeting of our conference. All ordained Original Free Will Baptist ministers who hold membership in a church, conference, or association belonging to the General Conference shall be eligible to vote and hold office. Each representative, both delegates and ministers, must be properly registered with the Credentials Committee before he can vote. In addition to voting delegates, visitors are welcome.

Registration fees are \$5 per delegate and \$2 per minister. These fees shall be payable at registration, and no delegate or minister may vote or hold office until his fee is paid.

Please plan now to be represented. You may fill out the report blank already mailed to pastors and clerks and bring it with you to the conference. If for some reason your church or organization cannot represent by delegation, please return the blank along with your donation to me at Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina 28334, just as soon as possible, and you will be credited as representing by letter.

May God continue to bless as we labor together for the up-building of His kingdom through the work of the General Conference.

Sincerely yours,

Bobby G. Bazen, Secretary

P. S. The General Conference Auxiliary Convention will begin on Monday evening, June 26, at 7 p. m., with a youth session, and the woman's auxiliary session will be held Tuesday, June 27, at 9:30 a. m.

DIRECTIONS TO BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pine Knob, West Virginia

Take West Virginia Turnpike to the Beckley exit. Travel north on Highway 3 through Glen Daniel until arriving at Naoma. At the bottom of a hill in Naoma there will be a sign directing you to Pine Knob. From there ask directions to the church.

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Whitesville Motel—304-854-1772

The people of Bethel church will be prepared to take care of some overnight guest and will provide lunch for the conference on Wednesday.

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Birthright U. S. A.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver will be the keynote speaker at the first annual convention of Birthright International, it was announced by Mrs. Denise Coccione, executive director of Birthright, U.S.A.

The convention will be held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 16, 17, 18, 1972, at the Colony Motel, Boardwalk and Indiana Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Birthright, an emergency pregnancy service, offering positive alternatives to abortion, was founded by Mrs. Louise Summerhill of Toronto, Canada, in 1967. A nondenominational, volunteer organization, the Birthright concept has spread throughout the United States, with over 90 centers in full operation and 50 in the planning stages. There are seven centers in New Jersey alone. Birthright also operates in every Province in Canada, with 25 offices in operation there; offices in Australia and New Zealand and centers to be opened throughout Great Britain, Germany, and France.

Representatives for this first annual convention will be coming from as far as Alaska and California. A bus will bring the Canadian board of directors as well as members from the Canadian Provinces.

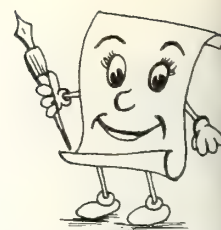
Mrs. Shriver's talk will be given at the welcoming banquet on Friday evening, June 16, at 8 p.m.

Coming Events . . .

June 23-25—Weekend Youth Conference, Mount Olive College

June 27-28—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Bethel Church, Pine Knob, West Virginia

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

November isn't the only suitable time for giving thanks. How about today? It's easy to be "Giving thanks always for all things unto God . . ." (Ephesians 5:20) when you think of all the nice things people do.

For instance, my "secret pal" sent me a yellow rose in a bud vase. It lasted for several days and its memory will last much longer. How thoughtful, to send a rose to one who loves roses and can get them to grow!

And how about that other friend who brought us a cake hot from her oven "just because." We all love her for her thoughtfulness—and the cake.

Then there's that tactful young man who, instead of saying, "Well, I see you finally had something done to your hair," says, "My, you're looking younger every day!" He surely knows how to make a girl feel good!

One of our friends moved away and left her piano here, but she wrote me soon as she bought one. I was happy for her happiness, and glad she shared it with me.

Did you ever stop to think why you choose one grocery store over another? The clerks are friendlier to you in the one you prefer. I like the lady who told me, "Those sweet potatoes are delicious! I cooked some this morning," or said that she's already tried the new cooking and they taste great.

The family shouldn't be overlooked for they're thoughtful too. Bless the one who, seeing letters waiting to be mailed, takes them! And the one who empties the trash without being asked. And the one who offers to do the dishes when I'm tired. And the one who phones to say that she has some vegetables ready for the pot; don't I want some help to cook?

You can find lots of people to be thankful for, once you get started. Try it. You'll find your cup of happiness overflowing with thanksgiving.

NEWS NOTES

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General Conference, Bethel Church

Knob, W. Va., June 27, 28

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene Tuesday and Wednesday, June 27, 28, 1972, with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, West Virginia. The conference theme will be "The Ministry of the Church." The Scripture is taken from Isaiah 61:1-3, with Verse 1 as the text: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me (the church) to . . ." The program is as follows:

Tuesday Afternoon Session, June 27

- Registration
- 3:00—General Board Meeting, the Revs. Walter Carter, Clyde Cox, Bobby G. Bazen, John R. Frame, Clarence F. Bowen, Fred A. Rivenbark, Johnnie Bullman, J. B. Starnes, Ralph Lightsey, Burrell Barnette, and Fred Bates.

Tuesday Evening Session

- 7:30—Song Service
- Devotions, the Rev. Victor Riggs, Maysville, North Carolina
- 8:45—Greetings from the Local Church, Host Pastor
- Conference Opening, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, Dunn, North Carolina
- Business Session:
 - Committee Appointments
 - Announcements
- 9:15—Conference Offering
- 9:20—Special Music
- 9:30—Sermon, the Rev. Norman Ard, Pink Hill, North Carolina
- Partial Report of Credentials Committee
- Hymn
- Benediction

Wednesday Morning Session, June 28

- 8:00—Registration
- 8:30—Song Service
- Reading of Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Raymond Sutphin, Van, West Virginia
- 9:45—Moderator's Message, the Rev. Walter Carter, Rockingham, North Carolina
- 10:45—Song Service
- Special Music
- Sermon, the Rev. Robert H. Barnette, Spartanburg, South Carolina
- 11:50—Intermission
- 12:05—Song Service
- Special Music

- Sermon, the Rev. David W. Hansley, LaGrange, North Carolina
- Benediction
- Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Song Service
- Devotions, the Rev. James Joyner, Kenly, North Carolina
- 1:45—Business Session:
 - Report of Committees and Boards
 - Old and New Business
 - Final Report of Credentials Committee
 - Report of Treasurer
- Hymn
- Benediction

Music Directors for the conference will be the Rev. Clyde Cox, New Bern, North Carolina; and the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Starnes, Newport, North Carolina.

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Davis Church Announces

Revival, June 19-24

Revival services are scheduled for the week of June 19-24 at the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church, Highway 70, Davis, North Carolina. Returning to the church as the evangelist will be the Rev. Earl H. Glenn, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with good gospel preaching each evening along with special music. "The church invites you to come worship with us during these services," states Milton Styron, chairman of the church board.

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Saint Paul Revival

In Progress

The Rev. Frank Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, is the evangelist for revival services which are in progress at Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Newton Grove,

North Carolina. Services began Monday evening, June 12, and will continue through Saturday evening, June 17, beginning each evening at 8 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Felton Godwin, is assisting Mr. Harrison. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services.

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Friendship Church Announces

Revival June 19-23

Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, will begin a series of revival services, Monday night, June 19, and close on Friday night, June 23, with services beginning each night at eight o'clock. The Rev. Edmund Gonzales, the pastor of Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church near Smithfield, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Terry Woodard, and members of the church extend an invitation to everyone to come and be with them during the week. Also for everyone to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Ayden Youth to Present

"Good News" Program

Saturday evening, June 17, a group of youths from the Ayden, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, along with representatives from four other Free Will Baptist churches in the area, will present the Christian folk musical, "Good News," in the Ayden church, beginning at eight o'clock.

This same group presented this musical several weeks ago in this area and also presented it at the Central Conference District Youth Fellowship Convention. Upon request it is being presented again.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend; and especially the youth of the area are invited.

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June 23-25, 1972

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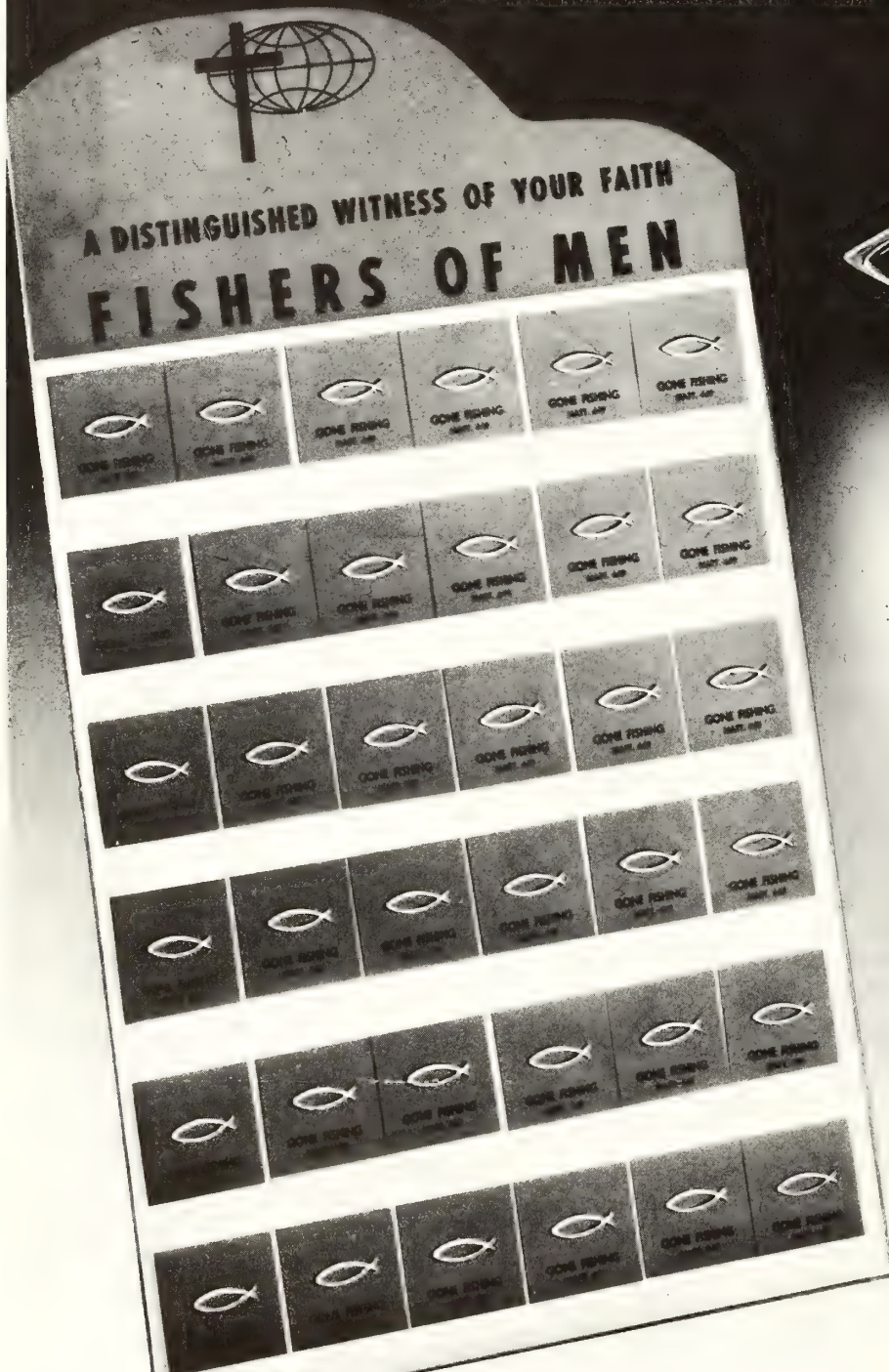
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Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "And his people remembered that it was written: The zeal of thine house hath eaten up" (John 2:17); compare, "For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me" (John 16:9). In what sense does the zeal of the Psalms apply to the zeal mentioned here in John?

Answer: This implies an intensity of zeal that in a sense completely consumed Jesus and motivated Him in this act as He disengaged the merchants and their tables illegally displayed and tables of foreign money that was not allowed in the temple under the Mosaic regulations governing the Lord's house. (See John 2:14-16.) "And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' tables, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise" (John 2:14-16).

It is that consuming zeal of God that motivates missionaries like David Livingstone, who gave his life in the cause of Christ on that dark continent of Africa. Diseases seldom spared the life of a man for two decades; and Hudson Taylor and his son Howard, that in manner forsook their homeland and went to answer the call of God to go as little lambs being thrust into the midst of ravening wolves that they might reach the terribly sinful Chinese sinners as they came from the burning. It is the kind of zeal that sent Joe and Faye Barrow to China and Harold and Sandra Jones to the Philippine Islands to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to those who were in a land of darkness and sin.

Jesus actually takes the zeal of God in this day to fulfill the teaching of God's Word concerning going here in this our sinful country. Jesus implied that we, His followers, should find ourselves in the same employment as we tend His

vineyard here; that in our preaching we should be going into the lanes and streets of the cities and even into all the hedges and highways. None conscientiously thus goes who is not criticized by the Pharisees and Sadducees of our day.

Oftentimes when groups from Bible schools that endeavor to follow the Bible teachings in this way find their most ardent critics among church members and even sometimes among ministers and others of the elite in the local church.

Jesus went into the temple and into the synagogues, on the shores of the sea, into the homes and in public places of many descriptions preaching, condemning and challenging sinners and saints to turn from every wrong thing and every wrong way. Peter, Paul, James, John, and the other disciples followed His example in His many activities in a like enthusiasm and they incurred the same kind of wrath from the world that Jesus did, and so will you and I when we live and preach like Jesus.

It came first from the Pharisees and Sadducees, the hypocrites and modernists in Jesus' and the disciples' day, and will first come from these in our day when we preach and live the whole truth of God's Word; for the pretenders can no more face reality today than they did in Christ's and the apostles' day.

After long service in the Lord, John writes: "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me" (John 15:20, 21). Jesus said, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Matthew 5:11, 12); "All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and

ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matthew 24:8, 9).

I knew an older minister of the gospel who told us that were ministerial students that if we did not feel compelled to do so, we should not attempt to preach. Then he told us that many of the hardships Jesus taught must come to a true disciple.

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Question: Did the Jews before Christ's time believe in the immortality of the soul?

Answer: Yes, I think they did. Even though we do not find the belief so stated in the Old Testament, yet it seems to be taught in some passages. First Samuel 28, that tells of Saul's encounter with the witch of Endor, would indicate that he had some sort of a belief in life after death for had he not thought Samuel was alive somewhere after his natural death, it would have seemed foolish for him to request of her that she call for Samuel after he was dead.

Here is a New Testament passage that seems to indicate they so believed: "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure" (Hebrews 11:16-19). Christ himself seems to have regarded the belief to have been extant in Moses' time: "Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him" (Luke 20:37, 38).

Then there was a law in the Old Testament that forbade the Israelites from communing with the dead as was claimed to be done by some heathen cults in those days. Job 19:25, 26 seems to indicate Job's belief in immortality: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

It would seem to me that David expressed such belief indirectly: "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). David had fasted and (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



THE BEST KIND OF FATHER'S DAY GIFT

by ROSALIE W. DOSS

LOOK at the paperweight I made for Father's Day," said Susie Adams. She held up a flat, round rock on which she had painted a bluejay.

"Father will like his paperweight," said Jimmy. "That bluejay looks sassy enough to start scolding."

"I made something Father can wear," said their big brother, Larry, as he showed them the leather belt he had made in his leathercraft hobby class.

"It is beautiful!" cried Jimmy.

Jimmy wished that he could think of something to make for his father. But what could it be? He could not paint like Susie, nor was he able to do fine leather work.

Jimmy went into the back yard to think. He sat down on the ground and leaned against a tree trunk. Behind him Jimmy could hear his father talking to Mr. Morris, who lived next door.

"Thank you for asking me to go fishing with you Saturday morning," Father was saying to Mr. Morris. "There is nothing I would like better. But I can't go. There is a job I must do, which I have been putting off much too long."

What job? Jimmy sat up straight. If he could find out what the job was, perhaps he could do it and surprise Father. That would be his gift to his father. But he would have to hurry. Tomorrow was already Friday.

The next morning, after his father had gone to work, Jimmy went to his mother. He asked, "Mother, what is the special job that Father is planning to do Saturday morning?"

"I am sorry, but I don't know, Jimmy,"

said Mother. "However, there is a little job you can do for me right now, if you are not busy. Would you pull up some of the hyacinths that are growing around the little fishpond in the back yard? I want to give the plants to Mrs. White down the street."

"Yes, Mother," said Jimmy. He went to the pond and began pulling up hyacinths. Jimmy pulled up an armful of the plants, making sure that he got ones with good roots.

"Thank you, Jimmy," said Mother. "You have been a big help."

After Mother had gone, Susie had a favor to ask of Jimmy.

"Jimmy," said Susie, "since you are already wet and dirty from pulling up plants, will you also catch the three goldfish that are left in the pond?"

"Why do you want them?" asked Jimmy.

"I want to give the fish to Karen for her aquarium," Susie said. "The poor fish will surely die in our little pond. It is so overgrown with hyacinths and other plants, and there is so much trash at the bottom of the pond."

Jimmy got a bait bucket and a net from the garage. It did not take him long to capture the fish.

Susie thanked Jimmy. She said, "I will do a favor for you sometime, Jimmy."

"You can do one right now," said Jimmy.

"Sure!" agreed Susie.

"What is the job that Father is planning to do Saturday morning? I would like to do it and surprise him for Father's Day," said Jimmy.

"I wish I could tell you, but I don't know what it is," said Susie.

After Susie left, Jimmy continued to work on the pond. He pulled up soggy leaves, sticks, pop bottles, and paper from the bottom. Then Jimmy began to

pull up the rest of the plants that were choking the pond. If he got the pond cleaned, they might be able to restock it with fish.

While Jimmy worked, he kept wishing that he could find out what Father's Saturday morning job was.

Jimmy was so busy working and thinking, that he was startled when his father drove up the driveway.

"Hello, Father!" said Jimmy. "I did know that it was time for you to be home from work already."

There was a strange, surprised look on Mr. Adams' face when he saw what Jimmy was doing.

Suddenly Jimmy was afraid that he had made a big mistake by working on the pond. No one had told him to do it. It had been his own idea. Perhaps Father didn't approve.

"I guess I got carried away working on this fishpond," said Jimmy hesitantly.

"It looks great!" cried Mr. Adams. "You couldn't have done a better job myself. You couldn't have given me a nicer Father's Day gift."

Jimmy felt relieved, but at the same time he was startled. Father thought that he had done this work as a Father's Day gift. For a moment, Jimmy was tempted to take credit for it. That would solve his gift problem. But he couldn't do it.

Jimmy told his father that he had planned to do this job as a Father's Day gift. One thing had just led to another and he had begun cleaning the pond. "But, Father," said Jimmy, "I wish I could have found out what the job is. I want to do tomorrow morning. That's the job I would like to do as a Father's Day gift. Then you could go fishing with Mr. Morris."

Mr. Adams grinned from ear to ear. He said, "Jimmy, this was the job. I had promised myself that I would clean out the fishpond this Saturday morning."

Now it was Jimmy's turn to be amazed. "You mean I did the job that we were planning to do, and I didn't even know it?"

"Yes," said Mr. Adams. "Now I can go fishing with Mr. Morris."

"I am glad, Father," said Jimmy. "It doesn't seem exactly right to take credit for a Father's Day gift, when I was only helping others to get their fish done. It all started when I dug up plants for Mother and caught the last three goldfish in the pond for Susie."

"That makes the gift worth even more," said Mr. Adams.

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of April, 1972. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, military, or organization contributing but totals are shown here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for April, 1972, compared with April, 1971.

| Religious Contributions Received | 1972 | 1971 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|---|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Marble Conference | \$ 373.19 | \$ 472.10 | \$(98.91) |
| Ridge Conference | 33.68 | | 33.68 |
| De Fear Conference | 729.95 | 842.78 | (112.83) |
| Central Conference | 1,873.13 | 1,527.06 | 346.07 |
| Western Conference | 2,787.28 | 2,638.18 | 149.10 |
| Dee Association | 60.00 | 99.94 | (39.94) |
| Blackfish Conference | 10.00 | 15.00 | (5.00) |
| Western Conference | 3,801.58 | 2,057.04 | 1,744.54 |
| Twelve Bodies | 129.77 | 116.14 | 13.63 |
| Total Religious Contributions | \$ 9,798.58 | \$ 7,768.24 | \$ 2,030.34 |
| Friends and Relatives | 879.20 | 1,177.58 | (298.38) |
| Friends and Others | 295.00 | 200.48 | 94.52 |
| Home Income | 871.05 | 55.90 | 815.15 |
| Home Sales | 362.00 | 308.00 | 54.00 |
| De Duke Endowment | | 7,000.00 | (7,000.00) |
| Scattered Income | 256.91 | 597.72 | (340.81) |
| Total Other Income | \$ 2,664.16 | \$ 9,339.68 | \$(6,675.52) |
| Total Income for Month | \$12,462.74 | \$17,107.92 | \$(4,645.18) |
| The above was received for the following: | | | |
| General Fund | \$11,614.51 | \$17,107.92 | \$(5,493.41) |
| De Woodard Loan Fund | 10.00 | | 10.00 |
| De Savings Account | 838.23 | | 838.23 |
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"One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."—George Herbert.

The Life and Legacy of J. C. Griffin

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surely it was Mr. Griffin. Perhaps the greatest honor one could give him would be to follow in his footsteps. Mrs. Griffin told me that he tried to pattern his life after the Apostle Paul.

One day this mighty ship reached the end—his destination. On September 8, 1967, the Lord called this much decorated warrior to be with Him. I think of the sadness my own heart felt. I was just fourteen years old at the time, but before Mr. Griffin died, I had been privileged to meet him. His words were very encouraging, and I'll never forget them. But still the people who were closest to Brother Griffin knew that he strove to someday live with the Lord; and the overwhelming feeling that gray day at Saint Mary's church was the realization of the joy he must have had to meet Jesus.

His funeral was conducted on September 10, 1967, at 3 p. m., at Saint Mary's Original Free Will Baptist Church by the Rev. Earl H. Glenn, the Rev. M. L. Johnson, the Rev. Melvin K. Everington, and President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College. A huge throng of people came to pay their respects. Spacious Saint Mary's church was packed.

Perhaps no more fitting conclusion could be given than the words President Raper offered in a tribute. "His own criterion for a decision was: 'What is the will of God?' He found his answer not in abstract theology, but in service to his fellowman. No night was too long for him to sit in prayer by the bedside of someone who needed him; no trip was too difficult if an opportunity for him to preach the gospel awaited him; no young person was too poor for him to search out and encourage him to go to college; no weather was too hot or too cold to keep him from his daily visits to the hospital when there were those who needed his comfort and prayers; no personal need was too great to prevent his giving his tithes and frequently more to the kingdom of God.

"This was his life. This is the legacy he bequeaths to us.

"Truly, the poetry of Edwin Markham is appropriate:

"And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 25



Hunger for Security

Lesson Text: Psalm 57

Memory Verse: Romans 8:38, 39

I. INTRODUCTION

On November 9, 1965, thirty million people on the Eastern Seaboard of the United States were plunged into darkness by a mysterious and massive power failure. In New York City 48,000 passengers were trapped in over six hundred subway trains. Hundreds of elevators stalled between floors. Traffic lights failed, and streets were blocked with traffic. Motorists ran out of gas because they could not get any—the pumps wouldn't work without electricity. Airplanes were rerouted, not being able to land without lights to guide them in. Delicate operations were performed with emergency generators. But piercing the darkness were a few pinpoints of light—automobile headlights in the streets and candlelight from the windows of the giant skyscrapers.

It is ever so. When fear—terrorizing fear—takes hold of us and maybe for the first time in our lives we discover the real need for security, there is sufficient light for us to find our way in the darkness. When evil men strike out at our lives we still have the light of Christ to show us the way out of danger. No matter how deep the darkness, the Light (God) still shines and the darkness is powerless to overcome it. We do not deny evil; we deny that evil is finally triumphant. We believe God has a security for us in time of great danger.

The psalmist in our lesson found that out, and so must we as we turn to the Word of God for solace and security for times such as ours.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Study the background of this psalm from 1 Samuel 24.
2. God's people face all kind of dangers, expected and unexpected.

3. These dangers cause fear and anxiety.

4. God has not promised to keep us from danger, but to protect us in danger.

B. God Is the Source of Our Security (Psalm 57:1-3)

1. First here is a cry for mercy—be merciful unto me.
2. Here is an affirmation of trust—my soul trusteth in thee.
3. Here is a declaration that God is our refuge—in the shadow of thy wings I make my refuge.

C. The Dangers David Faced (Psalm 57:4-6)

1. The bitter reproach of his enemies.
2. The fierce cruelty of his enemies.
3. The subtle schemes of his enemies.

D. David Praises God (Psalm 57:7-11)

1. A proclamation—my heart is fixed.
2. A promise—I will sing and give praise.
3. The performance—I will sing unto thee among the nations.
4. The power—for thy mercy is great unto the heavens.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. When children sing, "I'm on the rock, hallelujah; I'm on the rock to stay," a picture comes to mind of a solid rock shoal surrounded by quicksand. The rock is a place to stand in safety while danger and destruction lurk all around. This safety island may be labeled security, for it represents refuge and salvation. The quicksand illustrates everything that threatens one's security and safety. Only one word is needed to label the quicksand: sin!

The "miry clay" of sin jeopardizes happy existence on earth and everlasting life in heaven. Much of the danger and evil we face are caused by the sinfulness of others. On the other hand, our security is never more unstable than when we yield to temptation. There is always danger of falling off the "rock," but some

folk deliberately jump into the quicksand of sin.

Our security is threatened also when the storm clouds of doubt and fear darken the horizon. Even those threatening clouds, however, have a "silver lining" for the sunshine of God's love cannot be hid. David realized this even in the midst of mortal danger. The threatening clouds will pass away, and God's mercy and truth will be seen. Nothing except our own willful disobedience can come between us and God. He is the rock and foundation of our security. Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. Some folks have strange ideas about the Christian life. For instance, some have thought that when one became a Christian, everything was "rosy" from then on; that no more worry, disappointment, sickness, or failure would ever be his lot. But wait a minute. This is just not true. But this is:

God hath not promised skies always blue
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through:
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe:
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above—
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

—Annie Johnson Flint in *The Intermediate Quarterly* (F.W.B.).

C. One of the traits which characterized the life of early Christians was a siren to praise God. If we learned the truth of: "When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10), we would learn to praise the Lord in everything and for everything. A very unusual preacher by the name of Billy Brant was known for his constant rejoicing. When asked how he could always be praising the Lord when so many things went wrong in his life, he replied, "I have learned to see the Lord in every step that I take. Now as I walk along when I step up one foot, it says, 'glory'; when I step up the other, it says 'hallelujah.'" —L. O. Jones.

Questions & Answers

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...yed while his first son, born unto
and Bathsheba, was sick; but when
was dead David ate food which seem-
to be a surprise to some of his ser-
vants. The words of 2 Samuel 12:23 are
an explanation for such behavior.

The description of God as found in the
Testament, compared with that giv-
ing of the creation of man, suggests im-
mortality of the soul. Then Paul's de-
scription of the Jewish faith concerning
resurrection would indicate the Jews
believed in the immortality of the soul.
And now I stand and am judged for the
fulfillment of the promise made of God unto
our fathers: Unto which promise our
ancestors, instantly serving God day
and night, hope to come. For which
promise's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused
before the Jews. Why should it be thought
incredible with you, that God
should raise the dead?" (Acts 26:6-8).
I believe that Paul here was declaring
himself to believe in the immortality of
the soul, and that Agrippa understood
that Paul and other Pharisees believed in
the same before Paul was converted, and
that Paul was preaching in harmony with
his belief after his conversion. I be-
lieve also that anyone who is a Christian
necessarily believes in the same kind of
resurrection. "That if thou shalt con-
fess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and
thou shalt believe in thine heart that God
hath raised him from the dead, thou
shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"How?" asked Jimmy, looking puzzled.

His father explained. "Knowing that
I have a son who is willing to help
others is one of the nicest gifts any
father could have. 'A wise son maketh
glad father' (Proverbs 10:1)," quoted
Adams.

"Thank you, Father," said Jimmy hap-
pily. "This Father's Day gift was a sur-
prise to both of us."

"That is the very best kind!" said his
father.—My Pleasure.

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"It behooves a father to be blameless,
and he expects his son to be more blame-
less than he was himself."—Plautus.

"HAVE I EVER SEEN A CHRISTIAN"

A father was one day teaching his
little boy what manner of man a Chris-
tian is. When the lesson was finished,
the father got the stab of his life, when
the boy asked, "Father, have I ever seen
a Christian?"—W. B. Knight.

"Father of fathers, make me one,
A fit example for a son."

—Douglas Malloch.

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AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL?

America, the beautiful! Really? with her soot-clouded skies, her polluted streams, her dwindling forests, and her dying animals?

America, the beautiful? with her men and women who are so patriotic that they tear down the flag, attack national monuments, shoot presidents, presidential candidates, Negro leaders, and a governor?

No where else but in America can one really sing "sweet Freedom's song." The trouble is that one man's freedom is an infringement upon another man's freedom. We've known for a long time that freedom stops where harm begins, but some of us have disregarded this fact.

Man takes matters into his own hands. "Destroy what you don't like" seems to be the motto. Attack anyone who displays any differences, whose ideas are a little foreign to yours. Don't feel bad about it; just do it. Your right to disagree has already been established; now put some action where your words are and make your move count.

The foregoing seems to be the prevailing philosophy of radical man, he who begs to differ but affords no one else the same privilege. This, in America? Regrettably, yes! An encroachment upon personal rights seems the case here: "I can do what I want to do, but you can't." Where in the world but in America? In America and everywhere else—because human nature is the same everywhere.

The nature of man is such that it allows him, even coerces him at times, to lash out in his vehemence to murder or maim (whichever happens to result) with few pangs of conscience—with an utter and total disregard for the welfare of others, to the extent of not only not caring what happens to one's neighbor, but also activating one's hatred toward him with violent throes of physical attack. Whatever happened to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and "Love thy neighbor as thyself"?

There is no way to see into one's mind or character. A person's heart may be black but his exterior lily-white. Man's thoughts are as changeable and unpredictable as the wind (at the expense of sounding trite)—that's why we must constantly be on our guard. Those who one day would never consider doing us harm may suddenly and without apparent cause choose to strike us down. And, physical harm is sometimes less severe than emotional harm. We have known some individuals who were berated to such extremes that they became frustrated and suffered irreparable personality damage. This is like the man who, while he was in the army, was told so often that he was a certain kind of fool that after awhile he began to believe that he was. In America? Yes. . .

Just because someone thinks us to be something and tries their utmost to convince us of it, they cannot make us something we are not unless we choose to let them. No one is a fool because someone happens to think that he is. We are what we are for a lot of reasons: birth, growth, environment, family and social ties. We are what we **become** because of personal will.

America, the beautiful but imperfect land—a land where pollutants plague the air, the water, the soil—a land where men differ with others and do them harm and with force and might speak their piece—a land where people curse her God and kill His people. . .

America, not so beautiful as she once was, admittedly. Yet, however "unbeautiful" we consider her to be, where in the world could we have more, do more, and love more? Where in the world could we be better satisfied? Where in the world had we rather live—and die. . .?

You tell me.

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FACTS FOR THE FOURTH

by JOHN L. KENT

A Review of Some Well-known
And Little-known Happenings
About Independence Day

GEORGE WASHINGTON never signed the Declaration of Independence. You won't find his name as you go down the list of signatures. At the time of signing, George Washington was in New York with the Continental Army.

You are most likely aware that the Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4—it was **adopted** on that date. It was signed by most of the subscribers on August 2, 1776. Some signers later. For example, the last to sign was Thomas McKean, who had been in the Continental Army at the time of the original signing and who finally signed the Declaration in 1781. John Hancock was the first signer, and his signature is, without a doubt, the most legible.

Although the Declaration was written by Thomas Jefferson, he actually put little into it that was new. Its major ideas had been previously discussed and written about by John Locke and Robert Bellarmine, for example. Locke (1632-1704), an Englishman, discussed much that is in the Declaration in his **Two Treatises on Government**, a defense of the English Revolution of 1688. Some of his ideas showed up in the United States Constitution.

Bellarmino (1542-1621) was a Roman Catholic cardinal and theologian, born in Italy. He wrote against the heresies of the day and about the relation of church and state.

Even though the Fourth of July is celebrated in every state of the Union, it was never made a legal national holiday. Pennsylvania, in 1873, was the first state to declare this date a legal holiday. There is, however, a record of an earlier observance elsewhere. The citizens of New Bern, North Carolina, celebrated Independence Day on July 4 in 1778. All

states now proclaim Independence Day, a state holiday.

The Declaration of Independence was first published in a newspaper on July 4, 1776. It was publicly read to the people of Philadelphia on July 8. There was much rejoicing and bell ringing—not to mention bonfires and dancing and singing in the streets. The famous "Liberty Bell" was rung, of course. It didn't have that big crack in it then. But it wasn't so perfect when it was rung, either. In fact, it could have been considered "second-hand" when it rang out the news.

The original bell was brought over from London, and it cracked in 1752. It was recast the following year by Charles Stow and John Pass. After its use in 1776 to proclaim the joyful occasion, it was rung each year on the anniversary. In 1835 a crack developed while it was tolling for the death of Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall. In 1846 it cracked beyond repair.

The first celebration of Independence Day (on July 8) included the singing of patriotic songs, but it did not include the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." This song, which became our national anthem, was not written until thirty-eight years later. The words, as you no doubt know, were written by Francis Scott Key during the bombardment of Fort McHenry on September 13, 14, 1814. The song did not become popular until the Civil War period. It

was not officially made our national anthem until 1931.

The celebrants of the first Independence Day did not sing "America." This song was first publicly sung on July 4, 1832 in Boston. It had been written in half an hour by Dr. Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist clergyman.

Among the songs that **were** sung was "Yankee Doodle." It is about the only soldiers' song of colonial days that is still sung today. Its humorous verses mock the raw American troops (called "Yankees" by the British). The humor overcame the derogatory inferences, and the Americans took the song as their own. The popular version of the song is thought to have originated during the French and Indian War, and there were hundreds of verses. The tune is even older. About a hundred years before the Revolution, different words (ridiculing the Cavalier troops of Charles I) were sung to it by the English Puritans.

The Declaration, which laid the foundations for the greatest nation on earth, included for the first time the official use of the term "United States of America."

Today, the original document is preserved in a helium-filled glass case in the National Archives in Washington, D. C.

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A True Experience of FAITH

I WOULD like to tell of an experience I had recently with open-heart surgery.

I didn't realize I had a serious heart condition until several weeks ago. The first time I had an attack was when I went to feed my hogs one day. I had such a terrible pain and such shortness of breath, that I had to sit down and rest for awhile. I asked the Lord to help me get back to my house and He did.

The next attack was the following Sunday night. When I returned from church, I walked about 50 yards from the car to the house. When I got in the house I had another attack, but didn't have one again that night or on Monday.

My wife asked me to call our family doctor on Monday, but I didn't. When she came in from work that afternoon she called him and he told her to tell me to be in his office the next morning at 9 o'clock. When I saw the doctor he sent me to a hospital.

The doctor ran a series of tests and X rays on me that week. He also did an electrocardiogram on me and the only thing he could find was a heart condition, but I was having a pain that he couldn't understand.

After the doctor had finished all his tests, I had a severe pain and it was difficult for me to breathe. I had been having pains off and on during the week, but this one was more severe.

At this time my doctor asked me about going to a medical center. I told him I would go, but it was a week from then before there was an available bed.

I left this hospital by ambulance to go to the medical center. As I left to go to the other hospital, I asked the Lord to go with me on this trip and to take care of me wherever I went.

After arriving at the other hospital, I became acquainted with the nurses on the floor I was on. I didn't know at first that they were noticing me so much. One day one of them came in and told me that there was something different about me from anyone else she had ever seen on that floor. She told me I always had a smile on my face whatever might

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face me. She said that she would like to know how this could be—to be so sick. I told her it was because I had Jesus in the room with me. She then said that she knew there was a reason for it.

As the days went by this same nurse would come in my room and talk with me about the Lord and His saving grace. She told me that she would love to have what I had and if money could buy it she would buy it, but she knew she couldn't. She also said that she was going to work after the innerpeace I had.

There was a young man in the room with me. He was not as calm as I was, so I talked with him all I could to try to help him. Through my talking with him I was able to calm his fears and enable him to go through some difficult tests that required calmness. It was of the Lord I talked to him about.

During the week of tests, examinations, and X rays, I had two young interns as my doctors. One of them didn't understand my strong faith in God. As we talked I think he thought I might need a psychiatrist. Anyway, two came to see me a few days later. I asked them why they came to see me and they told

me a doctor sent them. I told them I didn't need them as I had all I needed and that was the Lord Jesus. They questioned me a lot but they didn't shake me. I always gave them the same answer. They came to see me about three times, but after I had surgery they came by just to say hello. They had found out by this time that I was as sane as anyone. I had no fear at all because Jesus was on my side.

After a week of examinations, tests, and X rays, I was found to be in excellent condition for my age. I was told there was just one thing left they wanted to examine me for. I was put on a tread wheel to find the reaction of heart. It didn't take many rounds before the doctor found my trouble. I had a severe pain and had to be put on nitroglycerine for angina.

The next week a catheterization of veins was made to X ray my arteries. After the X ray, the doctor came in and told me my main artery was 90 percent closed and the other two were badly diseased. He offered me a 10 to 20 percent chance to live from 6 months to a year longer with pain or even less time. He also told me I had an 80 percent chance to live several more years without pain.

During all this time of tests I could see the Spirit of the Lord moving on the walls of my room in the form of a shadow. This followed me wherever I went.

After all the X rays were complete one of the heart surgeons came to talk to me about surgery. After talking with my wife and me, he told me he would give me two or three days to make up my mind as to having open-heart surgery or not.

I asked my wife and our children what to do. They all told me it was a decision I had to make myself. So I told my wife that I was going to talk it over with the Lord that night. I received my answer that night. The Lord told me not to worry that He would go with me to the operating room, stay with me, and bring me back. I had no fears because He had been with me all the time.

I had two relatives to come to see me and ask me not to have the operation as I had a brother to die from open-heart surgery. I told them that I was not afraid because the Lord had promised to be with me and I was going to have the operation.

One of my brothers brought his pain to see me after I had made up my mind and my faith in the Lord was established.
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The Dynamic Youth Chairman: Marlene

by
NINA G. REGISTER

HE tall, slender, smiling blonde trying to keep the Bible Bowl Quiz running smoothly next Monday night (June 26), probably wearing her favorite green, will be Marlene Everett, youth chairman of the General Conference Woman's Auxiliary.

Born in Alabama, she grew up at Swan Quarter, North Carolina. Marlene joined the Bay Missionary Baptist Church when she was 12, and immediately began for a youth program. But it was a small church with few members.

"I pestered each adult individually, every year, about doing something with the young people, and I always got one or two answers: 'Not enough children to do it with it'; or, 'Not enough time.' I promised the Lord that when I grew up I would do my best to see that my church had a good youth program," states Mrs. Everett.

She and Jack Everett were married on January 6, 1952, in her home church. After a year in California, they moved to Kinston, North Carolina, where Jack works with Dupont. They joined the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston in 1954, and she has kept her early promise. She became youth chairman, and in 1956, with the help of Mrs. Brooks Owens and Mrs. David W. Hansberry, the Kinston church had its first GTA and YPA organizations. These were later changed to AFC and YFA. Determined to have a successful program, the Everetts bought a station wagon and she provided rides to and from the meetings for most of the young people.

She resigned after eight years with a quiver in her voice: "I feel the Lord is leading me to work more extensively with young people. In order to do this, I must take some more college courses and better prepare myself. I can't continue to do justice to this office, go to school, and care for my family. So I must give up the youth work, as much as I regret it."

As soon as she finished those college courses, she was youth chairman again.

The First Free Will Baptist church was the first in Kinston to have a Sunday morning youth church, and she has been its chairman for about ten years. She is also chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kindergarten Committee.

Besides working with children in church, she has been a Brownie Scout leader, a Cub Scout den mother, and a Girl Scout day camp counselor. She was secretary of the PTA for one year. Soon after that, her work with retarded children began. She was a teachers' aide for trainable retarded children with the Kinston city school system for nine years; served as Comprehensive Schools Instructional Program aide for one year. (What she liked best about that was traveling to other schools and observing their programs.) Now she is an assistant teacher with the Pilot Kindergarten Demonstration Center at Teachers Memorial School in Kinston.

The Lenoir County Association for Retarded Children is a volunteer organization of which she has been a member for eleven years and is presently vice-president and program chairman. She has also worked at Camp Don Lee, a Methodist camp, which is open to retarded children one week each year.

The whole family has worked together in preparing for the Bible Bowl Quiz. Cindy is majoring in interior design at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Jack Jr. is a rising high school senior and enjoys football; husband Jack is active in Explorer Scouting, and one hobby is his garden.

But Mrs. Everett's busy life doesn't allow time for hobbies, so she enjoys doing what must be done. She likes to cook, but especially enjoys salads, and molded salads are her favorites.

"I guess you might say my hobby is going—anywhere there's good singing and preaching," she states.

VACATION TIME IS HERE!

Visit "wild, wonderful West Virginia." Attend the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Knob, West Virginia, Monday and Tuesday, June 26, 27.

On Monday evening, June 26, beginning at 7:30, there will be the youth session. During this session Mrs. Marlene Everett of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, North Carolina, will conduct the Bible Bowl Quiz.

Then Tuesday morning, June 27, at 10 o'clock, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention will be held. The main speaker for the convention will be Mrs. Dola Dudley of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. Mrs. Dudley has served as president of her State Auxiliary Convention, field worker of the State Auxiliary Convention, and a former member of the Board of Directors of Mount Olive College. She is currently serving as missions chairman of her State Auxiliary Convention, president of the Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention, a teacher of the Adult Bible Class in the Palmer Memorial Sunday school, church secretary of Palmer Memorial, and treasurer of our own Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the General Conference.

During the convention special music will be rendered by the Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Price of Madison, West Virginia; and by the Durham, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church choir.

I'm sure you won't want to miss this glorious time that we are going to have! It will be heavenly! I am anticipating your arrival!

Mrs. Norman Ard, President

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SPECIAL NOTICE !

The Free Will Baptist Press and the Free Will Baptist Bookstores at Ayden, New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for the employees to observe Independence Day. Both the printing department and the bookstores will be open again on Wednesday, July 5, at the usual hours. Thank you.

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No matter how disagreeable a person may be, he is still one of the sheep of the flock, and is entitled to the shepherd's care.—The Free Methodist.

Springtime In God's World

FROM the very beginning we observe by reading the creation story in the Bible that the earth shall bring forth trees upon it. These trees shall produce and provide the world with the fruit of its kind. What prettier picture can one delineate of the world then than in the springtime!

Standing contemplating or looking from a bedroom window in the morning, one can view the leaves of the trees gracefully moving and floating in the air as if they were tiny notes of an old familiar song being played in the gentle breeze. A mother bird tweets to her very young ones, telling them how to survive in the huge world which surrounds them.

Among the beauties of this world are the blossoms of the dogwood trees and the fragrant smell of roses which add to the luster of miles and miles of yards throughout the countryside. A cow grazes in the meadow on the cool, green grass. Tractors hum from sunrise to sundown, cultivating crops for the harvest which will soon be approaching. Gardens are beginning to bring forth food for man's nourishment and survival. Yes, it's a wonderful season of the year—a season of accomplishing and seeing many things grow. But most of all, it's the wonderful springtime—the season of love, fun, and laughter.

Schools will soon be out and graduation day is approaching. For some this will be the beginning of a new life, seeing things change before their eyes. Again children will be home for a summer vacation of enjoyment and relaxation. Young people find it a season of enchantment and love as weddings are performed and bridal flowers are tossed to the hopeful ones which are left behind.

Can all this mean that springtime is a time for a vacation from God?

The story is told of a little girl, the daughter of a farmer, who used to try to follow in her father's footsteps as he worked in the fields. Many times she was heard to say, "Daddy, it is hard to follow in your big shoes." But her father

by
SARA BRANCH

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so: And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day" (Genesis 1:11-13).

er would reply, "Keep on, honey, the end will soon come." Finally after long hours of hard work the little girl would come to the end of the tracks and her work was completed.

Is this true with God? Are we keeping up with God's footsteps even though it is springtime in God's world? How bountiful are your fruits? Are you beginning to harvest the crop which He has helped you prepare? May we all take the advantage of this time of year to better serve the Lord for His bountiful blessings to us!

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NEWS NOTES

Young World Singers At Pleasant Hill Church

The Young World Singers will present a program of gospel singing and testimony at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church located between Vanceboro and Greenville, North Carolina, on Highway 43, near Calico Crossroads, Sunday evening, July 2, beginning at 7:30. The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, along with the church membership invites the public to attend. Also a special invitation is extended to the youth of this area to attend.

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Cragmont Assembly's Treasurer's Report for May, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of May, 1972:

Balance May 1, 1972 \$6,020.89

Receipts

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| Churches | \$1,987.62 |
| Woman's Auxiliaries | 67.00 |
| Sunday School Convention | 48.00 |
| YFAs and AFCs | 95.00 |
| Unions | 91.56 |
| North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention | 825.68 |
| Total Receipts | 3,114.86 |
| Total to Account For | 9,135.71 |

Disbursements

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| Advanced to Open Camp | \$1,000.00 |
| Operating Expenses | 556.24 |
| Plumber | 208.80 |
| Bed Rails | 216.24 |
| Mrs. Bruce Barrow (A Special Offering from the North Carolina Wo- man's Auxiliary Convention | 215.00 |
| Principal on Note | 5,000.00 |
| Total Disbursements | 7,196.28 |
| Balance June 1, 1972 (Checking Account) | \$1,939.43 |
| Savings (Earmarked Funds) | 2,313.00 |
| Grand Total | \$4,252.43 |

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NO 'BAPTIST' JUNE 2

In order to maintain our schedule not printing but 50 issues of "The Free Will Baptist" per year, we have to skip two issues each year. The first issue to be skipped this year will be the one June 28. The next "Baptist" you will receive will be dated July 5, 1972.

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Closed for Inventory

The Free Will Baptist Bookstore Ayden, along with the bookstores New Bern, Smithfield, and Wilson, will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, June 28, 29, for inventory. They will open at the usual hours on Friday, June 30. Thank you.

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As we "walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16), being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18), the fruit of the Spirit (cf. Galatians 5:22, 23) will be manifested in our lives.—Author Unknown.

Coming Events . . .

June 23-25—Weekend Youth Conference
Mount Olive College
June 27-28—General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Bethel Church
Pine Knob, West Virginia

RELIGION AND MENTAL HEALTH

by FRANK R. HARRISON

The manner in which a man utilizes his religion—whether it be to enrich and enoble his life or to excuse his selfishness, cruelty, or to rationalize his delusions and persecutions, or to clothe himself in a comforting illusion of omnipotence—is a commentary on the state of his mental health.” Earl A. Menninger in *“The Human Mind.”*

WHAT is the relationship between religion and mental health? This is a question that many persons from the fields of psychiatry, psychology, and religion are seeking to answer. Too long have the forces of opposition been at work, with one discipline or disciplines seeking to discredit the other and perpetuating a spirit of distrust, characterized by antagonism.

Religion, in its broadest sense, can be defined as man's response to that which he believes to control his destiny; or, in religion is response to a sustaining of values.

Religion, in particular the Christian religion, can enhance and enrich a person's life, or it can be misperceived and misinterpreted, thereby becoming a crushing, disintegrating force that corrodes the stability of the personality. Distorted, religion can feed the neurotic tendencies of one's life as well as be an expression of deep-seated emotional struggles and conflict within.

In its best form, religion should seek to provide meaning and purpose to life, enabling the individual to live life with a deeper sense of joy and fulfillment. Religion should be a wholesome and integrating force upon the mental and emotional life of the individual.

How tragic it is that sometimes the Christian message is distorted in ways that cause hurt and block emotional growth rather than to stimulate growth. The minister has within his domain the power to use religion as a constructive, creative, healing, life-giving force; or to use it to foster immaturity, guilt, and fear that cripple persons and thus deny them their right to the dignity and worth of persons before God.

An individual's religious beliefs and attitudes will be affected directly by his emotional needs, for one's religion can never be separated from his emotional life. A person develops or uses his religion according to his psychological needs. If these needs are immature and infantile, the chances are that his religious ideas and expressions will reflect these qualities.

Indeed, religion can be used as a crutch rather than a life-affirming, creative experience that contributes to the mental and spiritual growth. A person who has intensive psychological problems needs to be dependent, and may use his religion as a crutch—perhaps for that individual, a necessary crutch. Or, a person who is driven by excessive anxiety and guilt may become compulsive in performing church rites and rituals in seeking to obey the demands of his religion. A person who has excessive needs for power and authority may use his religion to foster bigotry and prejudice, assuming a judgmental and unforgiving attitude.

What a person's religion becomes depends in large measure upon what that person wants his religion to become. In this sense, each man is in some degree the architect of his religion.

The fact remains that mental health and religion are inseparable. The basic purpose of the church is “the increase among men the love of God and neighbor.” Perhaps it can be said that a person is mentally healthy to the degree that he is able to live in freedom and creativity to the two great commandments: to love God and neighbor fully.

Mental, spiritual, and physical health are inseparable. One's attitude and relationship with self, others, God, the universe, and ultimate values are interdependent. Healthy religion affirms life and the world in which we live as good as created by God. Healthy religion affirms the value of persons as created by God. It does not undermine self-esteem, but rather encourages a person to accept himself as he is—with shortcomings and

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As of June 12, 1972, we have received \$92,828.65 on the 1971-1972 mission budget. This is a record amount given to missions for our convention. For this we are most grateful and praise God for your faithfulness. Our budget for the year is \$100,000. As you can see, this lacks only \$7,171.35. We need your help.

When you read this it will be about June 21, 1972. This only leaves one more Sunday in this church year. I hope that you will respond to help us reach the goal for the year.

Many of our churches, auxiliaries, and Sunday schools waited last year until June 30, 1971, to send their contributions to us, thinking that we could backdate them for the church year. This is impossible. In order for your gifts to be credited, they must be in our office in order for us to make a deposit on June 30, 1972. Please mail these to us no later than Monday, June 26, 1972. All contributions to missions should be sent to: North Carolina Free Will Baptist Board of Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Joe Ingram, Director-Treasurer

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An Urgent Prayer Request

The son of the Rev. Antonio Castillo of Mexico is seriously ill with spinal meningitis. Brother Castillo requests that you pray for his son. Let's make Sunday, June 25, 1972, as a day of prayer for this cause.

Joe Ingram, Director-Treasurer

all, and then to move ahead. Healthy religion plays guilt and redemption in balance, not sacrificing one at the expense of the other. Healthy religion accepts responsible sexuality as the gift of God in creation. Healthy religion is well integrated with scientific truth and research. All truth is truth, regardless of its context and meaning. Truth is truth.

Positive mental health can be enhanced by religion that affirms life and that seeks to express itself in life-affirming ways. Positive mental health is synonymous with the biblical term “wholesome.” Both ideas point to self-actualization—the fulfillment of human potentialities for living a constructive, creative life in mutually satisfying relationships.

Mount Olive College

happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Miss Stocks Awarded Music Scholarship

Elizabeth Carol Stocks, granddaughter of Mrs. Josephine Stocks of Ayden, North Carolina, has been awarded a music scholarship at Mount Olive College for the academic year 1972-73.



Miss Stocks, a rising sophomore at Mount Olive College and a member of Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, is majoring in business and plans to work as a secretary upon graduation.

She is a member of Phi Beta Lambda and the Free Will Baptist Fellowship at the college. Her interests include cooking, singing, and working with children.

Mount Olive College is a two-year, liberal arts institution featuring individualized instruction, nonfailing grading system, intercollegiate athletics, and one of the most innovative educational programs in the nation.

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Chapel Committee to Meet

The Mount Olive College Board of Trustees will meet in special session on Tuesday, June 27, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of studying preliminary specifications and design for the proposed chapel on the new campus.

A chapel committee including members of the administrative staff, faculty, students, and board of trustees has been meeting since January to prepare recommendations for the chapel.

President W. Burkette Raper reported that G. Milton Small of Raleigh, North Carolina, College architect, would be on hand to interpret for the board the proposed design for the chapel.

The progress of the chapel project will depend in large measure upon the response of Free Will Baptist churches to a goal of \$100,000 to supplement a \$60,000 challenge gift from an anonymous donor. "If adequate funds are available, it is possible for contracts on the chapel to be awarded by the end of 1972," declared President Raper.

The chapel would be the fifth major construction project on the new 100-acre campus which now represents an investment of more than \$2 million.

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Collection of Waste Paper

In loading this truck, these students are saving a tree. Or in this case, approximately 51 pulp wood trees.



Pictured above are, top row: Beth McPhail and Mike Scott, both of New Bern, and Glassie Locklear of Red Springs; bottom row: Mrs. Lorelle Martin and Mary Harper of New Bern, and Jimmy Riggsbee of Durham.

They coordinated the efforts of the

Henderson Science Club and the Baptist Student Union at Mount Olive College on a drive to collect waste paper from both College operations and the Mount Olive community.

The result was over three tons of waste paper which they loaded on the truck for shipment to Wilson, North Carolina, where it was sold for recycling purposes.

Mrs. Lorelle Martin of the Mount Olive College science department estimated that every ton of paper which is recycled is equal to 17 pulp wood trees. The efforts of these students are helping preserve our dwindling population of oxygen producing trees.

The director of public relations at the College, Ty Dahl, also announced that his office would soon begin using recycled paper in its operation. He observed that other departments there are expressing interest in recycled paper and may also begin using it in support of both the students and the environment.

At last report the students plan to double the drive for waste paper in the fall.

The College feels that with the students recycling paper and the College itself beginning to use more of it, a positive effort is being made to make the world a little better.

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Accelerated Degree Program

Four students from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, and the educational counselor at the Home are shown on a visit to Mount Olive College to discuss with President W. Burkette Raper the "Accelerated Degree Program" at the College.

The Mount Olive College program permits selective rising high school seniors to begin their program of college studies during the summer preceding their senior year in high school. By attending Mount Olive College for the following two summers and one academic year the student is able to complete the first two years of College in fifteen months following his graduation from high school. The primary advantage of the plan is that students can earn a baccalaureate degree in three years rather than the traditional four years.

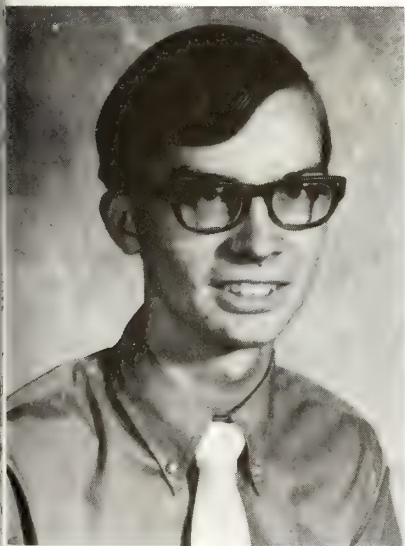
In commenting upon other advantages of this program, President Raper declared, "It actually increases the lifetime earning capacity of a student by \$8,000."

explanation is quite simple. The average yearly salary for a college graduate is approximately \$8,000, and if a student enters the earning market three years after graduation from high school rather than four years, then this extra year provides him an opportunity to earn a salary rather than remain in college." Students may enter summer school at Mount Olive on June 5, June 26, and July 17.

Since Mount Olive College is sponsored by the Free Will Baptist State Convention of North Carolina which also sponsors the Children's Home, the College has always given special consideration to students from the Home. Both President Tomper and Charles Harrell, college business manager, were reared in the Children's Home.

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Evans President State Youth Convention



Tommy Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton J. Evans of New Bern, North Carolina, has been elected president of the Free Will Baptist State Youth Convention.

Tommy was nominated by the Eastern Youth Convention in March and elected in April at the State Youth Convention at the Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church near Whiteville, North Carolina. This is a fairly new office, and Tommy is only the second president of the convention. Each president serves for two years and cannot be over twenty when nominated.

The duties of the president, except for presiding over each convention, have not yet been defined, but Tommy declared when he was elected, "I'm not going to

waste a whole year doing nothing. Leadership brings the opportunity to serve, not the security to relish victory. I'd like to convince people that this office is more a responsibility than a position of prestige."

Tommy, a rising sophomore at Mount Olive College, is a member of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern.

During his first year at the college, he was a marshall, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Free Will Baptist Fellowship, Spanish Club, Kappa Chi, and on the Dean's List.

Tommy has also been awarded a scholarship at Mount Olive College for the second consecutive year.

His interests include sports, art, and music.

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Applications Being Received for Youth Conference

The "Weekend" Youth Conference at Mount Olive College, June 23-25 still has some openings for high school students. The conference will begin on Friday with

registration from 5-6 p. m. in the Master Lounge of Hart Dormitory. The evening meal will be at 6 p. m. in the College cafeteria and the conference will end with the noon meal on Sunday.

The theme for the conference is "Abundant Life: A Shared Experience" (John 10:10). Some of the students who attended Explo '72 will be coleaders of the conference.

An outline of the conference will include the following:

Friday

5-6 P. M.—Registration (Master Lounge—Hart Dormitory)

6 P. M.—Evening Meal (Cafeteria)

7:30-8:30 P. M.—Evening Worship (Chapel)

8:30-9:30 P. M.—Discussion Groups

Saturday

7:30-8 A. M.—Breakfast (Cafeteria)

8:30 A. M.—Devotional (Master Lounge)

8:45-10 A. M.—Discussion Groups: "What Is Abundant Life?"

10-10:30 A. M.—Refreshments

10:30-11:30 A. M.—Discussion Groups: "How Do We Communicate and Experience Abundant Life?"

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"ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAM"



Shown discussing the "Accelerated Degree Program" at Mount Olive College with President W. Burkette Raper are students from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex. Left to right: Martha Jane Hill, Charles Guilford Warren, William C. Elmore, President Raper, Ivey Joyce Woodard, and Mrs. Judy Ball, educational counselor of the Home.

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11:30-12 Noon—Report of the Group Sessions

12 Noon—Lunch (Cafeteria)

2-4:30 P. M.—Recreation

5:30 P. M.—Evening Meal (Cafeteria)

7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship with Music and Testimony (Chapel)

9 P. M.—Campfire, Concluding with Service Around the Cross

Sunday

8:30-9 A. M.—Breakfast (Cafeteria)

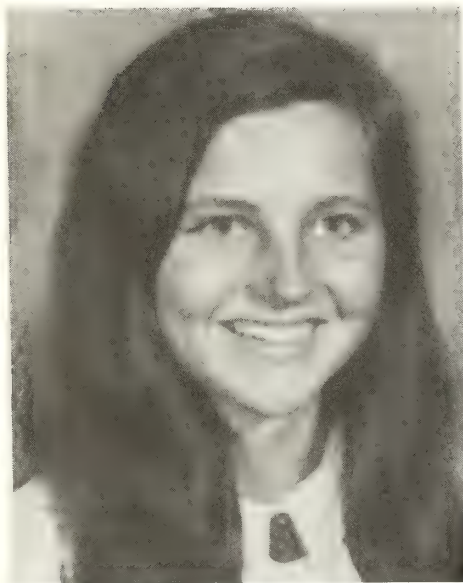
10-11:30 A. M.—Worship (Chapel)

12 Noon—Lunch (Cafeteria)

The cost for the conference is \$15 for the weekend, which includes a non-refundable \$5 registration fee. For an application write Mr. Frank R. Harrison, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; or telephone 658-2502 (office), 658-9363 (home).

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Miss Pittman Awarded Scholarship



Wilma Elaine Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pittman of Wilson, North Carolina, has been awarded a scholarship at Mount Olive College.

Miss Pittman, a senior at Ralph L. Fike High School and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, will enter Mount Olive College in the fall with the intention of majoring in special education.

Her guidance counselor, Mrs. Ethel Armstrong, reports that Miss Pittman has received numerous other honors and recognitions including marshall, National

Honor Society, and state declamation contest winner.

Her activities have included the Spanish Club, chorus, Future Teachers of America, and serving as her homeroom officer. Miss Pittman also takes great interest in her church youth group.

Mount Olive College is a church-related, two-year liberal arts institution which serves the students of North Carolina and other eastern states from its modern, multimillion dollar campus. It provides some of the most advanced academic instructional programs and methods in the nation, including individualized instruction under which students advance according to their own learning pace, a nonfailing grading sys-

tem, cooperative education, and an accelerated degree program. The latter allows qualified students to graduate year early.

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Planning the Future

"The future cannot be completely planned because too many details are not clear. It comes a step at a time. The present is important. Take time to make the best use of each moment for 'Today is the first day of the rest of our lives.'—Wilma Ehman, Missionary to Morocco

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2-4 P. M.

JUNE 25, 1972

FREE REFRESHMENTS

GOSPEL SINGING PROGRAM

BRING YOUR CHURCH GROUPS!

Picnic Area Will Be Available for Those Who Would Like to Bring a Picnic Lunch and Would Like to Enjoy Their Food in Nature's Open Spaces.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain: "For it came pass, when Solomon was old, that his eyes turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father" (1 Kings 11:4). In what way was David's heart perfect?

Answer: Here we must remember what the Bible teaches as it compares man's thinking with God's. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:7-9).

Jesus said that a man must experience a new birth in order that he be able to enter the kingdom of God. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:3, 5).

John said that Jesus' blood cleanses from all sin. "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:6-9).

Paul writes, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:10, 23); "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine

heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

Now when we read and compare these we learn that all men that have been born physically only, or that have experienced the natural birth, are dead spiritually. They are here without spiritual knowledge. They are no more capable of performing that which the Bible requires of us than a physically dead man is of carrying on activities in the natural realm. So it makes no difference how well a man may speak or act for in the natural realm there is nothing he can do in the category of spiritual activities. An unsaved man can no more preach or teach a Sunday school class or perform any other feat in the spiritual realm than a dead corpse can plow corn, study science, or manipulate a computer. I should not doubt at all that spiritually dead men fill places such as teaching Sunday school classes, pastoring churches, and directing and singing in the choir. It makes no difference what degrees they hold, how keen an intellect they may possess, or what all in the realm of science, history, and even what literal knowledge they may have of Bible truths, they are less qualified than the simplest Christian that has been regenerated.

Jesus' disciples had no such knowledge in the natural realm on the Day of Pentecost as Saul the persecutor; however, being born again when the Holy Spirit came on them, He so enabled them as Christ's witnesses that 3,000 souls were added to the church in one day. Saul, the persecutor, though a Pharisee of the Pharisees, who led the mob that stoned Stephen to death was as unfit to preach on that occasion as Stephen's body was to run or jump or bring an oration. Stephen's body was fit to be buried and that is what his friends did with it. Saul

could blaspheme or persecute Christians, but until he had that experience on the Damascus road he was in no way fitted for preaching nor assisting God's servants as they preached.

After that experience, Paul said, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17); "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10); "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (Philippians 3:7, 8); "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2); "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:5-9).

David was a saved man that was for the most part obedient to God and one, when led astray by the devil, was told of it, repented, making haste to make any kind of restitution possible; confess and forsake his sins and seek renewed fellowship with the Lord. God tells us through John and Solomon how to do this. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9); "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

God does not forgive one while in sin, but guarantees us that He will when we confess our sins, repent, and forsake them. I have a friend that has a devoted Christian wife whose brother is a good preacher. They, with others, have prayed for him for years. He will even come forward asking for prayer as he kneels at the altar, but goes right back to his sinful life, getting drunk, wasting the (continued on page thirteen)

STORIES

for our youth



ALWAYS A RASCAL

by Norma Cournow Camp

TOMMY sat under the oak, thinking about the good and bad times he'd had with Rascal. This new problem with Rascal seemed too big to solve. Rascal was Tommy's favorite pet. He had found him while on a camping trip with his dad last spring and had raised him from a tiny baby.

Tommy liked to remember how he had fed Rascal with a bottle for weeks.

It was fun having a raccoon. All the kids at school wished they had one. Tommy remembered how Mrs. Simons, the science teacher, had asked him to bring Rascal to school once. Tommy had told the class all that he knew about raccoons.

"Rascal eats almost everything that I eat. He loves pecans and candy," Tommy said to his class.

"Is it true that raccoons always wash their food to make it clean?" asked Joan.

"They dip food in water, but it's not really to wash it," said Tommy proudly. "Raccoons like moist food. If you give Rascal dry bread, he'll dip it in water before he eats it." One of the girls hurried to her lunch bag, returning with a piece of bread. Another girl got a pan of water. The entire class burst into laughter as Rascal dipped the bread into the water and ate the soggy mass.

Rascal rubbed his head on Tommy's hand, snapping him out of his daydream. "Rascal, why did you have to eat Mr. Higgins' corn last night? Why didn't you eat our sweet corn?" Tommy asked pleadingly as he stroked Rascal. "Now Mr. Higgins says he's going to shoot you if he ever sees you loose again. What can I do?"

Suddenly Tommy had an idea. "Mom, Mom!" He ran into the house. "May I go to Aunt Louise's farm for a couple of weeks like I did last year? She likes Rascal. I could take him along."

"I'll call Louise," said Mom. "I imagine she could use some help on the farm at this time of year."

Within minutes it was settled. Aunt Louise had agreed, and Mom helped Tommy pack. She drove him to the farm that afternoon. "This will solve my problem," said Tommy. "When I get back, the corn will be gone. Rascal won't get into Mr. Higgins' patch again, so he won't get shot."

Tommy was right. When he returned with Rascal, the sweet corn had dried up. The stalks were brown. Rascal was no longer interested in it. Tommy was relieved, but there was another problem just ahead.

The next afternoon Tommy went fishing, and Rascal went along. He caught and ate crawfish while Tommy fished. When Tommy returned, his mother called, "Tommy, come here."

"What's the matter?" he asked.

"Mrs. Sparks called while you were gone," she said. "It appears that someone stole grapes from her vines last night, and she noticed raccoon tracks in the soft dirt. Now she is threatening to kill Rascal."

"What can I do?" asked Tommy. "I've run out of ideas." He thought and thought all evening, but at bedtime he still had no solution. Rascal had a way of getting out of his cage at night no matter what was tried. Tommy went to bed. Maybe in the morning he'd think of something.

Tommy heard the phone ring downstairs as he dressed. When he entered the kitchen, he noticed that his mother looked worried. "You-Know-Who has been at it again," she said.

"Was he in the grapes again?" Tommy asked.

"No, he's up to new tricks," she answered. "He was in Mr. Wright's chicken coop eating eggs. Rascal's smart enough to open the door latch, but not smart enough to cover his tracks. Now we have three neighbors after him."

"What can I do, Dad?" Tommy asked sadly. "Rascal is such a great pet. He goes with me everywhere, rides in the basket on my bike, eats the foods that I do, and even likes to go fishing with me. But somehow, even though he acts like a person most of the time, he keeps doing the tricks raccoons do."

"He has the same problem you have, Tommy," said Dad.

"What problem is that?" asked Tommy.

"Rascal needs a heart change," said Dad. "You can feed him like a person, and he can come into the house like a person, but inside he is still a mischievous raccoon. He must have a change to make him stop stealing. That change is impossible for him."

"Do you mean I need a change?" asked Tommy.

"Yes, son," said Dad. "You dress each Sunday and carry a Bible to church. You look like a Christian, and you try to act like one. But I know, and you know, that you aren't. There has to be a change in your heart."

"How can I have that?" asked Tommy.

"When you accept Jesus as your Saviour, He brings a change in your heart," said Dad. "He washes away your sin. The Bible says you become a new man (see 2 Corinthians 5:17)."

"I understand," said Tommy. "I'm just like Rascal. I like to do things that are wrong. I do need a change. I want to accept Jesus as my Saviour."

Dad and Tommy bowed their heads in prayer, and Tommy accepted Jesus. He smiled as he raised his head. "I only wish Rascal could have a change. But he is an animal—it's impossible."

"Tommy, I think you know that there is only one solution to your problem," said Dad. "You think about it."

Tommy felt good all morning. With Christ as his Saviour, he felt like a new person. He was even looking forward to going to Sunday school this week. He'd tell his teacher that he was a Christian now.

But Tommy still had his problem with Rascal. His dad was right. There was only one thing to do.

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Questions & Answers

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family's income, and doing other things the world might sanction. He just simply has never forsaken those sins. God says, "Whoso confesseth and forsaketh." He never has the faith to meet God's requirement. If he actually believed in his heart as David, he would forsake his sin and God would destroy the demon of sin that influences him in the wrong way. The Word also says this in Romans 10:9-11 (see above).

When David committed that great sin discussed in 2 Samuel 11-12, God sent the Prophet Nathan to rebuke him, telling him of all the evil that should befall him, including: "Now therefore the sword shall depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. . . . Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die" (2 Samuel 12:10, 14).

David repented, fasted, prayed, and waited upon the Lord until he regained his fellowship. Then he went to the house of worship and became so carried away in overwhelming joy that he laughed out loud. How he behaved himself before the Lord showing thanksgiving and appreciation that God still claimed him was showing that quality of character he was that caused God to call him a man after His own heart. "And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will" (Acts 13:22). (See and compare 2 Samuel 13:14 and Psalm 89:19-20).

Just as God knows you and me and all our future through all eternity so He knew David and all of his descendants, including Christ His only begotten Son, the Son or descendant of both Abraham and David. That's why God could inspire the writers of the Old Testament to write foretelling so many details of Christ the Son of David, His virgin birth, His life, cleansing of the temple, prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, arrest, betrayal by Judas a friend, the kind of trial and death He should undergo, His burial in a rich man's tomb, His resurrection, and His ascension.

God has all knowledge of everything and can do anything that He wishes to do. So He knows whom to choose for

whatever His purpose. He chose and ordained every servant: David, Abraham, you, and me for that which He created us, and will be with us in all our needs as we do what He wants of us while we are here. But we need remember: "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons" (Hebrews 12:6-8).

One only has to read the life of David as it appears in the Bible and then the life of Christ; there to see how He scourged David for his own sins and then how for ours He punished, for remember, that Christ "was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities," but David only for his own. We are chastened of the Lord for our own, but that would be worthless if Christ's blood had not been shed in our behalf.

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A True Experience of Faith

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stronger. My brother's pastor told him he had never seen anyone with such strong faith before.

There was also a young chaplain that visited me almost everyday when he could. He was amazed at my strong faith; he had never seen anyone like me before. They just didn't understand my calmness, knowing the seriousness of my operation. My wife and my pastor understood me because they knew me.

After I had made up my mind to go ahead with the surgery my doctor came in and I told him my decision. So he scheduled me for Tuesday, but had to postpone it because a small tool he needed had been ordered but had not arrived. It was postponed until Thursday.

When Thursday arrived I was taken down to the operating room and given the anesthesia. The IVs were put in my hand, everything was ready for the doctors to start when a nurse discovered that I had not signed for the surgery. It had been an oversight due to the paper I had signed for the catheterization. I had to be brought all the way out of the anesthesia before they could get my signature.

After that I was put in the intensive care unit all that day and night so they

could keep a close watch on me. I think the Lord had a hand in this because the ones that had surgery on Thursday didn't get along too well and the doctors had to be paged several times that afternoon and night.

I finally had my surgery on Friday, March 24, 1972. As I went down to the operating room, we stopped just outside the door. I asked the nurse at the head of the stretcher if she knew the Lord. She told me that she did, so I asked her to whisper a prayer for me and she said, "I surely will." I had my surgery and all the doctors said that I did exceptionally well for a man of my age. One doctor told my wife that they had gotten the best flow of blood through my arteries of any surgery they had done this year.

During all the time I was in this hospital I could see my faith growing stronger in the form of something like a string. This grew longer and larger until it became as wide as a sidewalk. This was my faith coming in contact with God and getting stronger all the time. There were people in churches far and near praying for my recovery, and it was their prayers, linked with my faith uniting together with God, that caused me to see this string increasing in size. As I had this vision I could hear God saying to me, "Fear not, I am with you."

I am back home now and God is still with me. I hope this will enable someone to strengthen their faith. Also, to help someone that doesn't know the Lord to realize that He can and does walk side-by-side with those that will let Him.

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Keep to The Right

Though all the world be troubled,
And men's hearts faint with fear
At dangers in the distance
And dangers drawing near;
Though every help should fail them
On which their hopes are stayed,
Let not your heart be troubled,
Nor let it be afraid.

Oh, blessed word of Jesus!
And faithful from of old,
In which our fears may vanish,
To which our trust may hold;
You shall not be confounded,
You shall not be dismayed;
Let not your heart be troubled,
Nor let it be afraid.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 2



Discovering a Meaningful Faith

Lesson Text: Job 23:1-4, 16, 17; 42:1-6

Memory Verse: Job 42:5

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson text for today's study is composed of selections from the Book of Job and deals with the age-old question of why the righteous suffer. Though the question is not answered to the satisfaction of all, we will be able to find much that will serve to help us to know of many good things that come to men through the medium of suffering, of disappointment, of heartache, and of anguish of spirit that so frequently seems to be the common lot of man.

Paul once expressed a desire to know Christ in the fellowship of His suffering. Why the apostle should express such a desire must forever remain enshrouded in mystery to those who have failed to perceive that it is through this medium only that perfect fellowship and understanding can be attained.

Job, though his sufferings were great and intense and his faith was tested to the breaking point, emerged from that ordeal a man of broader understanding, with a deeper and stronger faith, and a more comprehensive knowledge of God and His relationship to man. He came forth from the fiery furnace of suffering "... a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (2 Timothy 2:21).—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The general background for the Book of Job.
2. The three great problems of man with which Job deals:
 - a. The problem of human suffering.
 - b. The problem of sin in the world.
 - c. The problem of Satan in human affairs.
3. Our lesson today is concerned with

finding a meaningful faith to deal with these problems.

B. Job Longs for God (Job 23:1-4)

1. There is an innate longing in the heart of all men for God.
2. This longing is heightened by human suffering.
3. The problems of life cause one to feel his need of an almighty power (Jesus).

C. Job Fears God (Job 23:16, 17)

1. Men fear God in the sense of fright only when their life is wrong.
2. Righteous men fear God in the sense of awe.
3. At this particular time Job must have had a mixture of both these feelings.

D. Job Is Satisfied with God (Job 42:1-6)

1. Despite all the troubles and problems of Job he was still faithful to God.
2. Even though he became impatient at times he was still faithful.
3. Even though he did not understand his sufferings he was still faithful to God.
4. The proper kind of faith is like an anchor in a storm for man.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "I had a man in my congregation who believed that he was rejecting and refusing Christ because of some unsolved problems. One day he determined to accept Christ as Saviour, and afterward settle his intellectual difficulties. But, as soon as he had made his decision, he found that his doubts had vanished. He thought that his blindness was intellectual, but when his heart turned Godward, the veil was done away. And many a soul has had a like experience. A will to believe clears the mental vision. We see clearly when we are ready to see."—Dr. A. T. Peirson.

B. Perhaps one of the most difficult questions for Christians to answer is, "Why must the righteous suffer?" Job pondered this question when God allowed him to be tempted by Satan. He

wisely rejected the suggestion of "friends" that his tragic loss was to his own sin. Job's suffering is similar to that experienced by men today.

Three general categories of loss s burden human hearts. The loss of possessions is a very real crisis. Job lost of his great wealth. The loss of loved ones in death is climactic and emotionally trying. Job's sons and daughters all died in a single catastrophe!

loss of one's health is always a cruel test. Job's body was afflicted, and nearly brought him to the "breaking point."

Job finally reached a conclusion. This is, suffering is part of human experience. Furthermore, a completely satisfying explanation as to why God-lovers people suffer in this life cannot be given.

Job also learned, as we must, that no spiritual strength and divine blessing can be found within trying circumstances. James knew this when he wrote, "Job is an example of a man who continued to trust the Lord in sorrow." From his experiences we can see how the Lord's plan finally ended in good, for it is full of tenderness and mercy" (James 5:11, The Living New Testament).

"... tribulation worketh patience" (Romans 5:3).—Standard Lesson Commentary.

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FOR JULY 9

Finding God's Guidance

Lesson Text: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Memory Verse: Psalm 25:4, 5

I. INTRODUCTION

There is no problem in one's Christian experience that a divine sense of direction could not solve. Our biggest trouble is not in being disobedient to God's Word but in failing to find God's purpose for our lives. When we are out of His directive will we find ourselves getting into trouble of all kind.

This was true of the Prophet Elijah, one of his most familiar experiences. The place where this happened was Horeb, or Sinai, at the southern tip of the Sinaitic Peninsula. The time was early in the reign of Ahab, king of Israel. The principal subjects in this experience were Elijah, Ahab, and his famous wife, Jezebel, who had vowed to kill Elijah because she imagined he was responsible for the defeat of her father.

phets on Mount Carmel. Indeed, he, but indirectly; for it was the Lord who had answered by fire that His power might be known to Israel.

Elijah had fled from the two and was hiding in a cave on Horeb, miles from the palace of the king. He felt safe here and not happy about it. Even before he spoke to him he sensed he was out of place and, worse than that, knew that he was running from his task. God had a plan for Elipah, but He could not permit it in His prophet while he was in hiding. He was willing to guide the prophet, but the prophet had put himself in a position which nullified the Lord's plan. We can learn much from this story, so let us get into it.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

HINTS THAT HELP

1. Regardless of the circumstances or situation, God is aware of the conditions and needs of His servants (1 Kings 19:1-5).

2. Although it may appear that the believer is the only one left, God has His servant that is faithful to Him (1 Kings 19:10, 14, 18; Romans 11:1-5).

3. God can speak to a man through the forces of nature, but He usually speaks in a still small voice (1 Kings 19:12; Acts 10:10-16).

4. God does not leave His servants without instructions, for He provides the needed guidance at all times (1 Kings 19:18).

5. At times, God does not act in the expected way or as fast as the believer expects He should (v. 10).

6. Although God speaks in a still small voice, man knows that it is the voice of God and reacts accordingly (vv. 12, 13).

—John C. Anderson.

ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

1. If you have seen the cockpit of a jetliner, you know that the pilot sits in a row upon row of dials, gauges, switches, and buttons. The captain of the plane depends on these numerous instruments to guide him accurately and safely in his flight.

2. Airline captains depend a great deal on their radio contact with air controllers on the ground. One of the most valuable pieces of guidance equipment is the headset.

3. Perhaps we may compare a Christian's journey through life with the flight of an airplane. This point of comparison sure is valid: A Christian needs guidance as an airline pilot does. The pilot constantly checks the gauges before him

to make certain that the plane is operating properly and is on course.

As Christians we have a prescribed course that we are traveling; it is often referred to as the strait and narrow path. How do we know if we are functioning in the way God desires? How can we be sure we are "staying on course"? We can know by checking the guidebook God has given—the Bible. In it we find the way clearly defined; by referring to it we can correct our course when we stray. Although we may not hear an audible voice, God will speak to us through the storms of life to the safety of a heavenly home.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. Melancthon said, "If I had no care, I should have no prayer." Spurgeon said, "Sometimes God sends His love letters in black-edged envelopes." He allows us to taste the bitterness of defeat and the desolation of bereavement. If you have lived many years, you have passed through the narrows. We have all been there, and it is not always easy to see the divine control. It looks as if things have got out of hand, and somehow or other we have been forgotten. When there is no one at hand to say it to you, say to yourself, "God is faithful, who will not suffer the pain to exceed the measurement of my endurance."—Rev. John MacDeath.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Tommy packed a picnic lunch. He put Rascal in the basket of his bike and headed for the woods several miles from his house. He had found Rascal there. The raccoon was happy to be bumping along in the basket. He seemed to like it when Tommy went fast down the hills.

Soon Tommy was beside the stream where he often fished with Rascal. He shared his lunch with him. Tommy felt a lump in his throat, but he knew he had to do it. Rascal played happily along the river bank. He caught and ate several minnows as if to tell Tommy that the lunch wasn't enough.

Tommy waited patiently. Then it happened. A raccoon strolled slowly into the clearing near them. Rascal stared at her. He romped over to meet the visitor. Soon they seemed to be carrying on a conversation. Rascal looked at Tommy as if to ask—Should I go with her? "It's your decision, old man," said Tommy. Rascal took a few steps and

Churches and Ministers Available

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The Rev. Joseph A. Lehmann announces that he is available for full-time or part-time pastoral services as of July 1, 1972. Any church desiring his services may contact him at 407 East Church Street, Farmville, North Carolina 27828; or by telephoning 753-3527.

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Any Free Will Baptist minister interested in helping get a mission started in Wilmington, North Carolina, please contact Mr. F. T. Heath, 4306 Peachtree Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401; or telephone collect 791-4461.

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The Rev. Elmo Truitt announces that he is available for pastoral services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Any church that is within commuting distance of his home and is interested in his services may contact him at 2918 Roanoke Avenue, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, or by telephoning 637-2851. Mr. Truitt states that he is pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vanceboro on the first and third Sundays of each month and is a member of the Eastern Conference in good standing.

then was out of sight in the thick underbrush.

Tommy quickly jumped on his bike and pedaled away as fast as he could—before he changed his mind. Tears kept burning his eyes, but he knew that this was best. Rascal was free to live his kind of life. And Rascal had taught Tommy a lesson. Tommy was free now, too—free from his sin. There had been a change in his heart. He wasn't the same Tommy; he was a Christian. Rascal would always be the best pet he'd ever had.—My Pleasure.

When all our prayers are inspired by love for Christ and each other, what a transformation it will work in our lives!—Author Unknown.

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Two nuns rob a bank and get away with a large sum of cash. The teller was astounded when the reverent ladies demanded all the loot he had. In fact, he thought it was some kind of joke until one of the sisters pulled a pistol and the other one abused him with her tongue.

It was no joke. Neither were the robbers nuns. They just played the part, dressing the way they did, more easily to do their misdeed. Nuns have always presented an awesome picture: holy women of the cloth. Though they have always been whispered about concerning certain indiscretions, since they take vows of poverty no one would suspect that they were greedy—and to consider their robbing a bank—why, the very thought is ridiculous! Therefore, when the kind ladies entered the bank there were nods of respect and sweet words of greeting. Probably some young gentleman gave them his place in line.

These “ladies” didn’t deserve such treatment, for real ladies don’t rob banks! The outward is not always an indication of the inward, and in this case it most certainly was not. In the New Testament, Peter and John stated to the crippled man who asked for alms, “Silver and gold have (we) none, but such as (we) have, give (we) unto thee.” Maybe the “nuns” had heard the cry for alms and wanted to be able to give some “silver and gold,” but the thought is farfetched. We are convinced that anyone who would rob somebody else has little intention of helping another, despite all the nostalgic stories about Robin Hood.

It has been established that these “ladies” who robbed the bank were not nuns, and though we might have an occasional bone to pick with the Catholic Church, we think it regrettable that these culprits chose the attire and vestige of sisters of the cloth to camouflage their misdeed.

Still, a lot of people dress religiously and do ugly things. When (and if) they get to heaven though, according to the late gospel singer, Mahalia Jackson, they’ll get a “rusty old halo and a dirty white gown.”

Cloaking oneself in religious garb or Christian pretense and living contrariwise is one of the most despicable acts possible. Any misdeed done under the guise (or disguise) of Christianity is low indeed. The fire will be hot for those who perform thusly. . .

All would-be preachers are not real preachers. Some of them are professional men only, dedicated to the accumulation of dollars for the pocket rather than souls for heaven. There is an upsurge of professional preachers who play on the sympathy of poor, ignorant souls and take them for every dime they have and encourage their sacrifice “for the Lord who will bless them manifold.” Milk has been taken out of babies’ mouths and coats off cold backs by such “men of God.” These cannot be properly called Christian servants, nor can they boast of a divine call and godly sanction.

No, all would-be Christians are not Christians. Many of the pseudo-righteous haven’t the courage to show their true colors. They hide behind a pious smile and speak pretty words about this or that good cause and inwardly are ravenous wolves, ready to tear someone to pieces when he least expects it.

Real Christianity is deeper than a smile or an impressive prayer or a firm handshake. Real Christianity is **doing more than talking**. Real Christianity is measured by one’s actual living, his doing unto “one of the least of these,” serving the Lord of heaven to the utmost, and loving one’s neighbor **more** than oneself. This is not impossible, but few there be who exemplify it genuinely.

A real Christian will not be content to live a passive life. He will be on the job for His Lord, championing His cause with every breath. He will not wear religious clothes and speak unchristian words. He will not preach the kingdom of God and live in the devil’s environment.

A real Christian will stand when all around him are seated. . .

How many do you know?



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Soul Winning Through Evangelistic Teaching

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At the very beginning, I would like to preface my remarks by saying the purpose of every teacher's teaching should be to win pupils to Christ and to build them up in Christ. A teacher who does not have this purpose has no business teaching, because precious lost souls are in his hands who need to know their need for Christ, their lost condition, and that Christ will forgive them of their sins.

Task

The last command of our Lord was, "Go and teach." This was a twofold command in that they, the disciples, were to teach the good news so that they would be brought into the right relationship with God; and second, they were to teach the ways of God to those who were lost to Christ.

The Sunday school is one place where every servant of the Lord can obey the call to teach and win souls for Christ. It is a privilege and the responsibility of a Sunday school teacher to be a collaborator with God and through teaching, bring the lost to Christ, build them up in Christ, and send them out to bring others to Christ.

You know our Lord is called a Teacher more frequently than He is called a Teacher, and He said His Father had chosen Him. If our Saviour were dependent on God, how much more so is the human teacher; and the teaching of God's Word is effective only when the teacher teaches it is so completely surrendered to God that the Holy Spirit can work unhindered through him. And effective soul-winning Sunday school teaching must be genuinely and thoroughly Christian.

The Sunday school teacher does not teach merely for the sake of teaching; he does he teach just so his pupils may be able to know the Bible; and he does

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not teach to build up the church—but he teaches in order to offer his pupils a living Christ. So long as any pupil in a class is lost, the teacher should be an evangelist to that class.

The teacher with the love of Christ in his heart will see each of his students as a soul for whom Christ died and should use every opportunity through his teaching to win that soul for Christ.

If Sunday school teachers are to be soul winners, there is a matter of—**Proficiency in the Performance of This God-Given Task**

1. Preparation through prayer: Prevailing prayer is essential in any work done for God. No teacher is fit to teach except as his heart has been prepared by prayer before he meets his pupils. The responsibility of directing souls is too great for a human being to do without dependence upon God in prayer. Would you as a teacher have the audacity to stand before your pupils on Sunday morning, realizing there are lost souls in the class, when you have not prayed for them and asked God to lead you in leading them to Christ? I believe you would have a hard time convincing God that you were truly concerned about your pupils' salvation.

2. One cannot be a soul-winning teacher and condone sin in any form. People observe actions much more than they listen to words. The standards of a Christian teacher are not the standards of the world. One inconsistent act on the part of a teacher can ruin the effects of months or even years of the best teaching. No teacher can long deceive his pupils. "What you are keeps ringing so loudly in my ears that I cannot hear what you say." A Christian teacher, in order to win souls must be sincere, truthful, honest, just, and courageous; in fact, he should in all things be an example to his pupils. He teaches the way of Christ but first he follows it himself.

3. He must love people, and I cannot stress this too much. If that pupil you are teaching does not see the love of God and the love and concern for him as an individual in your every word and act, you will have a hard time convincing him of God's love.

4. Class preparation: Nothing gives a more letdown feeling than knowing the teacher is unprepared. A student will immediately have the feeling that if this business you are talking about is so important to you, why don't you know more about it? Study, be familiar, and know the lesson! Let God prepare you for the hour; know more content than you will even be able to give. Be enthusiastic! Another important thing in class preparation is to know your pupils. Study them and know all about them, their weaknesses, their strong points, what makes them tick, then you will know more how to approach them about their salvation.

I challenge you as a teacher to ask yourselves these questions along this line of thought:

(1) Do I manifest the love of God to my pupils? Can they see that I love God and give Him first place in my life, and that I love my fellowman?

(2) Do I love Christ? Do I live what I teach? Do I live an exemplary Christian life in my everyday walk?

(3) Am I absolutely sincere? Do my lips and heart say the same thing?

Teacher, the most important preparation that you can make to be used of God in leading a soul to Christ is to obey the Scripture: "... be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18). Since it is the work of the Holy Spirit to bring souls into this new life in Christ, it is imperative that you be controlled by Him. Christ told us that this is a neces-

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SUNDAY, JULY 9

FAITH

Scripture Reading—Mark 9:24

There was once a good woman who was well-known among her circle for her simple faith and her great calmness in the midst of many trials. Another woman, living at a distance, hearing of her, said, "I must go and see that woman, and learn the secret of her calm, happy life." She went, and, accosting the woman, said, "Are you the woman with the great faith?" "No," was the answer, "I am not the woman with the great faith, but I am the woman with the little faith in the great One."—*Sunday School Times*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Oh, we of little faith! As we look around us, we see people who seem to have all they need to meet whatever comes. Do we know that faith?

MONDAY, JULY 10

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 17:3

"A friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same."

I would rather have a friend and not a penny, than all the world and not a friend.

You can trust a friend in the light or in the dark; in your presence or in your absence; at home or abroad, any time, anywhere.

The value of a friend is inestimable.

A friend does not merely happen to be; is not bought with money, or the price of wealth; is not made to be a friend by force, but is a friend for friendship's sake only.

A friend magnifies not the dross in you, but polishes the gold.

Heat and cold and darkness, height and depth, length and breadth of space, are no barriers to friendship.

The love of true friends is not easily broken, but it grows stronger with each sacrificial test.—William N. Browning, in *The Gospel Trumpet*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What would we do without friends—not fair weather friends—real friends? They are priceless, aren't they? Let us be friends—God would have it that way, wouldn't He?

TUESDAY, JULY 11

WHERE IT BELONGED

Scripture Reading—Romans 12

I once heard a very interesting story of a woman who was somewhat of a gossip in a small town. One day she was in the office of the *Daily News*, and leaned up against the wall where were several copies of back editions of the paper. It was warm, her dress was white, and some of the print came off onto the back of the dress. She did not know this, but as she walked down the street was conscious of giggling and tittering whenever folks came near her. She reached home, and there her poor little husband, who was greatly henpecked, was asked if there was anything on her back that should not be there. As she turned around he read in black print, "Daily News." He could not resist the opportunity, and meekly and mildly said, "No, ma'am, there is nothing there that does not belong there!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are we guilty of gossiping? There are so many nice things that could be said about everyone we know, aren't there? And gossip could hurt. We wouldn't want to hurt our fellowman, would we? Let's do things God's way.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

THE PEACEMAKER

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:9

"Mama, dear, I was a peacemaker today," said a little girl as she snuggled up to her mother in the evening. "How was that?" asked the mother, "I heard something, and I didn't tell it," was the reply. "Blessed are the peacemakers."—*The King's Business*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Are we really peacemakers? We want peace more than anything in the world, don't we? May we examine ourselves. Now—are we really peacemakers?

THURSDAY, JULY 13

RECIPE FOR MISERY

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 8:6

If you wish to be miserable, think about yourself; about what you want, what you like; what respect people ought to pay you; and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch; you will make misery for yourself out of everything good; you will be as wretched as you choose.—*Chas. Kingsley*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Did you read the above carefully? It's not worth reading a second time, is it? None of us wants to be miserable—do we?

FRIDAY, JULY 14

OFF AND ON

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 10:12, 20; 11:13

Those who bless the Lord only when all goes well with them are much like the

man of whom it was said, "He served the Lord off and on for forty years." "Off and on" thanksgiving is a poor kind.—*Ch Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How do we serve our Lord? He is with us every single day—all of our lives want Him to be. We don't just serve "off and on," do we? That would be unfair. He loves us so!

SATURDAY, JULY 15

VICTORY

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40

If you can smile when things go wrong
And everybody wears a frown;

If you can hum a little song,
When castles have all fallen down

If you can smile when friends are few
Or this world's treasures pass away

If you can to yourself be true;
And keep on smiling all the day.

If you can smile when death has come
Snatched someone dear to you away

If you can keep your lips still dumb
When others cruel things will say.

If you will sometimes play the clown
Though aching is your heart the while

If you can turn temptation down,
And with it always wear a smile.

Then you have fought the battle: won
A conquest greater far than wealth

What others would—you've really done
You've won a victory over self.

—*Mary J. Theobald*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have you ever smiled at anyone and have them smile back at you? Test yourself and others. It's so rewarding—because you already know that, don't we?

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Come Visit Today

by Tommy Evans

Student at Mount Olive College

Come visit today, fairest of all,
Rest thyself—upon me call.

I serve thee with the utmost respect
May thy teachings my life affect.

Come teach thy will for me to hear;
May my life to thee appear

A godly life, winning many,
Loving all, giving to any

What God has for me to say,
And living by it, day by day.

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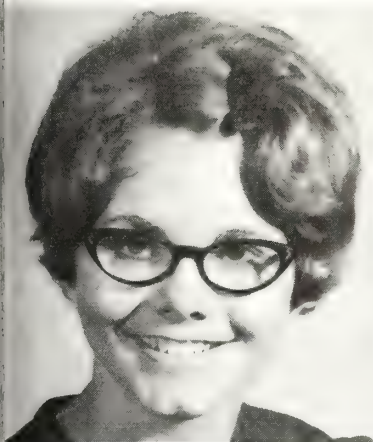
THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer

MISSIONS

DIANE BAINES' TESTIMONY



My testimony of the wonderful work Jesus Christ in my life really begins the age of 12, when under the program of the Children's Bible Mission I memorized 300 Bible verses in order to attend camp in Raleigh, North Carolina. These verses I saw that I was a sinner, deserving eternal hell, but God had provided salvation for all through the shed blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Later in a youth rally I professed Christ as my Saviour. It was at this camp in Raleigh for the last eleven summers that I learned more and more about Jesus Christ.

At the age of 13, my second year at camp, I was watching some missionary slides from the West Indies. It was then that I knew the Lord wanted me to serve Him as a missionary. So I told the Lord I would serve Him wherever He wanted. All through school I looked forward to going to college to study to be a missionary. During my junior year of high school, Mr. Bob Johnson Jr. of the Children's Bible Mission, told me of the Northeastern Collegiate Bible Institute in New Jersey which he had attended. All along I knew the Lord was leading me to Northeast Institute, but in my senior year of high school I received a complete scholarship to another college and decided to go there because I did not have enough faith to trust the Lord to provide finances for me to go to Northeast-

ern. But in April of that year the Lord worked in my heart and showed me that Northeastern Institute was His will for me. Mr. Johnson assured me that the Lord could and would supply all my needs as He has promised in Matthew 6:33. And the Lord abundantly supplied all my financial needs during my four years of college in ways too numerous to recount. Surely we have a rich heavenly Father who has no problem in supplying our every need. The real problem is our lack of faith.

The Lord blessed abundantly during my four years of college. Though I had professed Christ at the age of 13, I believe I really came to know Christ as my personal Saviour during my junior year of Bible college, on April 14, 1970. While at Northeastern the Lord continued to direct me to prepare for missionary services. But during my years of college my health had been a real problem. I had a lot of trouble with pain and the movement of my arms and legs. On May 1, 1969, I was paralyzed by accident during minor surgery and was told by doctors in Wilson, North Carolina, and at Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, that I would never walk again. However, the power of our Lord had been left out of the picture. On May 25, 1969, the Lord healed my paralysis and I've walked ever since. The doctors still tell me that physically I can't walk because the main nerve in my leg is still cut. But God can and does do the impossible!

Though many times my health situation looked rather negative, I still knew the Lord wanted me to serve Him on the foreign field. In September of 1970, my senior year at Northeastern, I applied to two mission boards that worked in Africa, as that was where I felt the Lord was leading me. I was accepted by both boards. However, very shortly afterwards, I found out that the lack of blood circulation was my real physical trouble. When I informed the mission boards of this, one said, "Forget it." The other, the Africa Evangelical Fellowship, was still willing to trust the Lord to get me to Africa and keep me there. So, in spite of my health, I was accepted as a

candidate and appointed as a missionary to Zambia in June, 1971. Shortly after that the doctors gave me the okay to go to Africa.

Therefore this year I am on deputation in preparation for going to Africa. While on deputation I am also teaching algebra I and II, geometry, trigonometry, health, physical education, and Old Testament at the Wilson Christian School.

The Lord is still leading in wondrous ways. I grew up in the Free Will Baptist Church, and March 18 of this year I had the very real privilege of meeting Harold Stevens. Through him I became acquainted with the Free Will Baptist Mission Board, particularly Mr. Joe Ingram. We talked and prayed for the Lord's will to be done; so now it seems definite that the Lord would have me go to Africa under the State Convention of Free Will Baptists Churches. The Lord willing, I will be going to Africa this October.

Often I am asked why I want to be a missionary. I found the answer to this question last spring in Psalm 116. David begins by saying, "I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live" (vv. 1, 2). Then in Verse 12 David asks, "What shall I render (give) unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?" Truly the Lord has heard my prayers, and oh the benefits He has given! He has given me health and material things, but most of all He has given me eternal life through the death and resurrection of His own Son. Truly He has blessed me and I feel that the least I can give Him is my life. I count it a real privilege to serve the Lord Jesus, because He says in John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, . . ." Praise the Lord that He has chosen me to serve Him!

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"If there's a hole in a' your coats,
I rede you tent it;
A chield's amang you takin' notes,
And faith he'll print it."

—Robert Burns.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

SUCCESSFUL BIBLE SCHOOL AT STONEY CREEK



The Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, has just completed one of the best weeks of vacation Bible school the church has experienced in several years. This was held the week of June 5-9, each morning from 9-11:30 a. m.

Mrs. Annette Futrell, director, stated that this was the best attended and best school that she has had an opportunity to work with during the past 4 or 5 years. She stated that she was very proud of everyone who had a part in helping make it the success that it was. The average attendance for the week was 128. The theme for the week was "His Name is Jesus."

The pledges were recited each morning. The pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, gave the devotion each morning. A skit was given one morning which was enjoyed by all.

The crafts were taught in a separate building with two teachers teaching these, Mrs. Martha Futrell and Mrs. Bonnie Mozingo.

The commencement exercises were held on Sunday night at 7 p. m., June 10, with 213 attending. The offering taken

was given to missions. The Stoney Creek church is thankful for such an eventful week.

Arnold Woodlief Guest Speaker At Edwards' Chapel Church

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief of Marianna, Florida, was guest speaker at the Edwards' Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Beaufort, North Carolina, Sunday, June 11. Mr. Woodlief's topics were "Discipline and Authority in the Home" and "The Sin of Looking Back." Three rededications were reported.

Calvary Church Honors 1972 Graduates

The morning worship service on May 28, at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, was dedicated to the 1972 graduates of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, directed his message to these young people; after which they were each presented a white Bible. The graduates, including seven high school seniors and one nursing school senior, were: Linda Langely, Lynn Ann Day, Gordon Ray Bartlett, Milton Moore, Freddie

Boykin, Wanda Gay, Lou Gay, and Jan Stone.

Following the worship service the graduates were the luncheon guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Boling at the Rib Restaurant in Wilson.

First Church, Fayetteville Changes Name

At their last business meeting, April 17, 1972, the First Free Will Baptist Church, Eastwood Avenue, Fayetteville, North Carolina, voted unanimously to change the name of the church to Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church. It was thought that that change would be beneficial so as to be in agreement with the location of the church. This change was reported by Treva Kennedy, church clerk.

Construction Begun on White Oak Church, Maysville

Construction has begun on the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Maysville, North Carolina.



Shown above is the construction foreman, Mr. Dalton Carraway (front) and the pastor of the church, the Rev. Victor Riggs. The picture shows them stringing the wall.

Pleasant Grove Completes Inspiring and Successful Bible School



The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pikeville, North Carolina, completed its annual Bible school of Friday, June 16. The school proved to be very inspiring to the average attendance of

2 during the week. The commencement was held on Friday night, June 16. The highlight of the week was the picnic lunch served the last day of the school and the releasing of about 400 gum-filled balloons with the names and addresses of the student on them. A note was also attached stating that if the finder would return the name to the address on the balloon, a New Testament would be sent to him free.

The pastor of Pleasant Grove church is the Rev. Joe E. Gerald.

Old-Fashioned Candlelight Service at Wilmington Church



An old-fashioned service by candlelight was held Sunday night, June 4, at the First Original Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina. There were lots of good singing of the old-time hymns, heartfelt praying, and a spirit-filled sermon by the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Bronson, on the subject, "He Set Me Free."

The ladies dressed in granny dresses and bonnets, the gents dressed in anything from overalls to dress suits, and the children dressed properly for the occasion, added much to the theme of the service. After the benediction refreshments were served.

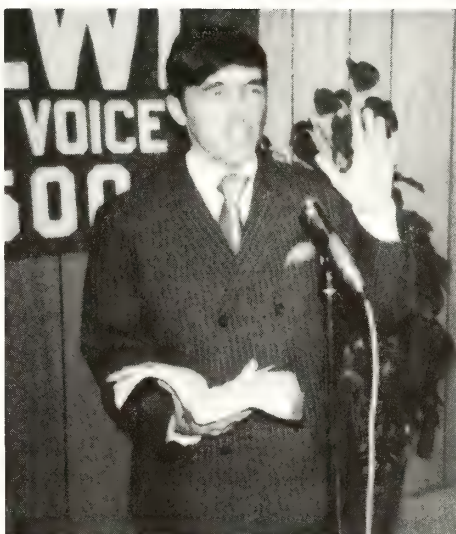
Mrs. Jane Groves, church reporter, states: "All things considered, the Christian fellowship we all shared was the most enjoyable part of the service."

Change of Address

Please note the change of address for the Rev. James A. Evans. Effective June 5, his address changed from 600 Carey Road, Kinston, North Carolina, to Route 1, Box 100C, Seven Springs, North Carolina 28578, telephone 8-569-3477. All future correspondence should be at this new address.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)



The Rev. Joseph Lyerly wishes to announce that he is available for full-time evangelistic work. Over the past eight years his preaching has reached the youth and old alike in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Kansas. Mr. Lyerly will be happy to work with your church, regardless of its distance or membership number. He may be contacted by writing Route 1, Box 274-B, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379; or by telephoning 1-919-582-1454.

The Rev. Arnold Woodlief is available for immediate evangelistic work. He may be contacted at 410 West Milton Avenue, Marianna, Florida. In his opinion, "A true revival means faith in God, love for God, and joy for God."

The Rev. Elmo Truitt announces that he is available for pastoral services on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Any church that is within commuting distance of his home and is interested in his services may contact him at 2918 Roanoke Avenue, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, or by telephoning 637-2851. Mr. Truitt states that he is pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Vanceboro on the first and third Sundays of each month and is a

Huldah, the Prophetess

I've met a fascinating woman named Huldah in Second Kings 22 and Second Chronicles 34, and I want to learn more about her; but so far I have questions and no answers.

"Huldah" means "weasel." Why call a nice lady "Weasel"? Was she slender with a long neck, small head, and sharp nose; or was she cunning and courageous, standing up to people who out-ranked her and crusading for her beliefs against almost impossible odds?

She lived "in the college." This could mean she taught young women and children, or she was a seamstress in charge of the priestly robes. A prophetess, she could have lived in the temple or nearby.

After a series of wicked kings, eight-year-old Josiah was crowned about 630 B. C., "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord" (see Second Chronicles 34:2). By age sixteen, he was destroying idol worship and later began restoring the temple. It caused much excitement when Hilkiah, the priest, found a book of the law which Shaphan read to the king. He told five men to go and inquire of the Lord its meaning. And they went directly to Huldah.

Why did those men go to a woman to explain the law? According to Isaiah 3:12, the Jews loathed children and women in places of authority (and he should know, having been reared in court). Was Josiah taught about God by his mother and grandmother and therefore more willing than most to listen to a woman, or had women sustained the worship of God during the reigns of the wicked kings? Was it because she was a recognized prophetess, or due to her husband's high position as keeper of the wardrobe?

Despite all the questions, her position with God is clear. She said "...saith the Lord" four times in her answer. And from past experience the people trusted her authority. After all, here is the most important fact about Huldah: She knew God.

member of the Eastern Conference in good standing.

The Rev. H. M. Minchew wishes to announce that he is available for part-time pastoral service or supply work. He is a member in good standing of the Western Conference and may be contacted by writing Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina; or telephoning Fremont 242-5625.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

SOME WHO ATTENDED 'EXPLO 72'



Shown above are some of the many young people who attended "Explo 72" a few week ago in Dallas, Texas.

"Explo 72" was a crusade for Christian evangelism for high school and college age youths. The purpose of the week-long meeting was to enhance and strengthen the participants ability to witness for Christ.

More than 85,000 teen-agers had registered at Dallas' Market Hall, headquarters for the event, by opening day on June 12. Thousands stood in front of 300 registration tables to pick up name badges and information packets.

Evangelist Billy Graham predicted that 250,000 persons from 100 countries would attend the final rally in a local park on Saturday.

Mount Olive College coordinated the travel arrangements for people from the local area who attended Explo. A 43-passenger bus was chartered for the trip to Texas.

President W. Burkette Raper, presi-

dent of Mount Olive College, said shortly before the group left, "I believe that the most important factor in a person's life is his relationship with God. I hope that those who make this trip will have an experience that will be so genuine and so profound that the enthusiasm of it will extend with charity into the lives of others."

From left to right above are: Miss Jean Fillingame of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Vanceboro and secretary to the president at Mount Olive College; Henry Herndon III of the Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Pikeville; John Williams from Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Morehead City; Nyra Hill of the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church in Deep Run; Gilda Avery from LaGrange Christian Church in LaGrange; and Doug Skinner of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Bundy Presents Check
to Dr. Raper



Sam D. Bundy of Farmville, North Carolina, is shown above presenting a check to Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, at a recent meeting of the board of trustees.

Sam Bundy, a well-known after dinner speaker and retired principal of Sam D. Bundy High School, was recently appointed to the board of trustees at Mount Olive College.

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Gift to Student-Aid
Fund



Mrs. John A. Winfield of Pinetown, North Carolina, is shown above presenting a check to Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College.

The gift will become part of a student-aid fund established last fall in memory of her late husband.

In establishing the memorial Dr. Raper

clared, "The Whitfield Student-Aid Fund will be a permanent trust which Mount Olive College will use through the years to assist worthy young men and women in attaining an education."

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Students Admission Counselors



Mount Olive College is utilizing a full team of student admissions counselors during the summer for recruitment purposes. The philosophy behind this is that students can relate better to each other and can therefore be more effective in giving prospective college students a realistic picture of college.

Reb Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lancaster of Kinston, North Carolina, is one of those on the staff this summer. Reb is a rising sophomore at Mount Olive College and is majoring in Religion. He is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston.

In his words, "Students are much more open, obviously, with other students. They—and their parents—ask questions that would never be put to professional admissions people or members of the faculty. Being on the same side of the fence with these prospective students, I am more able to discuss the faculty, the academic programs, and campus life from their point of view.

The response I have received has been warm and enthusiastic and I am convinced that the program is a success."

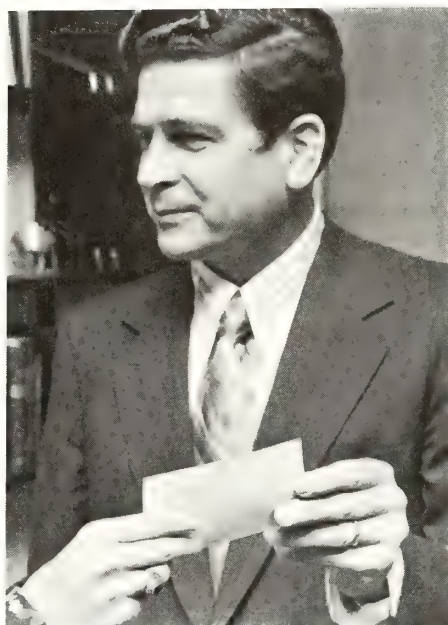
During the summer, Reb will be counseling students in Lenoir, Duplin, Craven, Carteret, Beaufort, Martin, Pamlico, On-

slow, Pitt, Jones, Pender, Greene, and New Hanover Counties.

Mount Olive College is hoping that this program will not only aid its own admissions program but that it will help all students contacted in making the right choice in a college.

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A Generous Hand



President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College is shown with a check in the amount of \$15,000 to the College Chapel Fund. The gift is from an anonymous donor and represents the first installment of the \$60,000 pledge to be applied to the construction of the chapel on the new campus.

Other gifts in the amount of \$15,000 each will be presented in January of 1963, 1964, and 1965. The chapel is estimated to cost \$170,000, and a campaign is currently being conducted among Free Will Baptists churches to secure the additional funds.

The chapel project has officially been approved by the board of trustees of the College and the campaign for funds has been endorsed by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists which sponsors Mount Olive College.

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Change of Address

Please notice a change of address of Missionaries Harold and Sandra Jones. All correspondence should be directed now to: The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones, Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines.

What Has Mount Olive College Done For Free Will Baptists Lately?

Frank R. Harrison, Director
Denominational Service



From its beginning Mount Olive College has recognized an obligation to serve the Free Will Baptist Church, particularly since it is the only college sponsored by Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Throughout the history of Mount Olive College various programs have been initiated by the College to serve Free Will Baptists. This past year a number of services of various forms have been provided throughout the year.

Four extension courses have been taught in the church field:

1. An eight-week course in "Crisis Ministry," with 14 ministers participating. This course was taught in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

2. An eight-week course on "Creative Teaching Methods" at Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson County, North Carolina, with a total of 28 people participating.

3. A four-week course on "The Free Will Baptist Church" at Verona Free Will Baptist Church, Onslow County, North Carolina, with 17 people participating.

4. A six-week course on the "Book of Acts" at Selma, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, with 34 people participating.

5. A five-week course is now in process at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, (continued on page ten)

Soul Winning Through Evangelistic Teaching

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sary preparation when He said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . ." (Acts 1:8). The disciples did not begin their soul-winning ministry until they were filled with the Holy Ghost; and even Christ was anointed by the Spirit at the beginning of His ministry. Can we succeed with less?

The teacher evangelist should ask God for necessary boldness to speak to his student and should always remember his responsibility: that of helping his pupils to determine their eternal destiny, always remembering and being careful not to offend. Use tact. Tact is the mental ability of doing and saying the right thing at the right time so as not to unjustly offend or anger. Jesus used tact in reaching the woman at the well. Souls have been eternally lost because of the lack of tact on the part of the one doing the witnessing.

Yes, an effective teacher evangelist must be saved and committed to the will of God in his life. He develops his spiritual life through communion with God in the Word and prayer. Surely, soul winning can be the experience of dedicated teachers who pursue a definite plan of evangelism.

Evangelist C. E. Autrey has said, "Men are not saved by the teaching process, but the teaching process prepares men for a saving experience with God." The Christian teacher must teach for conversion.

A capable teacher can produce an evangelistic atmosphere in the classroom. Again, I cannot emphasize this too much: he must show concern for the salvation of his pupils and confront them with the claims of Christ on the individual's life in the course of his teaching. The Holy Spirit often uses this knowledge of Christ's claims as a basis on which to move in the lives of the students.

With teaching must be the sense of urgency to bring to pass decision, ever aware that "we are the spiritual attendants": the human assistants of God in this great drama of rebirth. The teacher has a grave responsibility to present the way of salvation to his pupils and to give each one an opportunity to continually seek the lost in his class; and in light of the value God has set upon

the soul of man, even to the point of giving His only begotten Son, teachers must accept this responsibility and make evangelism an important part of the Sunday school program.

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Mount Olive News

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Morehead City, North Carolina, on "Creative Teaching Methods."

Other areas of denominational service include:

1. A seminar with ministers of the Cape Fear Conference on "Suicide Prevention," with 15 ministers participating.

2. Two seminars on "Crisis Ministry of the Hospital Chaplain," with the Kinston Ministerial Association, Lenoir County, North Carolina; and the Morehead Ministerial Association, Carteret County, North Carolina; with a total of 30 ministers participating.

3. A youth retreat at Oriental with 41 young people from the Ayden, North Carolina, area.

In addition to the above services, students from Mount Olive College have traveled all over Eastern North Carolina to render programs of music and Christian witness, sharing their personal testimony of what Christ means to them. The ministerial students have been active in being available for pulpit supply when needed.

This past year has been a good year in terms of rendering denominational services to the Free Will Baptist Church. However, the College seeks to broaden and strengthen its service to the church. We seek to make all our resources available to the Free Will Baptist Church for her growth in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the coming year, if any Free Will Baptist church or group would like to utilize some of the resources and teaching personnel of Mount Olive College, they are invited to contact Frank R. Harrison, director of denominational services, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365; or by calling 658-2502 (office), 658-9363 (home).

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Mrs. Brinson Awarde Music Scholarship



Mrs. Iris Jean Brinson, Route 3, Ken, North Carolina, has been awarded a music scholarship at Mount Olive College for the academic year 1972-73.

Mrs. Brinson, a member of the Salem Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of Ken, plans to major in voice and piano at the college.

She is very active in church activities including: recording secretary for the Western District Ladies Auxiliary Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, North Carolina and the music director at her church.

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Cragmont Camp Schedule

July 10-15—**Youth Frontier Conference** (AFC, ages 9-12)—Mrs. D. W. Hansley, 103 James Street, LaGrange, North Carolina 28551, registrar; the Rev. David C. Hansley, codirector.

July 31—August 5—**Young People's Bible Conference**—the Rev. D. W. Clemons, Route 2, Box 109, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557, registrar.

August 14-19—**Woman's Auxiliary Week**—Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 97, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27501, registrar; Mrs. Dola Dudley, codirector.

August 21-26—**Family Week**—the Rev. B. Barrow, director-registrar, Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Route 1, Blount Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

Please send your registration fee of \$7 to the registrar of your conference.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Should we ask for definite things when we petition God in prayer?

Answer: Yes! The Bible sanctions definiteness in the saints' praying to God. Jesus told His disciples: "And in that day shall I ask me nothing. Verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23, 24); "ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7); "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

Then there are to be found in the Bible the following: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the rest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:22); "I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: in thy mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Isaiah 61:10).

The following may be found in **Sandi's 1000 Bible Questions Answered**, page 376, first series:

There are many passages, such as John 16:23, which warrant definiteness in prayer. Indeed, if a man needs something very badly, and is sure that it would be a blessing to him, he would show a lack of faith if he did not pray for it. There are many, however, who shrink from praying for definite blessings, after a painful experience. They have prayed for some blessing, and God has heard them, and granted their request, and it has proved to be a curse. A person said, in a passage which we cannot find, but the gist of which we take from memory, that all prayers are

answered, therefore we ought to be very careful for what we pray. A celebrated divine wrote: 'There are millions of Christians day by day imploring God for the salvation of the whole world, and the supplication has never been answered. Does God, then, keep his promise? Is prayer a dead failure? Does God mock the Christian Church? Are we told to bring all our gifts into the storehouse and prove him, only to find out that he breaks his promise? The answer to prayer is only a question of time. So far from there ever having been a million prayers lost, "there has never been one prayer lost." God not only keeps one promise, but he keeps all the promises, and never since the moment we first breathed the Christian life, have we ever offered an unavailing prayer.'

The right attitude or frame of mind is of necessity one of the most and probably the most important element in successful praying. Among the many stories of D. L. Moody's successful praying is one I heard when I first began attending school at the Moody Bible Institute. It tells of what might seem to be a financial crisis in the early and trying days of that school. There was an urgent need for fifty thousand dollars because of a deficit sustained by the school. The director of the school called off classes for a day of prayer while Mr. Moody was away in an evangelistic meeting. It so happened that his meeting was closed and he came home to learn of the day of prayer then in session. He went immediately and crept into his room, kneeling among those praying. After he heard two or three pray he prayed, saying, "Dear Lord, we need fifty thousand dollars. Please give it to us now. Amen." And in this way he called the meeting to a conclusion. Then they opened the door to go back to their regular duties, but as the first of them was stepping from the room a man from Texas called for Mr. Moody and gave him a check for \$50,000, the exact amount asked for.

The Bible says, "Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. . . . Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners: and purify your hearts, ye double minded" (James 4:2, 3, 7, 8).

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Question: Please explain, "Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison" (Matthew 5:25). Why should we be in such haste to agree with our adversary?

Answer: We need to read the context and get the sense of the whole discretion in order to receive the whole benefit of the teaching Jesus gives in this verse. In this, a part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives some of the rules for the kingdom of God. Much teaching in the Bible speaks against saints going to a secular court of law to settle their differences. (See and compare Luke 12:58, 59).

Ryle's Expository Thoughts on the Gospel of Matthew has the following to say on Pages 42, 43:

"In the last place, this passage teaches us 'the exceeding importance of avoiding all occasions of sin.' If we really desire to be holy, we must 'take heed to our ways, that we offend not in our tongues.'—We must be ready to make up quarrels and disagreements, lest they gradually lead on to greater evils. 'The beginning of strife is like the letting out of water.'—We must labour to crucify our flesh and mortify our members, to make any sacrifice and endure any bodily inconvenience rather than sin.—We must keep our lips as it were with a bridle, and exercise an hourly strictness over our words.—Let men call us precise, if they will, for so doing. Let them say, if they please, that we are 'too particular.' We need not be moved. We are merely doing as our Lord Jesus Christ bids us, and, if this is the case; we have no cause to be ashamed.

"The Lord Jesus 'forbids everything like an unforgiving and revengeful spirit.' A readiness to resent injuries,—a quickness in taking offense,—a quarrelsome and contentious disposition,—a keenness in asserting our rights,—all, all (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



TUMBLING WALLS

by OLIVE W. MUMERT

JERRY had been looking for gem rocks where the old stone walls of a pioneer house still stood. Only two side walls remained, but Jerry could remember when the other two walls stood, forming his great-grandparents' pioneer home. Two of the walls had tumbled into the cellar hole about four or five years ago.

It was a hot, blistering day, but a sudden, violent thunderstorm was coming, crackling and flashing across the prairie. Jerry found shelter near one of the walls just as hard, nut-sized hailstones began pelting him. He didn't dare lean against the wall. It could easily tumble on top of him.

Thunder rolled and crashed, and long, jagged streaks of lightning reached down toward the ground near him. One flash of light was brighter than usual and ended with a violent crash almost at his feet. "Boy! That was close!" Jerry said, relieved.

The storm soon drifted over, blown by a strong breeze. But the pounding of thunder still echoed around him and seemed to come closer by the minute. Jerry peered around the end of the wall, and what he saw made fear well up in him. The cattle that had been grazing in the distance were pounding toward him. "Stampede!" he gasped. "But why?"

The why wasn't important. Getting out of the way was. Running is hopeless, he thought. They'll pound me into the ground. And one bump against these walls will send them toppling.

There wasn't time to make plans. He scrambled into the cellar, which was half filled with rocks. It's not much of a place, he thought. There's not much protection. Am I glad I asked Jesus to be my Saviour. At least I'm not afraid to die!

The cattle charged up to the old building and swung to either side of it, causing the walls to tremble. Jerry shuddered as he looked up at the walls then out between them at the oncoming cattle.

He crawled to the bank farthest away from the approaching cattle. Some of them might forget to miss this old cellar, he thought. If that happens, I want to be as far away as possible. I'd hate to be kicked to death by an old cow.

Jerry glanced up again at the swaying walls, then looked around for better shelter. There wasn't much choice. He squeezed down into a small opening between the rocks and the old cellar wall. He got as low as possible, but his head still stuck out enough to be smashed by flying rocks.

He jerked frantically at the corner of a piece of metal something that he found near him. The heavy, metal square came loose. He dragged it over his head just as one of the animals bumped against a wall, and it came tumbling and clattering down on top of him. Rocks crashed and bounced against the metal that he held over his head.

The metal square shifted, smashing down on his supporting arm. The arm snapped with a sickening pain which traveled like fire through his whole body. Waves of blackness washed over him, and he forgot everything.

When he woke to the sickening pain in his twisted arm, the sun was shining, and everything was quiet. With his good arm, he managed to shove what he could now see was an old oven door off

his broken arm. Perspiration soaked his clothes as he struggled to lower and straighten the arm.

He finally laid the arm flat on the metal door, fighting the waves of blackness which threatened to drown him. He tried to shove away the rocks which were packed tightly around him. Every straining effort sent waves of pain washing over him. He couldn't move the rocks that held him. He was tempted to forget about getting out—ever. If I just let myself, I'll black out. Then my arm won't hurt anymore. Anyhow, getting out without help is impossible, he thought, trying not to move, which would rouse that agonizing pain in his arm.

A sudden, impatient movement sent sharp, angry pains through his arm, into his head, and down through his body. It hurt clear to his toes. I'm stupid! He scolded himself. I asked Jesus to be my Saviour, but I'm so dumb that I forgot to ask Him to help me when I need help.

Then, as he prayed, he noticed, the rock that was wedging the others, making it impossible to move them. Cautiously, he reached with his good arm and began to ease the rock away from the others. "Once it's gone," he said aloud, gritting his teeth against the pain, "the others will move easily."

He smiled in spite of his pain when the large rock came loose and rolled out of reach. He paused to rest, then began carefully moving other rocks. Each one he moved made the next one easier to move. But he was getting weaker. He needed a longer rest period between each fresh effort. The pain was becoming unbearable.

"One more and I'll be able to get out," Jerry said as he pried at the rock wedged against his ribs. "My legs should push out easily."

"With that arm to pull with?" he had to fight against the dizziness as he looked to see where the voice was coming from. But there was no one in sight.

"I'll get out," he answered.

"You're stuck in there for good," the voice prodded.

"I'll get out. God will help me."

"Says you! You'll never get out." The voice seemed so real, but there was no one around except himself.

"Of course I will." Jerry lifted off the stone and took a deep breath. It was good to be able to breathe freely again. He tried to lift himself out of the rocks, but the effort sent blinding pain searing through him.

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Arnold Lawrence

(A Servant Whom God Has Called)

At Otway Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Beaufort, North Carolina,, mourns the passing of one of its members, Mr. Arnold Lawrence. He was 56 years old and united with the church and was baptized November 4, 1956. The Lord called him to his heavenly reward on April 26, 1972. His funeral was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. J. E. Thompson, assisted by the Rev. Noah Brown, pastor of the Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Morehead City, North Carolina. The service at the grave was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dunn, pastor of the Otway Christian Church. A Christian flag was presented to his wife by Free Will Baptist ministers. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

Brother Arnold served faithfully on the deacon board of his church and taught a Sunday school class. On September 14, 1968, the Otway church voted to write a letter to the Ordaining Council of the Eastern Conference requesting license for Brother Arnold to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ whom he loved so dearly. The license was granted and the church renewed it each year until his death. He preached at his home church until February 14, 1972. While with his church he was active in all phases of its work, both local and statewide, doing anything he could to serve his church and His Lord. He also worked with the Boy Scouts and loved to work with the League, the YFA, or anywhere there were young people.

Our hearts were all saddened during September, 1969, when the doctor pronounced that Brother Arnold was suffering with leukemia, which was the cause of his death. Although he was sick for a long time, he never missed any of the church services other than when he was away on vacation. He had great faith in his Lord that whatever happened, he would be submissive to His will. We are so thankful that Brother Arnold did not have to lie and suffer very long; he was only in the hospital less than three weeks before his death. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

We, the members of Otway church, share the loss with his beloved wife and sons. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hal-

The Church-Related College

W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College

The church-related college is one of America's oldest and most distinctive institutions. These colleges have traditionally met and continue to meet a vital need for young people who want a Christian educational environment with a personal touch. Most of these colleges, like Mount Olive, are small enough to foster an intimate and rewarding relationship between students and faculty.

Another important characteristic of the church-related college is its focus upon the needs of the individual student. In these institutions the student is not pressed into the mold of the college but rather the college is molded to meet the needs of the students.

In an era when loneliness is one of the major problems of young people, the church-related college avoids the anonymity of a large impersonal campus and brings its students into a close and meaningful relationship with each other.

The academic standards of these colleges are high, and in many cases where much teaching at the freshman and sophomore levels is by inexperienced graduate assistants. Moreover, in colleges like Mount Olive the faculty member is there because his first love is teaching, not research and writing for publication.

Mount Olive College is perhaps typical of other church-related two-year colleges in that approximately 85 percent of our graduates transfer to senior colleges and universities. Those who do not transfer still have an Associate degree which means more to the student than would a simple transcript of two years at a university. Comparative studies have shown that junior college graduates do as well in their junior and senior years as most of the native students of the universities.

Students who make acceptable grades at Mount Olive College have no difficulty in transferring to senior institutions; in fact, many students who might not have qualified for admission to the freshman class of a major university have

lie Gillikin Lawrence; two sons, Edward and Philip; two brothers; and four sisters.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Evelyn Golden, Church Clerk

demonstrated their abilities at Mount Olive and then transferred to universities where they excelled.

The only reason the enrollment in our church-related colleges is not much higher is because of the pervasive presence of public colleges where only a nominal tuition charge is necessary due to appropriations from tax revenues. The future of our church-related colleges will depend in large measure upon the voluntary support they receive from potential donors who recognize the distinctive value of these institutions for the youth of our time.

As most colleges and universities become large and create environments in which students lose their personal identity our church-related colleges become more vital than ever in providing diversity and opportunity in higher education.

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EVOLUTION The Monkey's Viewpoint

Two monkeys sat in a cocoanut tree
Discussing things as they're said to be.
Said one to the other: "Now listen you
There's a certain rumor that can't be true.

That man descended from our noble race—

The very idea! Its a dire disgrace.
No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her baby and ruined her life.
And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her baby with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another
'Til they hardly know who is their mother.

And another thing! You will never see
A monk build a fence 'round a cocoanut tree

And let the cocoanuts go to waste,
Forbidding all other monks to taste.
Why if I put a fence around this tree
Starvation would force you to steal from me.

Here's another thing a monk won't do,
Go out at night and get on a stew,
Or use a gun or club or knife
To take some other monkey's life.
Yes! man descended, the ornery cuss,
But brother he didn't descend from us."

—Selected.

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"The press, like fire, is an excellent servant, but a terrible master."

J. Fenimore Cooper

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 16



PRAISING THE LORD

Lesson Text: Psalms 104:1, 5-8, 14-17; 103:1-5

Memory Verse: Psalm 104:33

I. INTRODUCTION

Men praise, and should praise, that which they admire, that which they adore, and that which they seek to emulate. All religious devotion and expression is motivated by the desire to show appreciation to God, from whom we have received so much. It is natural for men when they do something for the welfare of another, especially if it is performed by personal sacrifice, to expect the recipient to manifest some form of appreciation, either by word or by deed for the service which has been rendered him. This being true, it would be strange indeed if men failed to show their appreciation to God for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon them. When we consider that these blessings were bestowed upon us at a time when we were unworthy and through the sacrifice of God's most precious possession, the life of His only begotten Son, it becomes even more expedient that we, by praise and service, show our appreciation to God.

There are many methods available to us whereby we can praise God; thus, he who seeks to praise God will have little trouble finding means whereby that appreciation can be expressed. Not all of us have the talent to praise God through the medium of music and song, but there are few of us who cannot praise Him through the medium of testimony and service. God knows our capabilities, and thus only expects our praise to be in keeping with the talent which He has given us for its expression.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Relate this unit with the other units of the quarter.
2. Compare Psalms 103 and 104.

B. A Summons to Praise (Psalm 104:1)

1. This verse sets the tone of the whole psalm.
2. He speaks of the power of God—thou art very great.
3. He speaks of the majesty of God—thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

C. The Foundations of the Earth (Psalm 104:5-8)

1. God created the earth perfect. He does everything well.
2. The fall of Satan brought the chaotic condition described in Genesis 1:2.
3. God through His Word brought order and beauty out of chaos.
4. The foundation of the earth is the Creator himself.
5. The method of the Creator is through His Word.

D. The Earth Prepared (Psalm 104:14-17)

1. God provided food for man and the animals.
2. God provided for man's other physical needs.
3. God provided the trees for a home for the birds and to build houses for man.

E. Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103:1-5)

1. A heart full of praise to God.
2. This praise grows out of thanksgiving or gratitude.
3. This gratitude grows out of God's benefits:
 - a. Remission
 - b. Restoration
 - c. Preservation
 - d. Coronation
 - e. Satisfaction

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. A man saved a woman from a burning house but he was terribly scarred as a result. He left the area before the woman could see him and thank him. Years later he came that way again and was down on his luck. Stopping at a house to ask for a job so he could earn something to eat, he recognized the lady,

but she did not know him. At first she declined to help him, then she asked how he got the terrible scars. The man reminded her of the dreadful day when she almost died in the fire, and how he had saved her. "Come in," she said "come in. You are welcome." That was tender mercy. Christ stands at our heart's door and knocks. When we refuse to let Him in, He continues to stand there. That, too, is tender mercy. Will you open the door?—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. An examination of the two psalms in today's text reveals several reasons why we should praise God. We should praise God first because of who He is. He is the designer, the Creator of all things. As such He possesses illimitable power. The first five verses speak eloquently of the power of God.

Verses 14-17 show us that God satisfies the needs of all things that He created. He provides water and sunshine for the grass, plants, and trees. These in turn provide food for animals and man and lodging for the birds of the air. In a special way God cares for man so that his physical strength is continually renewed (103:5).

David, who wrote Psalm 103, had been saved from destruction many times. God redeems our lives also. We have experienced this redemption as we have been delivered from death by sickness or accident.

Most important we praise God because He forgives our iniquities. Without God's forgiveness we stand condemned. But by His grace revealed through Jesus Christ our sins are taken away, and we have the joyous hope of eternal life.

When we praise God, we show our appreciation for who He is and what He has done for us. May every expression of our praise to Him come from truly grateful hearts.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. Have you ever noticed how easily children forgive and how quickly they forget? A little boy came home angry and told his mother, "I am never going to play with Roland again." The next morning he quickly ate his breakfast and said that he was going out to play with Roland. "I thought that you were never going to play with Roland again," his mother remarked. While running out the door, he hollered back, "Roland and I have 'good forgetters.'" It would be nice if some of us had better ones, too, wouldn't it?—Ray O. Jones.

The Bible indeed is abundantly rich in examples and exhortations, pointing to that abundant life in Christ that all may enjoy while here, but so few attain unto

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It was cloudy when he opened his eyes again. His arm was one huge pain that reached into every part of him. But it

But he could still hear voices. He looked up. He was relieved to see Dad and Sam coming. Theirs were good voices to hear, and he smiled at them in spite of his sore arm. "Am I ever glad to see you," he said. "God must have sent you!"—My Pleasure.

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"Come to God, brothers and sisters. Loose yourselves from the bondage of sin. Come to this altar now; lay your cares on Him and receive His blessing." Thus the preacher pleads with the mass of people; and with a sweep of one hand he gestures for the people to come forward. He bows his head, how reverently(?), grasps his forehead with his other hand to intensify his concern; and as the music begins, the people come—the young and old, the staggering, the crippled, the very poor—to get their blessing. Then the offering plate is held in front of them, and many of them while in the state of "spiritual ecstasy" give their last dime for the Lord's service. If they happen not to have brought their pocketbooks, provisions are made whereby they can mail in their contributions—and money is just raked in!

It's hard for us to imagine that God bargains this way and does it through numerous "Reverends So-and-So," described by their own advertising as "true men from God."

Many of these self-styled reformers and would-be revivalers are no more than professional money-makers who thrive off the ignorance of unsuspecting souls who trust anyone who attaches the name of God to his business. When these professional preachers are asked why they drive big, fancy cars, they invariably tell you that their "campaigns for God" take them hundreds of miles away from one meeting to another and that physically they require the comfort of a luxury car rather than the practicality of a compact one. Some poor souls who haven't enough money to buy bread, let alone buy a car for themselves, contributed of their meager means so their self-appointed shepherd could speed down the highways and have an uproarious good time (between meetings). Very often these preachers avoid the byways, unless it is to beat the bushes for other handouts.

Mark it well. These preachers make their urgent appeals via radio and TV and flavor their requests to "get right with God" with emotion-filled phrases and groanings, all the while coupling their gospel with a plea for money so "God's work can be carried on." Often, prayer cloths and "helpful" books as well as religious trinkets are offered as being "blessed" and spiritually beneficial.

One such evangelist who has a popular radio show, whom we've heard on occasion while traveling at night, recently admitted to a nationwide TV audience that during the offering period a man, with whom he had made arrangements beforehand, would place a twenty-dollar bill in the offering plate. Attention would be drawn to the amount given, and as the bill is held up before the nearly hypnotized group, they are asked to match this "precious soul's offering to Jesus." If the others are unable to match the gift, they are implored to give what they can.

When this particular evangelist was asked if he didn't think this method a little deceptive and underhanded (we would call it more crooked than anything else), he retorted: "Of course not. People need incentive to give. I provide the incentive, and God does the rest. The money's for the Lord's work anyway. . . ." Meanwhile, the evangelist is wearing an expensive-looking suit, sporting styled hair, and playing with a horse-choking ring on his little finger.

Mark it well again. We thank the Lord that all preachers are not like this! We have no row to hoe with God-called ministers who preach because their hearts tell them to, and who do so for the love of souls rather than for the *love of money* (which is the root of all evil). We know and have known many holy men of God who go extra miles for their Father, but don't carry dollar marks in their eyes to coerce gifts from those who have little if anything to give in the first place.

We are grateful that there are true ministers of the gospel who go after *souls*, and as the late William Booth said, ". . . go for the worse," with heartfelt concern for their spiritual welfare with little hope for financial gain. We admire men of the cloth who are instant in season and out of season, whose lives are dedicated to the upbuilding of God's kingdom and the harvesting of souls for Him.

A minister is worthy of his hire, surely; but if priorities are in discussion, money should be brought into the storehouse that God's coffers may be filled, not some money-hunger preacher's! So, you fatted, rich-suited, sparkled-ringed, Bible-waving, soul-stirring, treasure-hunting, self-seeking preachers, when you coerce those poor people to bring in or send in their gifts for the Lord's work, be sure that the money doesn't burn a hole in your souls!



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Soul Winning Through Evangelistic Teaching

(Continued from Last Issue)

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would like to say something about assurance or "hustling souls." A teacher may say to the student, "Would you like to go to heaven when you die?" The proper answer is "sure" or "yes." But there is more to accepting Christ than an answer to this question—for actually the teacher would have received the answer had she asked, "Do you want a cookie?" It is so very important that unsaved Sunday school members fully understand what it means to accept Christ as their personal Saviour; therefore, explain the plan of salvation to them. It is impossible for a soul to be born again but by the Spirit of God; don't hustle him to a decision, because if he is not born again, the so-called decision for Christ is absolutely worthless. Pressure should not be imposed, but a careful presentation of the Word. Encouraging decisions and nurturing each student will be all the teacher can do until the Spirit of God prepares the heart for decision; and at that time, the teacher must be alert to the readiness and give them the opportunity to receive the Saviour.

May I challenge you never to close a Sunday school class without explaining the plan of salvation and man's need for Christ as his personal Saviour. What does a person need to know to obtain salvation? First, the individual must know and acknowledge that he is a sinner. There must be conviction of sin and a knowledge that he must turn from sin. Second, the student must recognize the penalty for his sins, which is eternal death. Third, he must realize that Jesus died for his sins. The good news is that Jesus paid the price as his substitute on the Cross. Finally, he should know that Christ is received as Saviour, He will

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forgive and cleanse from all sin. But He (Christ) must be accepted by faith, which is casting and resting oneself on Christ. Never close a Sunday school lesson until at some point in the lesson this message is presented.

The Sunday school is unquestionably the most productive Bible teaching and evangelistic force within the church. If this is not true in your church, then something is wrong for it has always been an effective means of evangelizing lost people.

Have you ever asked yourself the questions, Why should I, as a Sunday school teacher, be a soul winner or evangelize? Isn't it enough for me to just teach the lesson as presented and let the preacher do the soul winning? Let's examine some reasons why every Sunday school teacher should be an evangelist or soul winner.

1. Jesus commanded it. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19); "... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). The emphasis here is on the individual's winning souls and I ask you, Where is there a better

opportunity than in the holy atmosphere of God's house in a Sunday school classroom?

2. The lost condition of man compels the teacher to evangelize. All men outside of Christ are lost. "... the wages of sin is death; ..." (Romans 6:23), and these facts should compel a teacher not to rest until every soul in his class has been won to the Lord. Christ said for us to compel them to come.

3. The love we have for Christ should compel us to be soul winners. This is one way we show our love. Paul said, "... the love of Christ constraineth us; ..." (1 Corinthians 5:14). Christ is concerned about the lost; and if He dwells in us, then the love we have for Him will cause us to want to be soul winners.

4. Love for others. I have already talked about love. Andrew found his own brother Simon and brought him to Christ. The example of Andrew's love and concern should motivate teachers to be soul winners—not only in the classroom but wherever they go. Of course, the greatest example of love for others we find in Christ—He loved us (others) so much that He was willing to die for us.

5. The example of Jesus should compel us to evangelize in the Sunday school classroom. Think of the incidents with Nicodemus, the woman at the well, the woman taken in adultery, the rich young ruler, and Zacchaeus. Would we be like Jesus? Then every unsaved person that we come into contact with is a potential soul won for Christ. The disciples followed His example and He should be our example too.

6. God has given us the stewardship of the gospel. He trusts men with His good news, and this responsibility must be discharged through evangelism. This is His plan for evangelizing the world and we dare not fail Him!

7. The Christian's goal should be to glorify God. In fact, this is our purpose—to glorify Him in all that we do. What a wonderful way to glorify Him—winning the lost to Christ! Christ is truly glorified when we bear fruit for Him.

8. The promise of reward should encourage teachers to win souls or to evangelize. You know we are reminded by Paul that we must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. He also reminds us that knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men and this persuasion is evangelism. At another place Paul indicates, "... fire shall try every" (continued on page fifteen)



SUNDAY, JULY 16

BIBLE KICKS ME

Scripture Reading—2 Timothy 2:15

A heathen Chinese gave a gift Bible back to the missionary. "Every time I read it," he said, "it kicks me."—*Biblical Research Monthly*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we not put our Bibles aside every-time they "kick" us. Could it be that we need to be "kicked around"?

MONDAY, JULY 17

DO YOU AGREE?

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7

"There is so much good in the worst of us, And so much bad in the best of us, That it hardly becomes any of us To talk about the rest of us."

—Selected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

After reading the above, may we make it our daily prayer thought for everyday! It would be beneficial to us in so many ways.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

FAITH ONLY A LINK

Scripture Reading—Mark 9:24

Your salvation comes, not because your faith saves you, but because it links you to the Saviour who saves, and your believing is really nothing but the link.—W. B. Knight.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to know that we can have everlasting life just by believing? This definition of believing is so comforting! We do believe in God, don't we? How little He asks of us!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

WHICH PLACE WILL YOU TAKE?

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:14

Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one makes you but even with him; forgiving it sets you above him.—Benjamin Franklin in the *Immanuel Missionary*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Surely we will all take the last one, won't we? To be able to forgive one helps him so much—but how much more does it help

the one who forgives? To be forgiven is wonderful, but to be able to forgive—we do know how wonderful that is—don't we?

THURSDAY, JULY 20

GIVING IS LIVING

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:38

"That man may breathe,
But never live,
Who much receives,
But nothing gives;
Whom none can love,
Whom none can thank,
Creation's blot,
Creation's blank!"

—A. J. Gordon in *God's Tenth*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How dull life would be if we were on the receiving end all of the time. To give is the only real way to live. Are we living everyday?

FRIDAY, JULY 21

IS HE A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY?

Scripture Reading—John 14

A college girl wrote home to her parents, who seemed to have expressed some fear as to her religious life at college, "Do not worry; God has been a member of our family too long for me to lose Him now."—*Moody Monthly*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a beautiful testimony! As we go our different ways to faraway places, He is always with us—isn't He? If not, He should be!

SATURDAY, JULY 22

NEVER TOO SOON

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 1:7

You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be TOO LATE.—Emerson.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Were truer words ever spoken? Have you ever wished you had done something for someone—but it was too late? Let's try harder—starting today.

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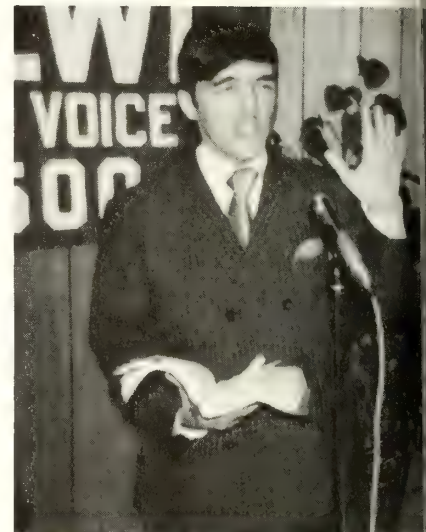
Good Example

There was a little postage stamp, no bigger than your thumb,
But still it stuck right on the job until its work was done.
They licked it and they pounded it 'til it would make you sick;
But the more it took the lickin', the tighter it would stick.
Let's be like the postage stamp in playing life's big game,
And stick to what we know is right and we can't miss our aim.

—Author Unknown.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, if needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)



The Rev. Joseph Lyerly wishes to announce that he is available for full-time evangelistic work. Over the past several years his preaching has reached youth and old alike in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Kansas. Lyerly will be happy to work with any church, regardless of its distance, membership number. He may be contacted by writing Route 1, Box 274-B, Rockingham, North Carolina 28379; or telephoning 1-919-582-1454.

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The Rev. Arnold Woodlief is available for immediate evangelistic work. He may be contacted at 410 West Mill Avenue, Marianna, Florida. In his opinion, "A true revival means faith in God, love for God, and joy for God."

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Change of Address

The Rev. Robert Rollins wishes to announce a change of address. His former address was Post Office Box 337, Pine Level, North Carolina; his new address is Route 1, Box 68-F, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865. All correspondents are asked to note this change. Mr. Rollins is now pastoring the Free Union Free Baptist Church.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

TARBORO CHURCH HONORS PASTOR

by Mrs. Lillie Case

N "Appreciation Day" was observed at the Tarboro, North Carolina, First Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, June 5, 1972. This was a special day honoring our pastor, the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, and his wife.

At the close of the morning worship, the chairman of the deacon board, J. M. Langley, expressed to the Rev. and Mrs. Sasser the heartfelt gratitude of the congregation for their faithful and dedicated service to the church and the community. He recalled some of the highlights of accomplishments during their pastorate here. Mr. Langley presented to the church a plaque with the following inscription. "In loving appreciation this tablet is placed to commemorate the services of the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser as our pastor and wife team in this church, November 13, 1955, to June, 1972, our church having been organized September 6, 1953." A "love offering" was received and presented to the Sassers to express further the church's appreciation.

At noon a picnic lunch was enjoyed by everyone. During the afternoon many of the members and friends attended an "open house" at the new home of the Rev. and Mrs. Sasser in Wilson, North Carolina.

Present for the service were the Sasser's sons and their families: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sasser Jr. and Tracy of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Sasser of Selma, North Carolina.

A lifelong Free Will Baptist, Brother Sasser was converted at the age of nine and was a charter member of the Selma Free Will Baptist Church. Throughout his life he has been active in all phases of the denomination's activities. He served for several years as president of the State Sunday School Convention, as well as on the executive committee and as part-time field secretary, traveling on weekend trips from the mountains to the coast to promote the Sunday school program. He was president of the State



The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser stand in front of a plaque presented in their honor by the congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro.

Sunday School Convention at the time Cragmont Assembly, Inc. was organized, and shared in the establishment of the institution as auditor and president of one of the four organizations that co-operated in the enterprise. The State Sunday School Convention provided the down payment for the purchase of the property.

At the instruction of the State Sunday School Convention, Brother Sasser compiled the only Sunday school manual our denomination has. Five thousand copies were printed.

Brother Sasser served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and chairman of the building committee of our Wilson First Free Will Baptist Church before entering the ministry in 1954. After accepting the call to preach He attended Mount Olive College night school for one year, during which time he taught a Sunday school course for a ministers' institute one semester.

Brother Sasser has been the pastor of

the Tarboro church since November, 1955, having accepted the call to this pastorate only two years after the church was organized.

At that time the two story educational building had been built but not completed. In January, 1956, construction began on a 1½ story parsonage and in June the new pastor family moved in. In April, 1958, construction began on a fellowship building. On August 19, 1962, ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the beginning of the new sanctuary which was used for the first time on the tenth anniversary of the church. A good part of the building work of our church has been done by the men of the church under the able leadership of our pastor who was always found working side-by-side with the men.

Brother Sasser has been a faithful and dedicated pastor and has fulfilled his duties and opportunities in a way we all respect and admire. He has been an inspiration to us in the building of our personal spiritual lives as well as the building of physical things.

The church has grown both spiritually and physically under his leadership. He has spent endless hours visiting, witnessing, and working wherever he was needed. No matter when he was called he always responded willingly to help comfort the sick, the bereaved, or those who needed him in any way. No church could ask for more in a pastor.

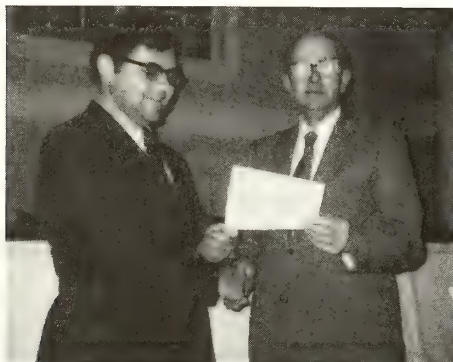
An outstanding leader in the denomination as well as his own church, Mr. Sasser was awarded the honor of being the "Minister of the Year" by the Free Will Baptist State Ministers' Association in 1966.

Mrs. Sasser has been an inspiration to our church as she worked side-by-side with her husband. She has faithfully served the church as music director, organist, teacher, and has worked very closely with the women in the auxiliary work. Like her husband, Mrs. Sasser has also been very active in the denominational work, having served as treasurer of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention for the past twelve years and missions chairman of the Central District for the past eight years. In 1966 she was chosen as the "Woman of the Year" in the Central District. She has written several programs for the woman's auxiliary yearbook, "Devotion." Mrs. Sasser has worked as a team with her busy pastor husband, lending a helping hand and rendering much needed assistance,

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Press Illustrator Receives License to Preach



Carlton Lucas is shown receiving his license to preach from Mr. Charles E. Lancaster, chairman of the board of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, after which he delivered the sermon at the morning service June 25, 1972.

The "C. Lucas" signature has become familiar on publications from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Ayden, North Carolina, where he has been an illustrator for the past three years. He plans to begin his study for the ministry at Mount Olive College, fall semester.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lucas, 1005 Candlewood Drive, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

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Reb Lancaster Receives License to Preach



Pictured above is Reb Lancaster as he receives his license to preach from his father, Mr. Charles E. Lancaster, chairman of the official board of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston,

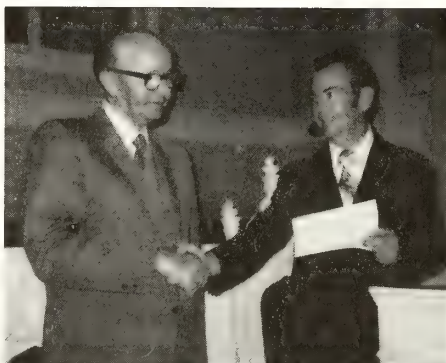
North Carolina, on Sunday, June 18, 1972.

Reb preached the Father's Day message at his church during a special layman's service. He also spoke for youth Sunday in February. In addition, he has made numerous appearances with the Young World Singers and has been active in YFA work both local and in the district. He attends Mount Olive College, representing the college this summer as a student admissions counselor.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lancaster, 1705 Hyman Avenue, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

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Mr. Lancaster Received Certificate As Churchman of the Year



Mr. Charles E. Lancaster, left, is congratulated by Mr. B. C. Ball, who presented him the certificate as Churchman of the Year of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, during special layman's services on June 18, 1972.

Mr. Lancaster is chairman of the board of deacons and the general board of the church. He teaches the Young Homemakers Sunday school class, and is active in other phases of church work.

An active lay speaker, he has served various area churches in addition to holding devotional services at the Lenoir Nursing Home. Mr. Lancaster assisted in the establishment of Jackson Heights Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston.

He resides with his wife, the former Evelyn Bartlett, and son, Reb, at 1705 Hyman Avenue, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

Pleasant Grove Youth Receives Reward

The AFC and YFA youth groups Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Erwin, North Carolina, saw their dream come true recently. Through the sale of bottles, donuts, cakes, and newspapers, eighteen members were able to attend camp at Cragmont Assembly, In Black Mountain, North Carolina, this year. This is the largest group to ever attend from Pleasant Grove church. One-third of the money they raised each child was given \$5 spending money, and the children did not forget to honor the Lord by paying their tithes. There were also three visitors, making the total of twenty-one attending.

These young people would like to thank their former pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Parrish, and their youth leaders, Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Popper, without their love and guidance their dream would not have reached their goal.

Pleasant Grove church also has two very active YFA girls working at Cragmont this summer. The girls are Pandora and Celeste Warren. The church is very proud of these girls who have given their summer to work for the Lord and Saviour.

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Eastern Conference Examining Board to Meet July 17

The Examining Board of the Eastern Conference will meet in regular session Monday, July 17, at 9 a.m., in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina. Anyone having matters to take up with the board should be present at this meeting.

As has been the policy for a number of years, any minister coming into a conference from another conference as a pastor of a church is requested to appear before the examining board of said conference for clearance before beginning his pastorate. This policy applies to the Eastern Conference, and any minister that has not been cleared through the Eastern Conference Examining Board is urged to do so at this meeting.

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Gum Neck Revival In Progress

Revival services began Monday evening, July 10, and will continue through Saturday evening, July 15, at the Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Columbia, North Carolina. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Charlie Overton, Aoshkie, North Carolina, who is being (continued on page sixteen)

MAN'S NEED OF GOD

(Psalm 42)

by Mrs. Harry Willis
Davis, North Carolina

LIKE Job, the Book of Psalms was written for the saints rather than sinners—the songs of the redeemed. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Ephesians 5:19). The word **psalm** means composition set to music. No other book in the Bible more truly magnifies the Word of God, contains more glowing tributes to the Scriptures, and loyal devotion to the sacred Holy Word. This book alone there is sufficient evidence to prove the inspiration of the Scriptures independent of all other sources.

The Book of Psalms is the connecting link between the Old and New Testaments. In this book the Hebrews were taught that the form of the law without the Spirit was vain and that the spiritual and required spiritual worship. Moreover, the mind of the worshiper was concentrated on the Messiah, whose presence and power were to dominate the New Testament. In fact, there is no better proof that the Scripture is the inspired Word of God than the drama of our Lord's crucifixion which was here depicted a thousand years before He was born. The Book of Psalms is a gospel of prophecy, describing our Lord's wonderful literalness, His sufferings, and His glory.

Psalms 1 and 23 are more familiar to the majority of people than any other. Psalm 1, which exalts the Word of God, contrasts the present and the future state of the godly and the ungodly. The Shepherd's psalm (Psalm 23), which exalts the providence of God, is perhaps the best known portion of Scripture with the exception of the Lord's Prayer. This is the favorite psalm of a great majority of Christians because it has inspired new confidence and courage in the divine Shepherd.

(Mrs. Willis is a member of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church, a Sunday school teacher, sponsor of the adult league, and mission chairman of the woman's auxiliary of the Davis church.)

“Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance” (Psalm 42:5).

The Psalms are arranged in five books like the Pentateuch. Each book ends with a doxology. Like the Sermon on the Mount, the Psalms begin with a beatitude and appropriately rise to a grand finale. The praise portion of the group is known as the hallelujah psalms, the concluding composition being a hallelujah chorus. Unlike the other books of the Bible, the Psalms were not written at one time or by one person. It is a collection of a thousand years and the contribution of more than a dozen writers. Yet, there is a marvelous unity of thought and spirit. The period extends from 1489 B.C. until 444 B.C. The authors are David, Asaph, the sons of Korah, Solomon, Moses, Ezra, and others (fifty of these psalms are by anonymous writers). David, no doubt, wrote some of these; for at the close of Psalm 9, which he wrote, it is suggested that the following one was also from his pen.

If Hezekiah's songs (Isaiah 38:20) were ever incorporated in the Psalter, they would surely be the ten anonymous Songs of Degrees, one for each of the net rated degrees on the sun dial of

Ahaz (Isaiah 38:8); and five by two other authors added to make up the number of years of life which were granted from God to Hezekiah after his illness. The psalms of trust in God we find were mostly written by musicians who composed the words and music of the selection and was the hymnbook of Israel, used in the worship services. They also provided the music for the New Testament church. Paul and Silas, the great missionaries of the church, sang these songs of praises to God at midnight while in prison, and these missionary apostles exhorted the Christians as stated in Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Psalm 19 is a record of God's revelation of Himself to man, the universe He created, and the words He has inspired; whereas, Psalm 42 is a record of man's longing for God. It is believed that this psalm was written by the sons of Korah during the Babylonian captivity.

We speak of the Psalms as the Psalms of David because he was the principle writer or compiler of them. David was a poet, a musician, and with all his heart he was a lover of God.

The Psalms express praise, adoration, and trust in God. We rejoice in the loving-kindness of God to man which allowed the suffering and crucifixion of Christ and our everlasting reign with our coming King, universal.

It is the law of nature that man has certain bodily needs which must be met if life is sustained. The physical body lives on bread, but Jesus said that man did not live by bread alone. He was teaching that there is a spiritual life to be fed. This important need centers around the needs of the soul.

I. The Soul Longs for God (Psalm 42:1, 2)

Complete relief of the soul can only be found in God. The psalmist was in exile from the house of God; in deep affliction, living among ungodly and hostile people in the mountains of Hermon, east of Jordan. He hopes again to approach the altar of God and praise Him.

II. He Acknowledged His Longings for God

It is not always easy to hear the inner voice of the soul, for the noise of this world is apt to drown out the voice of God. The flesh is wanting the world, but the soul is thirsting for God. While there is the backward glance to Israel's
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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

SOMETHING HISTORIC HAPPENED IN DALLAS EXPLO '72 – A Spiritual Explosion!

Written by Mrs. Ruth Shivar
Secretary at Mount Olive College

(Mrs. Shivar was one of 37 members of the Mount Olive College delegation to
Explo '72 during June 12-17)

Can you hear 100,000 voices lifted in song: "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise"? Can you visualize 100,000 hands raised heavenward—100,000 fingers giving the "One-Way Jesus Sign"? Wait, listen again. Can you hear thousands of voices giving the Jesus cheer while thunderous echoes of "Praise the Lord" still vibrate through the air? Perhaps a bit of heaven had come down to the Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas, Texas, last week.

As the Mount Olive College delegation left Mount Olive on June 10 for Dallas, we had already captured some of the spirit of Explo. We were 37 people bound together in a common bond seeking a closer walk with God and wanting to learn how to more effectively share our Christian faith.

Our Training

And here we were in Dallas, gathered with thousands of people, mostly young but some old, from all parts of the world to glorify God and prepare for our marching orders. Huge banners proclaimed our mission: "Taking God's love to the world in this generation." An impossible task? Not for committed Christians who are empowered with the Holy Spirit. This is the firm belief of Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational organization that sponsored this week-long crusade and training session and invited students, teachers, ministers, and lay people to participate.

All during the week we met for daytime sessions at 63 conference sites spread over the Dallas area. We listened while dynamic men and women from all walks of life shared their testimony of how the most important happening in their life had been their experience with

Jesus Christ. These were well-known professional people—highly educated and successful in their chosen vocations—but who were so ready and willing to admit that life had not been meaningful until they had found that personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

A quiet reverence pervaded the classroom as students of all ages learned how to share their Christian faith in their own private worlds. As we took on our assignments to help fulfill the Great Commission in this generation, we learned that a little experience is worth more than a lot of theory.



Pictured above are the following persons from Mount Olive College shown just prior to boarding the bus for Explo '72 in Dallas, Texas.

Left to right: Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president and a member of the Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church; Miss Jean E. Fillingame, secretary to the president and coordinator for the Mount Olive College delegation, and a member of the Vanceboro Free Will Baptist Church; Miss Donna Lewis, a member of the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Olive; Miss Caroline Castelloe, faculty member and a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church; Miss Sara Willoughby, secretary and a member of the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie; and Mrs. Ruth Shivar, secretary and member of the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Mount Olive.

Our Sharing

Some of our afternoons were devoted to sharing the good news with the people in Dallas. Dr. Billy Graham related how he had seen some young people witnessing to a policeman who had knelt the streets of Dallas. The citizens of the city opened their hearts to all of us and I know that God will richly bless them for it.

Have you ever witnessed for Jesus Christ? Have you ever shared your testimony with another? If not, try it and see what joy you will have. I know. I did it for the first time at Explo in Dallas and I felt the smile of the Man from Galilee. You will too.

Each night as we gathered in the Cotton Bowl we listened to speakers like Dr. William Bright, president of Campus Crusade for Christ; and Dr. Billy Graham who was with us every night and witnessed daily in Dallas during the week. Each of us was challenged to go back to our homes, to our churches, to Mount Olive College—seek out our pastors and teachers—and volunteer our services to work for the Lord with the sincere conviction that "changed lives change the world."

As I write this on the bus en route to North Carolina I know that this is not the end of Explo, but just the beginning. We have been on a very high spiritual mountain in Dallas. We are now going

back to the valleys—to our homes, to our churches, to Mount Olive College. But our lives will never be the same again. We have been strengthened by talking with people, young and old, from everywhere, who joyfully share the good news of how they personally know Jesus Christ. We know that the only way to have an abundant life is to be filled with the Spirit.

We have a great task before us. We must help fulfill the Great Commission: to go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Won't you join us?

God's Rainbow

Books could be written about this week. These are just some hurried thoughts that I wanted to share. It is difficult to single out a highlight, but for me, perhaps the most meaningful one was at the Thursday night service. The afternoon brought a cold, steady rain to the Cotton Bowl. This did not dampen the enthusiasm and spirits of the 75,000 Christians who wore wet clothes but radiant smiles. At the close of the service, Dr. Bright gave the invitation for total commitment—to do anything and go anywhere that God would lead us. All over the Cotton Bowl thousands of rain-soaked Christians, young and old, stood and accepted the invitation. And at this precise moment, from behind the dark, low-hung clouds, a beautiful rainbow appeared. And God smiled. Unbelievable? I was there.

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Soft Soap

DON'T you just DREFT along with the ease of unconcern? VEL, now is time to CHEER up, if you want real JOY. Why? The TREND is for ALL the family to SQUEEZE right into Bible classes next Lord's Day with ZEST. So, please hear from S. O. S., and do not make us have a DIAL you this week about being one hundred again. DASH right to the building, WISK to your room, and let's all pull together like a TWENTY MAN TEAM. Good LUX.—Copied.

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A preacher decided to discontinue Bible study and prayer meeting. Six weeks later, when the elders and deacons found out about it, they called a meeting and rebuked him.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Miss Bryan Awarded Scholarship



Miss Linda Kay Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bryan of Chinquapin, North Carolina, has been awarded a scholarship at Mount Olive College for the academic year 1972-73.

Miss Bryan, a graduate of East Duplin High School and a member of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, will enter Mount Olive College in the fall with the intention of majoring in special education.

During her high school career, she received many honors and awards, including chief marshal, governor's school nominee, national merit commended student, superlative, most intellectual, salutatorian, the Society of Outstanding American High School Students, maid of honor, and queen of hearts.

Her student activities have included serving as secretary and vice-president to the Student Government Association, secretary and president of Inter-Club Council, class reporter, magazine captain, picture editor of **Panther's Paw**, a bus driver, and a cheerleader. Miss Bryan was also a member of Future Teachers of America, Future Homemakers, Service Club, Math Club, chorus, and the Beta Club.

Miss Bryan states that she has a special interest in children and would like to teach either the mentally handicapped or elementary-aged children.

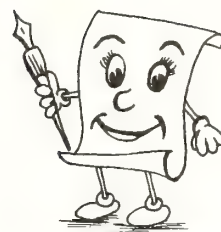
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The attendance of the morning service tests the popularity of the church.

The attendance of the evening service tests the popularity of the preacher.

The attendance of the Bible study tests the popularity of the Lord!—Copied.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Besides frustrating, misprints can be funny and feasible.

I found a funny one in Acts 27:40 during church. It reads, "... they loosed the rubber bands, ..." To think that a man with Paul's education, reared in a seaport, maker of sails, experienced with boats, had set sail in a ship guided by nothing stronger than rubber bands was almost hilarious. The soldiers or the captain or somebody should have found those flimsy things a long time before the storm. No wonder it couldn't stand a strong wind! And besides, rubber wasn't used until about 1791.

In one of my columns, somewhere between my typewriter and the printer, "enlistment chairman" became "enlightenment chairman." Maybe that's what we need. An enlightened chairman knows the women in her church; the auxiliary work; how it can help the women and how they can help the auxiliary; and would probably be very successful in enlisting new members. That misprint makes good sense.

So does one from a church bulletin where I visited last summer. Cautioning that people would be away during vacation and expenses would continue, it said, "Remember to keep the offerings up during the summer. We do not want a summer blump."

Isn't **blump** exactly what happens to church attendance and finances during the summer?

Misprints can't be avoided, but while we're laughing at them we can learn from them too. (Bless understanding writers!—Ed.)

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Change of Address

The Rev. Edgar Benton would like to announce a change of address. His former address was Route 1, Fremont, North Carolina; and now he resides at Route 3, Box 192, Elm City, North Carolina 27822. All correspondents are advised to note this change.

CHILDREN'S HOME

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| Illinois | \$ 100.00 |
| North Carolina | 135,069.26 |
| Ohio | 48.00 |
| South Carolina | 117.00 |
| West Virginia | 226.12 |

Total Religious Contributions \$135,560.38

III. Homecoming and Alumni Day: The annual homecoming and alumni day will be held on Sunday, July 9, 1972. All alumni of the Home are urged to be present for this occasion. Mrs. Nancy Smith Lane of Raleigh, North Carolina, is president of the Alumni Association.

IV. Director of Campus Life: The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey is doing a splendid job as the new director of campus life (formerly called assistant superintendent) for the Home. He began his duties on February 15, 1972.

V. Our Children: We presently have 63 children in our care. Sixty of these are on campus and three in higher education.

VI. Project Upward Bound: Five of our children qualified for the special "Upward Bound" program offered by North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, which is designed to help prepare them for college. These young people will attend classes on the college campus for seven weeks this summer, seven weeks next summer, and each Saturday for two regular school years at no cost to the Home. Upon completion of the program, the students should have the basics necessary for good college work.

VII. Accelerated Degree Program: Three children from the Home are participating in the Accelerated Degree Program at Mount Olive College. The program permits selective rising high school seniors to begin their program of collegiate studies during the summer preceding their senior year in high school. By attending Mount Olive College for the following two summers and one academic year, the student is able to complete his first two years of college in fifteen months following his graduation from high school. The primary advantage of the plan is that students can earn a baccalaureate degree in three years rather than the traditional four years.

VIII. Explo '72: Three of our young people and one former child, who is now a

student at Mount Olive College, attended Explo '72 held in Dallas, Texas, earlier this month. Those attending from the Home were selected by the staff as especially deserving children and the trip was made possible financially by special gifts from friends of the Home.

IX. Farm

- A. We are tending our entire farm this year with the exception of a little corn placed in the "soil bank" and the tobacco which has been leased and moved off the farm. Considering the unusual weather, the crops look real good so far.
- B. We have around 125 hogs presently with several sows that will farrow soon.
- C. We now have 51 cows and calves on our farm.
- D. Other livestock includes ponies, chickens, and turkeys.

X. Other Recent Physical Accomplishments

- A. **New Residence:** A new home for the director of campus life has been constructed during the past year at a cost of \$15,768.97. Thanks to all who have helped to make this possible.
- B. **New Roofs:** New roofs have been installed on the Deans and Smith cottages, office building, and superintendent's home.
- C. **Painting:** Five buildings—the Deans and Smith cottages, office building, superintendent's home, and Memorial Chapel church—have been painted on the outside. Five of our metal top buildings on the campus and farm have received a good roof paint job. The dining room and kitchen in Albemarle I cottage have been painted. The Deans and Smith cottages have both been painted on the inside.
- D. **New Drapes:** New drapes have been made and installed in the Deans, Smith, and Rodgers cottages.
- E. **New Bedspreads:** All six of our cottages have received new bedspreads throughout the children's living quarters.
- F. **Office Equipment:** The office equipment has been upgraded by replacing several of the worn-out and outdated machines. The cost was covered by special earmarked contributions.
- G. **Sanitation Grade:** We have seen our sanitation grade climb from a low "B" to a high "A."

H. Classification: The Duke Endowment places children's homes in various classes or categories according to size, etc. In our group there are eight homes. Our home has moved from the bottom two years ago to seventh place one year ago, and to third place this year. Thanks for helping us make this progress possible.

XI. Tremendous Needs

- A. **New Van:** The North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention has adopted as a special project the purchasing of a new van for the Home to help increase our transportation for our children. Our ladies everywhere are encouraged to help with this project.
- B. **More Painting:** Several other buildings on campus need to be painted on the inside and outside.
- C. **Church Roof:** A new roof is needed on Memorial Chapel church very much.
- D. **Child Care Workers:** We are in dire need of people to serve as house parents or associate houseparents. Any applications should be addressed to the superintendent.
- E. **Improved Program of Child Care:** We can no longer be satisfied to only provide our children with food, clothing, and shelter. We must make all our decisions in terms of what is best for the child and prepare to meet his needs physically, mentally, and spiritually. It is very urgent that we make even more positive steps forward in order to improve our child care program. One area of positive expansion is to employ a social worker on our campus.
- F. **Superintendent Resigns:** Superintendent Cedric D. Pierce Jr. has resigned his position effective July 30, 1972. The chairman of the board of trustees, the Rev. A. Graham Lane, has been named acting superintendent to serve until a full-time superintendent can be employed. Please continue to pray for the board in this undertaking.

XIII. Invitation to Visit Campus: We invite our friends everywhere to visit with us on campus when it is convenient for you. Our doors are always open with a heartfelt welcome.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: If a person has asked, in prayer, forgiveness for a particular sin and still feels oppressed over that sin, is this a sign that he has not been forgiven?

Answer: No! not necessarily so. A lack of faith to accept God's promise might be the more likely reason for such a feeling. James writes: "Ye lust, and ye do not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye cannot have, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:2, 3). Jesus said: "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matthew 7:7, 8); "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. . . . If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept the Father's commandments, and abide in the Father's love" (John 15:7, 10). Here abiding in Christ is associated with obedience to His will.

Jesus said of the disobedient Jews: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 23:13). Note that before these words of Matthew 7:21, Jesus had said: "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:17-20).

No one must know Jesus as his personal Saviour in order to pray and have prayers answered. He must have obeyed what the Bible requires in John 3:3-5, 36; Acts 16:31; and Romans 10:11. In other words, he must in

sincerity have committed himself unto Christ and at the time of the prayer be in fellowship with Christ and through Him with the heavenly Father. "The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. . . . That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:7, 9).

Jesus himself is the same yesterday, today, and forever; but even though we may be, so far as our kinship to Him is concerned, we need to maintain a right relationship by being obedient; otherwise we find our desires and our motivation controlled by the old nature. In that frame of mind we shall pray according to fleshly sponsored desires. As James puts it: we, in such a state, would ask amiss that we might consume it upon our fleshly or carnal desires. We need to obey or keep in line with: "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17); "But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2).

God's law should always be regarded as the psalmist viewed it: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word" (Psalm 119:11-16).

David was all right, happy, and bubbling over with joy when obedient; but one day he lusted after that belonging to another, and as he meditated in the lust-begotten passion, he sinned against God and brought wrathful chastisement from God the rest of his earthly life. So when in fellowship with God all of us who are Christians should guard that as the most precious of all possessions. Any sin, no matter how small it may be

regarded by the one committing it, will take us out of fellowship with Him, will bring sure chastisement, and must be confessed and forsaken or else God will not fellowship with us, including answering our requests in prayer. "But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" (Colossians 3:25). So we see that the Bible teaches that: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:7-9).

David sowed to his flesh and the sword never departed from his household. He committed adultery with Uriah's wife and had Uriah killed. One of his sons committed incest and rape with his half sister and was murdered by her brother Absalom. Absalom rebelled against David and was killed as he tried to take the kingdom from David. Then after David was dead, another of David's sons tried to take the kingdom David left to Solomon from Solomon and was executed by Solomon's orders.

We need to walk in the light of God's Word, not ceasing to pray at anytime, denouncing every sin and even every temptation, and not allowing any sinful thought Satan causes to come to our mind to find a lodging place with us following the Bible's suggestion to avoiding the appearance of sin. Then we shall abide in Him in a proper way with His Word abiding in our hearts, being assured that whatever we shall ask of Him we shall receive, and even though Satan is successful to the end, he is able to make us wonder; yet we are privileged to recall God's wonderful promise to His children with the assurance that they all apply to us. He is ours and we are His; and let us not accept any suggestion from any evil spirit that God is not with us with the enabling power to overcome Satan at all times, in all things, for Jesus has told us that He is.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

STORIES

for our youth



THE RED GLIDER

by Hilda V. Richardson

TIMMY knocked on the door of the neat yellow house.

"Have you any work for a boy to do?" he asked the lady who opened the door.

"What kind of work?" she asked.

"Cutting the lawn or pulling weeds," Timmy replied.

"Let me think," the lady said, holding her forehead.

"I want to earn fifty cents to buy a glider," Timmy explained. "The kind you wind up with a rubber band."

"I have some fertilizer I'd like to have spread on my lawn, and I would like to have the lawn watered afterward," said the lady. "The lawn isn't very big. It won't take long to do it."

"I can do that easily," said Timmy with a smile.

"I'll show you how to use the spreader," she told him. "Then I must run. I have to attend a church meeting. I won't be home until late this afternoon, so I'll pay you before I go."

"Thanks. Thanks a lot," said Timmy when she put the fifty cents into his hand.

"I'll trust you to do a good job," the lady said as she was leaving.

Timmy walked back and forth across the lawn spreading the fertilizer. He stopped several times to wipe his damp forehead on his sleeve.

He sat down in the shade of a snowball bush. "Whew! This is a warm job!" he said.

He reached into his pocket and took out the silver coin. "This is enough to buy a glider!" he exclaimed. "I can hardly wait!"

Suddenly Timmy jumped to his feet. "The longer I sit here, the longer it will be until I get the glider!"

"Now I have to water the lawn," he said when he'd finished spreading the fertilizer.

Timmy squinted through his fingers at the sun. "It's getting hotter by the minute," he grumbled. "It's too hot to work! The lady of the house will never know whether I watered the lawn or not by the time she gets home."

He turned on the faucet and splashed water on his hot face. "I'll go and buy the glider!" he decided.

In spite of the heat, Timmy reached the corner store in record time and bought a red glider. It only took a few minutes more to put it together.

Soon he was at home and had the glider soaring through the air.

"It flies like a bird," his mother called from the kitchen window.

The third time Timmy wound and launched the glider it flew straight for the big willow tree. Timmy waited and waited. The glider didn't come down!

He craned his neck trying to catch a glimpse of the glider through the branches and leaves. He walked around the tree and backed up, but it was no use. The glider was nowhere to be seen. "Just as if it had disappeared into thin air," he said with a sinking feeling inside.

Timmy sat down on the back porch steps and cupped his chin in his hands. "I've only had the glider fifteen minutes, and it's gone already!"

He thought of the work he'd done in the hot sunshine to earn the fifty cents. This reminded him that he'd left the job without watering the lawn.

"I'll trust you to do a good job!" The words echoed through his mind.

Timmy scratched his head and scuffed his shoes back and forth on the step.

He unbuttoned his shirt because he suddenly felt hotter than he'd felt all day.

"No one knows I didn't finish," said with a shrug. "I'll just not think about it any more."

He went back to the willow tree try again to find the glider. This time he climbed the tree. Higher and higher he went, from one branch to another but he didn't see it anywhere.

What he did see was an old bird nest. He wriggled along the branch trying to reach it. My Sunday school teacher would like it for the class collection, he was thinking. He opened his eyes wide and drew back his hand. A skeleton of a tiny bird was tangled in some string that had been used in building the nest!

Timmy remembered the words of the solo he'd heard in church last Sunday. "His eye is on the sparrow."

God saw what happened to the bird, thought Timmy. It must have made God sad.

There were other words to the solo that he knew. "He watches me!"

"He watches me!" cried Timmy. "He watches me! He sees all that I do and must have made Him sad today."

Timmy slid down the tree and landed with a thud. He ran all the way to the yellow house. He breathed a deep sigh of thankfulness when he saw that his car was not in the garage.

He turned on the water and began to sprinkle the lawn. "It does look green and brownish," he had to admit. It would have been easy to see that the lawn wasn't watered after the fertilizer had been spread.

As Timmy watered the lawn, a friendly breeze began to blow. It fanned Timmy's hot face and stirred the leaves of the snowball bush. "The lady will know that I did a good job as she trusted me to do," he said.

"She won't know how close I came to being dishonest; but I know, and she knows. He also knows that I won't do it again," Timmy whispered.

Timmy skipped home, singing. "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me!"

Something red was lying on the ground under the willow tree. "The glider!" Timmy cried. "The breeze must have blown it out of the tree!"

As he slowly wound up the glider, he pondered, I wonder whether God kept it hidden until I finished my job? Pleasure.

INFORMATION ABOUT **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. CEDRIC D. PIERCE Jr., Superintendent

25 YEARS OF SERVICE



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mitchell who were honored and given special recognition by the presentation of a silver tray for twenty years of service to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex. The presentation was made at the annual Founders' Day Service on Saturday, May 20. Mr. and

Mrs. Mitchell are houseparents for a cottage of small boys and Mr. Mitchell also serves as the Home's maintenance man. Also pictured are Superintendent Cedric D. Pierce Jr., making the presentation, and their two children, Steve Mitchell and Brenda Mitchell Overton, looking from the rear.

plete return addresses on all our mail would greatly speed up processing in the office of the Children's Home.

Change of Address

The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser would like to inform all who correspond with them in denominational work and otherwise of the change in their mailing address from Tarboro, North Carolina, to 517 Westover Avenue, Wilson, North Carolina 27893; telephone 291-5529.

OFF TO EXPLO '72



Shown preparing to depart for Dallas, Texas, are Charles Warren, Julia Woodward, Micky Newton, and Joyce Woodward. They are students from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Middlesex (Micky is a former student and now attends Mount Olive College). These young people were very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend Explo '72 in Dallas, June 12-17. According to all reports they brought back, they really had a great time and we at the Home are enjoying sharing their experiences with them. We sincerely appreciate all the donations and special efforts made to give these young people such a rewarding trip.

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Report to the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Convening with Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

Pine Knob, West Virginia

June 27, 28, 1972

I. **Appreciation:** Greetings from the children, staff, and board of trustees of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. We appreciate your marvelous support during the past year—prayers as well as finances. Our Home could not have made the progress it has without it.

II. **Finances:** The following figures represent religious contributions **only** from the various states from July 1, 1971, through May 31, 1972 (June contributions are not yet confirmed). It should be noted that certain churches in Virginia and South Carolina are members of conferences or associations in North Carolina, so their contributions are included in that figure. Some out-of-state income has come in during June.

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Correct Names and Addresses Needed

Mrs. Corbett, secretary and bookkeeper at the Children's Home, requests that church treasurers, clerks, etc., sending donations to the Home, **please** give a correct return address so that a receipt may be sent to the proper persons. So many times receipts are not sent to the proper person simply because the person did not have a return address on the envelope or any address on the check. Com-

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 23



Receiving God's Forgiveness

Lesson Text: Psalm 51:1-12

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9

I. INTRODUCTION

One almost feels hesitant to open the curtain to this very private prayer of a man who had committed grievous sins and was now in the act of deep penitence. But it was given to us in God's Word for a purpose. That purpose is to show us how we, too, might pray when we are in need of cleansing from some great sin. What was the background to this intimate prayer?

David was king of Israel and at the time was enjoying victory and popularity with the people. One day he saw the wife of one of his military leaders, Uriah, and desired her. But he was Jehovah's anointed and must not sin. Any other king could, but not he. But he did sin and caused the death of Uriah and took Bathsheba, his wife, to himself. For almost a year David endured the lashing of an active conscience and tried to pretend that all was well.

One day Nathan, the prophet, accused the king of these crimes of murder and adultery and left the king crushed and conscious of the enormity of his sins. The words of Nathan, "Thou art the man," bothered him day and night. Nothing he did improved his inner conviction of sin. Only God could help him. The tempter had won his victory. The one person in the whole world Satan most desired had been trapped and bound and ruined. In the depths of his anguish, David turned to God with this prayer.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Give the background of Psalm 51 from 2 Samuel 11.
2. Psalm 51 is one of the penitential psalms, a plea for forgiveness.

B. David's Confession (Psalm 51:1-5)

1. David pleads for mercy on the basis of God's loving-kindness.
2. Note the various designations given to sin in this psalm:
 - a. A blotted record to be expunged; it is transgression — law violated.
 - b. A polluted robe to be washed; it is iniquity—morals perverted.
 - c. A fatal disease to be cured; it is sin—mark missed or disobedience.
3. David makes a complete confession—I acknowledge my transgressions.
4. David acknowledges that he was born with a sinful nature—I was shaped in iniquity.

C. Indication of the Divine Requirements (Psalm 51:6)

1. God demands that a man be sincere in his heart.
2. God will then give that man wisdom.

D. Prayer for Pardon and Joy (Psalm 51:7, 8)

1. David is asking God to make the sin offering for him and restore him to society.
2. David is asking God to restore to him the joy of sins forgiven.

E. Prayer for Pardon and Testimony (Psalm 51:9-12)

1. Observe the contriteness of David throughout the psalm.
2. David ask for a re-creation which is foreshadowing of the new birth.
3. He wants to be completely restored so that he can again be free to witness for God.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The proper functioning of a person's heart is of utmost importance to his physical well-being. If the heart ceases to work properly, death is the ultimate result. In recent years we have seen attempts made to transplant human hearts so that those with malfunctioning hearts may be restored to normal

life. Today's text records David's plea for a "clean heart." He needed a heart transplant.

David's heart was no different from the heart of any unforgiven sinner. It was corrupted with sin and guilt. The Prophet Nathan confronted him with the awfulness of his sin, whereupon David admitted his guilt and from the depths of his soul he brought forth the agonizing request for renewal of heart. His sorrow for his sin led him to repent and confess his guilt before God.

It is commonly believed that Psalm 51 was written by David after this time. It shows that David did receive a new heart. He received forgiveness and with it "peace which passes understanding."

The key to spiritual heart transplant is found here. If we turn from our sins and confess our guilt to Him, God will cleanse our hearts and make them new.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. A juvenile judge some years ago had a very unusual experience during the course of one of his trials. An elderly man who owned a watermelon patch had caught a boy stealing his melons, and had him arrested. When the time came for the trial the man made his complaint to the court, after which the judge turned to the boy and said, "Son, what do you have to say for yourself?" The boy looked up at the judge with questioning eyes, and answered, "Judge, did you ever steal a watermelon when you was a kid?" The judge, somewhat startled by the turn of events, dropped his head to his hands for a few moments in thought, and finally responded with, "After a cross examination of the court allowed. The case is dismissed." The judge was "on the spot," as we commonly say!—Norman M. Soreson, B. A., in Gospel Herald.

C. The psalmist still had his salvation but he lost the joy that should have gone with it. He prayed for the restoration of that joy. There's the story of the young man who disgraced his parents. When he finally came to himself and sought their forgiveness, he wrote to tell them he was coming home. He asked them to place a white handkerchief in the tree near the house if he was forgiven. The house was near the railroad tracks, and he could see the tree from the train. As the train came near the house, he looked anxiously out the window to see the tree. What a joy it was to behold, not just one white handkerchief on the tree, but, the entire tree full of white handkerchiefs.—Ray O. Jones

Soul Winning Through Evangelistic Teaching

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...n's work of what sort it is" (1 Corinthians 3:13). Christ will evaluate the teacher's effort and award him accordingly. Paul said that the people whom he had won to Christ became his crowns. The hymn writer has said it so well:

"Will there be any stars, any stars in my crown
When at evening the sun goeth down?
When I wake with the blest in the mansions of rest,
Will there be any stars in my crown?"

—E. E. Hewitt.

The growing Sunday school is the evangelistic Sunday school; and the evangelistic Sunday school is the growing Sunday school. So let the Sunday school be busy doing that work which produces results—soul winning through evangelistic teaching. It is not an election with the teacher—it is an imperative which we all should obey.

...believe the Sunday school is the latest out-reach mission in America or in the world. When the Word of God is taught faithfully by Spirit-filled, dedicated teachers, decisions for Christ will be made. So let's be about this important business.

...know many teachers who will be wearing a star-studded crown. Will there be any stars in your crown, or will you lament be—

Must I go, and empty-handed,
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?
Not one day of service give Him,
Lay no trophy at His feet?
Must I go, and empty-handed?
Must I meet my Saviour so?
Not one soul with which to greet Him!

Must I empty-handed go?

—C. C. Luther.

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TARBORO CHURCH HONORS PASTOR

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...y times to her own personal deprivation. We thank God that He sent this past couple our way. We thank them for letting God use them in Tarboro and we trust that God will continue to use them in the way that will please Him.

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MAN'S NEED OF GOD

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historic redemption from Egypt, there is also the sighings of the future godly Jewish remnant who will undergo the severe ordeal of the coming Great Tribulation.

Psalm 42:1 is some of the most beautiful language ever written: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Like a deer when hunted that is in need of water, so the writer is painfully aware that he is away from the divine presence while the unbeliever shrinks from God. The true believer yearns for God. If the deer can reach cool water its strength is restored, so the psalmist cries out for his soul to be restored likewise. Water is life for Jesus said, "... Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; ..." (John 4:14). We need God—this is true of both saints and sinners. It must be apparently true to those who are observing religious interests in the world. Scarcely is there ever a genuine spiritual revival. While church membership today is at an all time high peak, so is crime. It is fashionable now to attend church, and many take a patronizing attitude toward God. Many people think they are really doing God a favor now that He has so much help. What wicked conceit this is! The real fact, however, is that God does not need us at all. But we desperately need Him! He is quite capable of operating His universe without us. Present-day tensions and fears spell out the bold truth that we cannot successfully operate in any atmosphere—national, domestic, or individual—without God. In the light of this it is most assuring to realize that His power is available to us.

We may tap this source of infinite power by faith. Is it any wonder that Psalm 42 was a great favorite with the Christians in Rome who were driven by persecutions to safe refuge? "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: ..." (v. 2). Six times in this brief Psalter the psalmist uses the expression "my soul." The Bible tells us that God made us for Himself with a spiritual likeness of Him, to fellowship with Him; but sin has separated us from God in a self-centered way of life for which we were never made for. This leaves one unsatisfied, frustrated, and confused. The psalmist's soul was stirred to seek God—the living God. Israel had proved their God to be the living God at Sinai (Deuteronomy 5:26) and at Jordan (Joshua 3:10). Pos-

Bowen Conducting Bible Class

C. F. Bowen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, has begun a weekly Bible class, held each Thursday night at 7:30. This class is open to any interested preacher or layman, especially Sunday school teachers, who may wish to attend it.

Currently he is teaching the Book of Revelation, and it has just started. Outlines on each chapter are provided at every class period, which runs for approximately one hour. This is a vital study in a vital book, and will be of invaluable help to all.

For further information write to him at P. O. Box 549, Wilson, North Carolina 27893. There is no cost for this class attendance.

Future studies will include a comprehensive study of the entire Bible, book-by-book examination of each verse, church history, and related subjects.

IT ISN'T FAR

It isn't far to Bethlehem town!
It's anywhere that Christ comes down
And finds in people's friendly face
A welcome and abiding place.
The road to Bethlehem runs right through
The homes of folks like me and you.

—Madeline S. Miller.

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We live in a world that cares more about sending a hound dog to the moon than about sending missionaries to the Congo.

sibly the fact that this writer found himself in the land of Jordan at this time caused him to recall that memorable day in Israel's history when they passed over the Jordan River on dry land. It is then that he is able to sing praises to God. We do well to sing the famous song written by A. H. Ackley:

"I serve a risen Saviour,
He's in the world today;
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy,
I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him
He's always near."

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The Barrows Write From Chiredzi, Rhodesia

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Greetings and best wishes to all of you.

Soon we will be flying home to the United States. Our anticipation and desire to see our families, home church, and all who have been praying for us, mounts up each day.

Packing, finalizing Bible courses, domestic things, tying up loose ends, handing over responsibilities to others, and arranging for the arrival of a new missionary family tend to keep us busy these days. Yet, assuredly our tasks here must be completed. We hope to get a Bible bookstore open and to begin evening classes in the lecture room which is in the bookstore before we leave. Please ask in your prayers for God's special enabling for these days.

God willing, we will leave Rhodesia in July and arrive at Kinston, North Carolina, on August 5, at 1 p.m. Probably any letters written to us after June 10 should be addressed to our temporary home address in care of D. W. Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina 28580.

We plan to see Israel and other biblical places as we are en route home. From what we have heard, to visit the Holy Land makes many portions of Scripture much more meaningful.

From August, 1972, to August, 1973, only God knows His perfect will for us. We are looking to Him for His guidance. Assuredly, He will make His will known to us. Some possibilities are as follows:

Pastor a full-time church,
Pastor two half-time churches,
Teach in a public or Christian school,
Secure secular jobs, or

Perhaps God even has something else for us to do.

Please unite with us in prayer about God's will for our lives for the next year. It is our desire to be close to our families since we will be leaving again in the fall of 1973. We, however, will accept His will for us.

In September, 1973, believing it to be God's will, I (Joe) have applied and have been accepted to the Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas. We do not yet know how God will enable us to go, but we know that He will provide the way since it is His will for us. Faye also hopes to attend Dallas Bible College during our stay in Texas. She too has felt a great need for further training in God's Word. After school we desire to be found in the center of God's will. We remain ready to follow Him anytime and anywhere to do anything.

We hope God will want us to return to Rhodesia. If not, we certainly hope that He will direct us to some other foreign field. Should He desire us to serve at home, we would certainly be disappointed, but would comply to His wish depending on His grace to be sufficient. In the meantime, we desire to faithfully serve our Master each day wherever we are. Although we plan ahead, serving as God's ambassadors requires daily devotion, faithfulness, and allegiance to Him. Pray that this will be true in our

ATTENTION LADIES!

Time is running out. Register now if you plan to go to the 1972 Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, August 14-19. Send all registrations to Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser, Route 2, Box 97, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

lives. Also pray for more harvesting before we leave Rhodesia. (Praise Him for the man who professed Christ even this week.)

May God bless you abundantly and more. Accept our thanks for your loving concern. Assuredly God himself will reward you. Thank you for every prayer and gift for our ministry. May God continue to use and bless you. We have appreciated every letter as well. It is always good to hear how God is blessing at home.

Yours in Christ,
The Barrows
(Joe, Faye, and Girls)

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NEWS NOTES

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assisted by the pastor, the Rev. E. Minchew. Special music is being rendered each service which begins at 7:30 each evening.

The pastor and the church membership request your prayers for the success of the revival and cordially invite everyone to attend the remainder of the services.

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David Charles Hansley To Conduct Oriental Revival

The Oriental Free Will Baptist Church, Oriental, North Carolina, will begin a series of revival services on Monday, July 17, at 8 p. m. The services will continue through July 23, with the Rev. David Charles Hansley, pastor of the Little Creek church near Ayden, serving as guest evangelist.

Homecoming services will be observed Sunday, July 23. The Rev. Carol Hansley, pastor, and the church members invite the public to attend the revival services; and all former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to share in the homecoming activities.

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The custom of brides wearing orange blossoms and wreaths was introduced in Europe at the time of the Crusades. It was derived from the Saracens who regarded the orange flower as emblematic of a happy and prosperous marriage. Copied.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1972



EXPLO-SION -- THEN POOP?

EXPLO-sion – then Poop?

Dallas, Texas—the place!

June 12-17—the time!

Explo '72—the happening!

Jesus Christ—the emphasis!

An excited stream of people coming from everywhere to get closer to God. . . going all the way to Texas to get closer to Him, when He was in their own back yards all the time. . .

Communing with Him through the fellowship of all races, various beliefs, diverse cultures and dress. . . when an average city block could provide the same incentive. . .

The ignorant, the educated, professors and students, men and women of distinction, others of little note in Dallas. . . and right here too, when they look around. . .

Reverence, exultant voices lifted in praise to Him, quiet times, noisy times; doubters, believers, the unsure, the afraid, the courageous. . . anywhere else it could have been the same. . .

Patting each other on the back, embracing, holding the hand of a different colored skin, crying and smiling at the same time; refusing to believe that it was happening to them, yet knowing of a certainty that it was. . . being able to reach out and feel loved and being able to give love away, feeling full inside. . . catching a glimpse of God's face back of the clouds as a little bit of heaven's magnitude was seen and known in Dallas. . . and back home?

Why did they go? Because they had never been that faraway? Because notables would be there? Because they could become lost in a multitude of people? Because there would be loud, loud music, and sweet, sweet fellowship? Because they had heard that a great spiritual revival would be experienced? Because it had been advertised to the sky? Because they expected a taste of heaven's manna? Why did they go?

What do they remember most about it? What was the best part of it all—the trip there and back, or the spiritual insights gained?

Leaving. . . wondering if it were for real. Was it an elusive dream that they held for a moment in their minds? Was it a tender feeling in their hearts that they had captured for a short time? Would it be a continuing experience nurtured by the zeal for living that they acquired during their too-brief stay there? Was it an emotional experience only that will lose its fervor as days wear on and old routines resume? Will the tears of joy dry up? Will the smiles of success and accomplishment fade?

After all the eruption, will Explo '72 become just another dead volcano?

I pray not, but I wonder. . .

Dear people, don't let it be. . .



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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Our Highest Priority

Statement to the Board of Trustees of
Mount Olive College
W. Burkette Raper, President
June 27, 1972)

I feel inwardly constrained to share with you today what I believe should be the highest priority of Mount Olive College. What I shall say is a conscientious statement of my own position—a position that results from intensive soul searching and a prolonged consideration of what should be the primary focus of our College.

Change in Human Life

The basic contribution a college can make to a student is to help him to change his life. An industry can produce physical products like pickles, furniture, or clothing for resale, and its success is measured by the profit that is made. Education is different. The true measure of a college is not its financial statement nor the size and value of its campus, but rather what change does it cause to take place in the lives of its students.

At Mount Olive College we view the student as more than just a learner or object of instruction. He is a person, created by God, and our challenge is to speak to his total needs as a human being. When a student comes on this campus he brings more than his mind—he

brings his body, his emotions, his soul, his character, his past, and his hopes for the future; and our task is to help him in his **total development**. This development includes his intellectual, social, physical, cultural, and spiritual life. The chief advantage of the church-related college is that it can include the **total** needs of the student within the scope of its services—it does not have to delete the most important quality of human life from its integral program—the student's relationship with God and his spiritual development.

Since our commitment is to the student as a person, the changes we seek to help the student bring about include his intellectual growth, improvement in his ability to live with other people, fostering good health habits, developing an understanding and appreciation of the heritage of the human race, and development and growth in a meaningful relationship with God.

A student comes to Mount Olive College for two years at an approximate cost of \$5,000 and when he leaves what does he have to show for his investment of time and money? There is nothing physical that he carries away that he did not bring—the only benefits he can carry with him are the experiences he has had and what has happened to him. The measure of his education is the change that has taken place in his life. If the student is no different when he leaves the College than when he came, both he and the College have failed.

It is not enough, however, simply to induce change in the lives of students, for change may be harmful as well as beneficial. A student who develops a habit of using alcoholic beverages, becomes hooked on drugs, lowers his moral standards, becomes alienated toward his religious faith, acquires hostile feelings toward society, develops feelings of inferiority and defeat, or in any way comes to degrade himself as a human being—such a student experiences change and leaves his college different from what he came, and too often in higher education today, this is the case.

The kind of change we seek, however, is **improvement** in human life. If the goal of education is to help students to change their lives, then we must ask what kind of change do we seek? and more especially, What change should a church-sponsored college seek? The answer is to be found in why the church is involved in higher education. Why have churches traditionally founded col-

leges and why do they maintain them today?

The College and the Church

It is the duty of every church to seriously decide why it exists and to determine, under God, what its mission is. Once the church has declared its mission, it should then expend its time, energy, and financial resources to fulfill this mission. A college, or any other church-related institution, has no right to appeal to a church for support unless it is helping to carry out the mission of the church. The gravity of the times in which we live do not afford the church the luxury of running a lot of sideshows, either locally or elsewhere. Moreover, the urgency of the mission given the church by her Lord demands that money dedicated to God be used to do the work of God.

As the sponsoring body of this institution, the Free Will Baptist denomination might well ask itself: "Is Mount Olive College really essential? Could we fulfill our divine mission without this college?"

And the College might ask itself: "What are we doing to help the church achieve its purpose for being?" The appeal of Mount Olive College to Free Will Baptists for support must be based primarily not on the fact the College needs support but that **the church needs the College**. It is our moral and inescapable responsibility to be the kind of college the church needs, and if we should be unwilling to be the college the church needs, we should look elsewhere for our support.

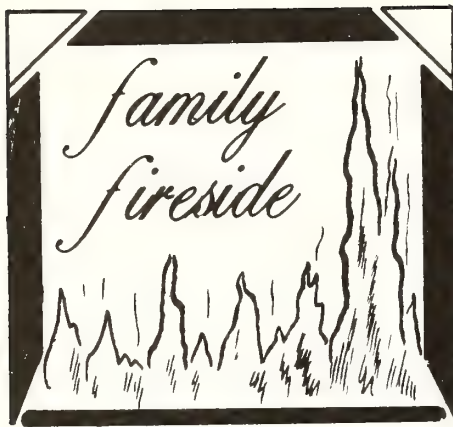
Thus far we have discussed two functions of the College:

1. To assist students in changing their lives; and
2. To assist the church in fulfilling its mission.

In my concept of Christian education, I see these two functions as one and the same, for I see the mission of the church, as well as the mission of the College, to be that of fostering change in human life. The question is, "What change do we desire to see come about?"

The greatest change that can come to any human being is to know God by experiencing Him through Jesus Christ. In the New Testament this change is called a "new birth," and it is the foundation for the improvement of human life. To bring about this change and to foster a living relationship with God is the primary mission of the church.

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SUNDAY, JULY 23

Gossip

Scripture Reading—Exodus 20:16

Gossip went a-whispering, whispering through the town;
Someone had a character she wanted to tear down.
So Gossip found a silver thread to weave and weave and weave,
A very lovely pattern that was fashioned to deceive.
She tore somebody's crimson gown, threw stars upon the ground,
Vanished children's laughter, scattered doubt around.
Plucked roses from the gardens, stuck pins in toy balloons,
Gossip went a-whispering through many nights and noons.
Gossip was a shadow, at dusk a silhouette.
Who whispered very sinister things that people can't forget.
And then when some folks pricked their hearts,
Beneath the thorny crown,
Gossip went a-laughing, like a maudlin through the town.

—Helen Welshimer.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have we ever known anyone who did not possess a lot of wonderful traits we could talk about? Let's say those things. We need to build each other up—not tear each other down.

MONDAY, JULY 24

RUSTING IN PEACE

Scripture Reading—Psalm 119:118

A magazine displayed a clever sign that had been suspended over an automobile junkyard which read, "Rust in Peace." Within this yard, no doubt, were many cars whose names had formerly been synonyms of power and speed, but here they lie resting and rusting. They traveled the highways with blazing speed. Once they climbed the highest hill with ease, but now they are symbols of rust and ruin.

We once knew an energetic old gentleman who was always in a hurry. He would rush from one job to another as though he had not a moment to lose. When friends would urge him to slow up, he would reply, "I would rather wear out than rust out."

Those of our membership who are not actively engaged in the Lord's service remind me of the colored man who was walking through the cemetery reading the mes-

sages on the headstones. He came upon one which read, "I am not dead, I am sleeping." To this he remarked aloud, "Mistah, yo' ain't foolin' no one but yo'-self."—Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Maybe we are not to judge, but sometimes thoughts like the ones this dear old man had do cross our minds. There's really no reason to try to fool anyone—especially ourselves. Let's level with ourselves—and God. Sometimes we really are dead spiritually—though alive physically.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

CAN I BECOME A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

Scripture Reading—Exodus 4:31

It is as possible as being . . .

A student who will not go to school.
A soldier who will not join the army.
A citizen who will not pay taxes or vote.
A salesman with no customers.
An explorer with no base camp.
A seaman on board ship without a crew.
A businessman on a deserted island.
An author without readers.
A parent without a family.
A football player without a team.
A politician who is a hermit.
A bee without a hive.

—Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

After reading the above, how do we feel? It's good to really belong, isn't it? This is just a taste of what belonging will mean after this life—being a member of God's family forever!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

WONDERING?

Scripture Reading—Psalm 104

Do you wonder at rolling plains and lofty mountains,
The gurgling brooks and woodland fountains,
The moonlit glades where the fairies play
From set of sun till break of day.
The shady coolness of a spruce-lined dell
Or the towering redwood sentinel,
Those white capped seas where great ships sail,
Against which men nor beasts prevail.
Or the mighty waterfall,
From whose height thunderous floods enthrall
The seeking tourist who stands spellbound
At the awesome grandeur he has found.
Or at churning waters of angry seas,
Or the deaf'ning calm 'midst silent trees,
And do you ever wonder and long to see,
The wonderful God who created this and you and me?

—Ray Schuh.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Can we ever get through looking at all of the beauty around us? Will we ever be able to thank Him enough for the privilege? Will we ever cease to wonder at all of God's creations? May we never!

THURSDAY, JULY 27

ONCE

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 21:8

Let death in once,
And sorrow and care and pain;
Give them all a lodging,
Invite them not again.

When they knock a second time,
You need not hear them more;
Light a candle in your room,
Then gently close the door.

—Frank Johnson Pip

PRAYER THOUGHT

Inevitably physical death must come, as someone has said, "As a well-spent brings happy sleep, so life well used brings happy death." Do we feel this way?

FRIDAY, JULY 28

JOHN 3:16

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

1. God—the greatest lover.
2. So loved—the greatest degree.
3. The world—the greatest company.
4. That He gave—the greatest act.
5. His only begotten Son—the greatest gift.
6. That whosoever—the greatest opportunity.
7. Believeth—the greatest simplicity.
8. In Him—the greatest attraction.
9. Should not perish—the greatest promise.
10. But—the greatest difference.
11. Have—the greatest certainty.
12. Everlasting life—the greatest possession.

—Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How great He is! God gave us His that we might have everlasting life. We give Him our all? How great are not great at all, really. Even when we something for Him, we benefit. He deserves it that way!

SATURDAY, JULY 29

DO I REALLY PRAY?

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 17

I often say my prayers, but do I really pray?
And do the wished of my heart go with words I say?
I may as well kneel down and worship of stone
As offer to the living God a prayer words alone.
For words without the heart the Lord never hear;
Nor will He to those lips attend who prayer is not sincere.
Lord, show me what I need and teach how to pray,
And help me when I seek Thy grace mean the words I say.

—Anonymous.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We always go to Him when we are trouble, don't we? We really turn to Him then, because we know He is there. If we go to Him otherwise than just as a habit when things are going well with us.

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Prejudice and indifference are the greatest enemies of foreign missions and ignorance is the mother of both!

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Pine Level Church Honors Pastor and Family



The Rev. Robert Rollins

On Sunday, June 25, 1972, the Pine Level, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church observed "Pastor Appreciation Day," honoring their departing pastor, the Rev. Robert Rollins, and his family. Mr. Rollins has accepted the call to pastor the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina, and began this pastorate July 1, 1972.

After an inspiring message by Mr. Rollins, the congregation sang "God Be with You Till We Meet Again." This was followed with words of thanks and appreciation for the faithful and devoted services of the pastor and his family, by Mr. Lommis Crocker. Mr. Rudolph Jones, chairman of the board of deacons, presented to Mr. Rollins a generous love offering received from the congregation during the service. Mr. Rollins responded with words of thanks to the church and its members for everything that had been done to make their stay a pleasant one.

At the close of the evening service, the woman's auxiliary of the church honored the pastor and his family at a social in the church's educational building. The refreshment table was centered with an arrangement of mixed summer flowers and green candles. The honored couple was presented an engraved silver tray from the church by Mrs. Merle Godwin, president of the auxiliary. Mrs. Ruby Crocker welcomed the guests and refreshments were served to approximately 65 guests and Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The following appeared in the church bulletin for this date: "Our thanks go out today to our pastor and his family for their faithful and devoted service to us. They have served us well in every

way and have given unselfishly of their time and talents for the cause of Christ. We have a general feeling of admiration and affection for them as they leave us."

An announcement sometime ago that our pastor was leaving us saddened our hearts and left us with a feeling of a great loss to our church.

During his tenure here, both as a pastor and a citizen of our community, he has labored and lived a life before us that we can be proud of.

Deserving special mention is his work with the youth of our church and his attendance of all youth meetings as well as attendance of other meetings of the denomination; such as, conventions, union meetings, ministers' meetings, Cragmont, and any place where the Lord's work was involved. Also he kept us informed of the happenings in these meetings and other interest in our denomination.

Another area of special concern has been his visits to those of our church and community who have been sick and suffering; to those who were without Christ, regardless of the distance or time, day or night. We can all say that his service to us in this respect has been remarkable.

Above all, has been his preaching of the gospel from the Bible to us without reservation or compromise. He has plowed the gospel plow straightforward, without looking back, without regard to the consequences.

His tireless work on behalf of our church has placed us in his debt. His dedicated efforts to strengthen us in the service of the Lord will serve as a benchmark for our leaders of the future.

We wish for him and his family the very best in Christian service in their new location and pray God's blessings upon them.

Lommis Crocker, Deacon

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SELFISHNESS BLIGHTS

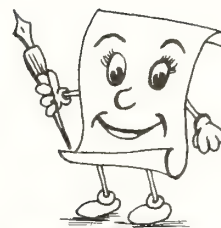
"Selfishness seeks more than its own. It cheats, it robs, it murders, to get what belongs to others. How desolate and desolating is a selfish life! It blights and ruins wherever it rules."—Selected.

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"BEFORE AND AFTER" THE CROSS

"Before my conversion I worked toward the Cross, but since then I have worked from the Cross; then I worked to be saved, now I work because I am saved."—Dwight L. Moody.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

The rumor spread around town that a foreign plane was under guard at the airport and it probably belonged to a visiting ambassador.

So we went to the airport, and there it was: green and white, large and beautiful. One man stood guard several yards away. Occasionally a patrol car slowly circled it, checking its safety from all angles. And no one was allowed near it.

An ambassador is an accredited diplomatic agent of the highest rank, considered the personal representative of his sovereign, charged with a special mission. A goodwill ambassador is any person traveling in a foreign country to promote friendly relations and understanding.

According to 2 Corinthians 5:20, we are ambassadors for Christ. We travel in a vehicle called a body. We also have guards posted nearby: "The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:7); "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14). Invisible, they protect us from physical danger, in addition to helping us resist evil spirits.

We are high ranking officials too, being the children of God and joint heirs with Christ. Our special mission is, "... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). As goodwill ambassadors we can promote friendly relations and understanding by living helpful lives according to Christ's example.

Well, we are important, but not prominent enough that people drop everything in order to see a real, live ambassador for Christ. In fact, by the way we live and look and act, they seldom realize we're there. Worse yet, we sometimes have trouble recognizing each other.

It makes one wonder if He would like to recall some of His representatives.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Second Quarter Report of N. C. Board of Superannuation

The following is the report of the Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church, for the second quarter, 1972 (April, May, and June):

| <i>Receipts</i> | |
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| Balance April 1, 1972 | \$ 5,417.84 |
| Religious Contributions for Second Quarter | 3,780.56 |
| Insurance and Retirement Premiums for Second Quarter | 3,106.45 |
| Ministers' and Widows' Fund | 50.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 28.56 |
| Total to Account For | 12,383.41 |

| <i>Disbursements</i> | |
|--|-----------|
| Ministers' and Widows' Checks for Second Quarter | \$ 805.00 |
| M.R.S. Retirement Checks | 211.50 |
| Insurance Premiums for Second Quarter | 2,631.84 |
| Transferred to M.R.S. Fund | 2,500.00 |
| Transferred to Ministers' and Widows' Fund | 50.00 |
| Withdrawal for M.R.S. | 98.20 |
| Refund for Overpayment of Premiums | 28.95 |
| Operating Expenses for Second Quarter | 398.25 |
| Total Disbursements | 6,723.74 |

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| Balance June 30, 1972 | \$ 5,659.67 |
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Information on the superannuation work may be secured by writing the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

Stoney Creek Church to Host First Union of Western Conference

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene with the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina, on Saturday, July 29. The moderator, the Rev. Dewey Boling, will preside; assisted by the clerk, the Rev. C. F. Bowen. The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotional, the Rev. Al Markunson
- 10:15—Welcome, the Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
- Response, the Rev. Wiley Ferrell

- 10:20—Business Session
- 11:00—Morning Worship:
 - Congregational Singing
 - Offering for Children's Home
 - Special Music, Stoney Creek Ladies Quartet
 - Sermon, the Rev. Dewey Boling
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Devotional, the Rev. James V. Joyner
- Business Session
- News from Denominational Enterprises
- Report of Committees
- 2:15—Adjournment

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Albemarle Union Meeting, League, And Sunday School Conventions

The Albemarle Union Meeting, League Convention, and Sunday School Convention will convene with the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, 210 South Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Saturday and Sunday, July 29, 30. The programs are as follows:

Union Meeting, July 29 Morning Session Only

- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. John Owens
- 10:10—Welcome, Mr. Ebaily Cox
- Response, Mrs. Delma Peel
- 10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
- 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches
- 10:45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
- Announcements
- 11:05—Morning Worship:
 - Hymn
 - Special Music, Host Church
 - Message, the Rev. Robert May
- 11:45—Business Session:
 - Reading of Minutes of Last Union
 - Report of Children's Home, via Literature
 - Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
 - Report of Mission, via Literature
 - Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, via Literature

- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
- Other Business
- Announcements of Next Union
- Minutes Read and Approved
- 12:30—Adjournment
- Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

League Convention, July 29 Evening Session

- 7:30—Devotions, Mr. Ray Collier
- 7:40—President's Message, Mr. L. Jones Jr.
- Appointment of Digest Committee
- Offering
- Roll Call of Leagues
- Sword Drill
- Hymn
- Recognition of Ministers
- Announcements
- Special Music, Host Church
- League Program
- Minutes of Last Convention
- Business Period
- Report of Digest Committee
- Awarding of Banner and Pictures
- Treasurer's Report

9:00—Adjournment

The pianist for the League Convention will be Mrs. Lucy Jones.

(Please Note: The League Convention will meet with the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina for the convenience of the people of the Albemarle Conference, since the Virginia Beach church does not have a league program.)

Sunday School Convention, July 30 Morning Session Only

- 9:45—Devotions, Mr. Oscar Webster
- 9:55—Welcome, Mr. James Martin, Host Superintendent
- Response, Mr. Isaac Furlough
- 10:00—President's Message, Mr. Irvin Foreman
- 10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Hubert Davenport
- 10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches and Delegates Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
- Announcements
- Offering for Denominational Enterprises
- Prayer
- 10:55—Morning Worship:
 - Special Music, Host Church
 - Message, the Rev. Joe Ingram
- 11:30—Business Session:
 - Minutes of Last Convention Read and Approved
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Old Business

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MAN'S NEED OF GOD

(Continued from Last Issue)

(Psalm 42)

by Mrs. Harry Willis
Davis, North Carolina

(Mrs. Willis is a member of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church, a Sunday school teacher, sponsor of the adult league, and mission chairman of the woman's auxiliary of the Davis church.)

This world attracts man, but noble godly things build up. The psalmist asks the question, "... when shall I see and appear before God?" (v. 2). This need is complete in the One who can supply every need. The generation of cynics and critics has not passed on; they seem to delight in asking troubled Christians that ancient question of today, "Where is thy God?" We need Him winning the battle of life.

A visit to a rescue station of a mission service you will find people who are deep in sin and down in the gutter; there they find good food, spiritual refreshment, and a place to sleep. These mission stations have been the stopping place this side of heaven and hell for sinners who have found a Saviour for their sins. One on the most loved hymns sung by these destitute people is "I Need Jesus":

I need Jesus, my need I now confess;
No friend like Him in time of deep distress;

I need Jesus, the need I gladly own;
No one may bear their load along,
But I need Jesus."

—George O. Webster.

Yes, we need God and need to share with others. A. W. Tozer, in his book entitled, "The Knowledge of the Holy" or "The Attributes of God," tells us that love is an essential attribute of God and we must try to speak of His love. All Christians have tried this, but no one has ever done it as well as they would like to. So we stretch our hearts toward the high shining love of God with hope that someone who has not been known about this love may be encouraged to look up and have hope.

Where Is Thy God? (Psalm 42:3, 4)
The nation of Israel went into captivity

come to take him down" (Mark 15:36). But all these tauntings will not drive the psalmist away from God. He recalls God's mercy more and more, and pours his soul out to Him.

IV. His Communion with His Own Soul (Psalm 42:5-7)

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (v. 5). In Matthew 26 we are told that in the Garden of Gethsemane our Lord told His disciples, "... My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here and watch with me" (v. 38). Here Jesus was experiencing a struggle between the flesh and the Spirit. When things are going so well there is a danger of forgetting God. This is a great mistake. If we neglect Him when things go well, when trouble comes we will not be ready to meet it. "True happiness is when in fellowship with the compassionate Christ."—Sunday School Times.

Then hope comes of a better day. Is not each Christian hoping for this by faith? This hope does not come in this world or in any type of earthly security. Each born-again believer in the Son of God knows of this everlasting hope.

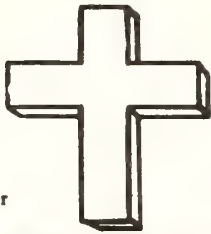
At the very best most people suffer in some way, but in the perplexity of life we have a Saviour we can turn to. The psalmist recognized that the day would come when he could sing praises to God. But in Verse 6 he is cast down. We find in this text that the writer is on the mountaintop and then in the valley. He is lonely and homesick for his homeland. "... all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me" (v. 7). We believe that the psalmist's greatest need was God. God's creation needs the Holy Spirit within to keep it pure, His protection outside to keep it safe. God heard the prayers of this man, and He hears the prayers of all who call upon Him today for deliverance.

V. He Reaffirms His Faith in Jehovah (Psalm 42:9-11)

Could God ever forget us in our hours of depression? "He is the God of my life," Paul said to the people of Athens. In Him we live and move and have our being. God has created us and redeemed us, the least we can do is to render obedience to those from whom we have derived life. All the people throughout the world need Jesus. All who have failed to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour are eternally lost. Romans 3:23

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Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

Mission Evangelism Conference

Please don't forget the Mission Evangelism Conference to be held July 28, 1972, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina! The conference will begin at 9:30 in the morning and continue until about 9:30 that evening. (See the back page of this issue for the conference speakers.) This program is being sponsored jointly by the North Carolina State Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the North Carolina Board of Missions.

I am sure this is one conference you will not want to miss. Ladies, if you bring enough of your auxiliary members with you, this will count for one of your study courses.

I will be looking forward to seeing you at the conference.

Joseph Ingram, Director-Treasurer
North Carolina Board of Missions

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Speaker for Mission Evangelism Conference

submitted by Joseph Ingram



Dr. William L. Bennett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkan-

sas, will be the featured speaker at the Mission Evangelism Conference in Wilson, North Carolina, July 28. Dr. Bennett holds an A. B. degree from Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, North Carolina; M. D. and M. A. degrees from Duke Theological Seminary, Durham, North Carolina; and a Th. D. from Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Dr. Bennett pastored Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, for four years and has served on the general board and the executive committee and as the state chairman of evangelism for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. Bennett is the author of: **Trumpet of the Lord** (1959), **Life Is Tremendous** (1968), and **Come Alive—the Roman Road to Renewal** (1971).

His present pastorate in Fort Smith, Arkansas, consists of over 5,000 members.

With the above qualifications, we are sure that Dr. Bennett will have the messages to stir hearts for the Lord. Be sure to hear him as he speaks July 28.

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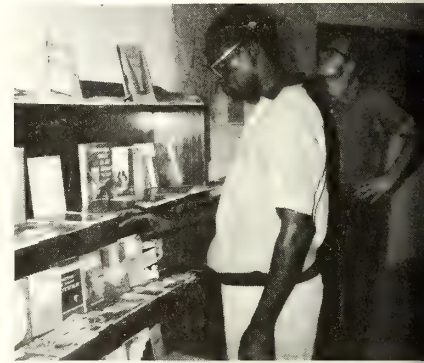
by Joe Barrow



Back View of Tshovani Bible Bookstore

Pictured above is myself, an African laborer, and Gary Byers. Gary is a plumber from Washington, U.S.A. Although he serves with the A.E.F. Mission in Zambia, we manipulated to get him to help us put the plumbing in at our book-

store. As you can see, the job is completed except for the finishing touch repatching the holes we made.



Classroom—Reading Room—Library

We built the bookstore for several reasons. Obviously we hope to distribute Bibles and other Christian literature. Also we anticipate using any profits we make for our evangelistic and Bible training program. In the beginning, however, we designed a room to serve as a classroom for evening Bible classes and as a library and reading room. In the future, we expect this classroom to become an educational center for a Technological Education by Extension Program from Rusitu Bible Institute. From Chiredzi we hope to extend our outreach to the entire Lowveld population.

Please pray for the evening class that we soon will begin. Possibly our course will begin before we leave. R. M. Mpotaringa, a Bible school graduate, will do the teaching. Our replacement, Mr. and Mrs. Holst from Minnesota, will also continue in this ministry.

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WHAT WE NEED!

We mutter and we sputter, we fume and we spurt;
We mumble and we grumble, our feelings get hurt;
We can't understand things, our vision grows dim,
When all that we need is a moment with Him!

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Among other things to pray for when going to church is a place to park. Changing Times.

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW

YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

SPIRITUAL EXPLOSION

by Marlene Everett

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Winston, North Carolina, was the scene of a "Spiritual Revival" during the 7:30 a.m. service Sunday, July 9, when the young people had charge of the service. It was a time of sharing for the young people—a sharing of the spiritual blessings they have experienced in the past few weeks. Many of the young people have attended the youth conferences at the Free Will Baptist Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina; Mount Olive College weekend retreat, Mount Olive, North Carolina; the General Conference at Pine Knob, West Virginia; and Explo '72 in Dallas, Texas.

Among the special guests on the program was a group of young people from the Wilson, North Carolina, First Free Will Baptist Church, who were delegates to Explo '72. Explo '72 was truly what it is intended to be in the life of each of these young people—"a spiritual explosion." They came back with a spiritual awakening and a greater zeal and determination to spread God's love throughout the world. As they told of the wonderful change in their lives which was brought about through small study and discussion groups, their enthusiasm was strongly felt in the congregation. "Set aside a specific time everyday for Bible study and prayer," challenged one young man from Wilson. "I was shown just how vital this is in my life at Explo. Try it," he said, "and see how much better your day goes!" One young lady told about visiting Bourbon Street in New Orleans on their return trip from Dallas. "It was awful," she said. "The place smelled terrible; the children were all ragged and dirty; the houses were run down. It really made me stop and think. I have so much to thank God for."

A Cragmont delegate said, "I thought I was a Christian when I went to camp, but the people there helped me to see how wrong I was. I was really filled with the Holy Spirit there—and I'm still bubbling!"

Another young lady who attended the conference at Mount Olive College said, "I was a Christian before I went, but you might say that my battery was recharged!" That was the feeling of the congregation at the conclusion of the service as many stated upon leaving, "My battery has been recharged tonight." The congregation joined in singing

BEAVER DAM YOUTH WIN BIBLE QUIZ

by Marlene Everett



The contestants from Beaver Dam Free Will Baptist Church, Chadbourne, North Carolina, were the winning team of the "Mark" Bible Bowl Quiz during the youth night service of the General Conference at Pine Knob, West Virginia, June 26. Youth leader for the group was Mrs. Myrtie Cartrette; assistant was Mrs. Martha McPherson. Pictured left to right

some of the favorite songs that the young people sang at the conferences; such as, "Reach Out to Jesus," "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit," "Pass It On," "We've Got a Great Big Wonderful God," and others. There was special singing by the "Gospel Light Quartet" (Gail Ball, Jackie Hill, Charles Mason, and Carlton Lucas). "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" was sung by Terry Ball, soloist. Jack Everett Jr. sang, "The Saviour Is Waiting," and Gail Ball sang as the invitational hymn, "Have You Any Room for Jesus?"

Curtis Brock was pianist for the youth service, and Jack Everett Jr. was master of ceremonies. Mrs. Bill Mason, YFA sponsor, and Mrs. Jack Everett assisted with the service.

The young people from the Kinston First Free Will Baptist Church who attended one of the conferences were: Eddie Gray, Jack Everett Jr., Marshall Gray, Larry Tyndall, Hulon Whitehead, Reb Lancaster, Wilma Waller, Gail Ball, Sharon Braxton, Sharon Owens, Teri Holland, Beverly Hill, and Curtis Brock. Delegates to Explo '72 who participated in the service were: Doug Skinner, Dwight Holley, Franklin Vestal, Penny Edwards, and Linda Bass from Wilson; Nyra Hill from Deep Run; and Jack Everett Jr. from Kinston.

below are the winning team members: Deborah Cartrette, Sandra McPherson (team captain), and Marilyn McPherson. They won the contest with a score of 210 points. They were each awarded a \$25 savings bond from the woman's auxiliary of the General Conference.

Reb Lancaster, a Mount Olive College ministerial student, led the congregation in singing and a testimony service. Curtis Brock of Kinston was pianist. Marla, Todd, and Joe Ard of the Christian Chapel church of Pink Hill, North Carolina, rendered special music. Libby Bullman of Hearon Circle Free Will Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, gave a very inspirational devotional.

This was the first youth service of the General Conference, and it was well received. Thank you, to all of the youth leaders who worked so diligently with the young people, preparing them for the Bible Bowl Quiz.

The Bible Bowl Quiz will be on the Book of Luke next year. The first quiz runoff between the churches will be held at the district youth convention in the spring. The winning team from each district will represent that district in the quiz runoff at the State Youth Convention in April. The winning team at the State Convention will represent North Carolina at the General Conference in June.

The General Conference will be held at the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church at Beaufort, North Carolina. Please write to me, Mrs. Jack Everett, youth chairman, for rules and information concerning the Bible Bowl Quiz. The address is: 2813 Murray Hill Road, Kinston, North Carolina 28501.

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Sin can kill not only the soul but mind, talents, and happiness as surely as a malignant physical disease can kill the body.—The Plea.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press
* Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:

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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY

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A Firm Foundation for Education

The "new birth"—the recreation of man by the Spirit of God—is also the most firm foundation upon which education can build. Education which does not have this kind of foundation can deal at most with technical training (how to do things) and peripheral concerns. Education divorced from the nature of man's being can never come to grips with the issues which determine the purpose and meaning of human existence.

I believe that the highest priority of the Christian college should be "to encourage students to make a personal commitment of their lives to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour" and to assist them to grow in their relationship with God and their fellowman.—Mount Olive College Catalogue. No more important contribution can be made to a human being than to help him to know God and to experience Him as the greatest reality of one's life.

This goal cannot be achieved solely through programs, activities, or buildings. These media are important and sometimes necessary, but they are still only media. The most important credential of any administration, faculty, or staff member of Mount Olive College is not his professional education but his relationship with God. In the adapted words of an old Negro adage, "We cannot share with others what we don't have any more than we can go back where we hain't been." Perhaps the ultimate evaluation of a faculty member should be based on an assessment of how much and what kind of change he has helped bring about in the lives of those whom he teaches and others who come under his influence; and perhaps administrators and staff members should be evaluated in terms of the contribution they make to students and also the degree to which they assist the College in achieving its overall mission.

Changed Conduct Requires Changed People

The concerns that occupy most of our time and energy in higher education today are probably not the real problems, but rather their symptoms. For example, let us consider the matter of student conduct.

Ask educators or lay people what they consider to be the chief problems on college campuses today, and most answers

will include such items as alcohol, drugs, moral conduct, disregard for the church, racism, or destruction of property. These are matters of deep concern, but I am convinced that they are more symptomatic than they are the root problem, and I do not believe that we can solve these expressions of conduct until there is a change in the nature and character of the people who behave in this fashion. To change conduct requires more than rules, programs, or discipline—it requires a change in the character which produces this conduct.

The fundamental problem with many college students is that at the center of their lives there is a vacuum, an emptiness, a hollow; yet they live in a complex world where they feel threatened by established institutions and alienated by the style of life they feel being thrust upon them by older generations. How do they respond? They rebel and establish their own patterns of life, but what they create for themselves leaves them with as much frustration and tension as before. To deal with the problems of an empty and frustrated life, they turn to all kinds of physical and emotional stimulations. As one student said to me, "I know that in your work you must have a lot of tension, but you have a relationship with God that helps you to work yours out. The only thing I know to do is to pop a beer."

I am a firm believer in educational reform—we still do a lot of things in higher education today that is sheer nonsense—and I believe in a wide range of freedom for college students, but neither educational reform nor personal freedom is going to resolve the basic conflicts young people face. Only a reformation in one's life brought about by a personal relationship with God through an experience with Jesus Christ is going to give youth the sense of freedom it seeks.

I have seen both kinds of students—those in whose lives God did not really count and those for whom God is the center of life—and there is a difference. The most important contribution Mount Olive College can make to the life of any student is to help him gain a knowledge of God through a personal experience with Jesus Christ, for this kind of knowledge produces the greatest change that can come to a person's life.

If the goal of education is to bring about change in human lives, and the most important change that a human being can experience is to be recreated by the Spirit of God, then it seems to me that our highest priority ought to be to

help students to have this experience. Too long in education we have tried to do everything except the most important thing. Has the time not come for us to give priority to what is most important in human life?

Furthermore, I believe that the financial security of Mount Olive College depends upon how faithful we are to our true mission. If this is the kind of college Free Will Baptists need to fulfill their divine mission in life, they will support it. If other people see in Mount Olive the kind of college through which they can express true stewardship to God, they too will support it. It was, in my opinion, primarily the feeling that because of its Christian commitment Mount Olive College provided the best means of achieving a spiritual goal in her life that a recent donor made the major gift toward providing a chapel on this campus.

If Mount Olive College is the kind of college God needs to help fulfill His purpose in human life, surely He will sustain it. If this is not the kind of college God needs, then we ought to ask Him to make it such.

Conclusion

The above statement is not a response to a dramatic religious event, nor is it a pragmatic device to exploit the emotional sentiments of Christian people for the promotion of Mount Olive College. What I have declared is the culmination of thirty years of commitment to the Christian faith and eighteen years of dedication to this institution.

I view myself as a single-hearted person, and since I cannot direct my life in one direction and lead the College in another, honesty requires that I lay clearly before this Board of Trustees the lodestar whose light I feel compelled to follow. Because the ultimate responsibility for establishing the purposes and policies of Mount Olive College rests with this board, you may wish to declare whether or not this position is consistent with the direction in which you think our college should go.

It is important that all who are a part of Mount Olive College—trustees, personnel, students, friends, and the sponsoring church—understand our mission and participate in fulfilling it.

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"Please Drive Carefully," requests sign on the outskirts of a small Japanese town; "our children may be disobeing us."—The Christian.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Nevertheless, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God" (1 John 3:20, 21).

Answer: We show the real evidence of God's love in our hearts when we, in the spirit of a broken and contrite heart, confess all our sins and get immediate forgiveness. Then and not until then do we find a true sense of satisfaction in possessing a cleansed heart. "If we say we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus which his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:6-9); "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Psalms 28:13). Salvation comes only when one's heart is converted. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

When as brethren who look up to Christ as our elder brother do we receive instruction from the Bible, directing our way in harmony with our standing or position in Christ. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good,

and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2).

Being crucified with Christ and dead spiritually to this world's system it becomes natural to reckon ourselves dead indeed to carnal passions and desires and certainly the activities of such a life. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36); "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. . . . I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:16, 20).

It is by faith in the Son of God who shed His blood on Calvary's cruel tree that we have been changed from sinners into saints and from sons of the devil of this world, the devil (see and compare John 8:44; 1 John 3:1-3; Galatians 4:4-7), to heirs of God the Father and sons of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ into all His magnificence and glory. We don't know what all this means now, but with redeemed, glorified bodies like the one He now has, we shall appear before Him in our resurrection form like He now appears at the right hand of God in heaven. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12). I think that with what other verses teach in harmony with this, that even though we were given special ability to comprehend spiritual things when we became Christians, we shall have this added and final ability to understand and identify with spiritual truths and conditions when we appear before Christ decked in that final

spiritual garment of Christ's eternal likeness.

While we are here in the bodies of flesh we find it necessary to fully employ the activities of the body in all its energy to combat sin and the memories we have of our own sinful activities of the past, and to continue to remember that we are dead to all form of sinful activities. Paul put it like this: "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. . . . For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. . . . I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin" (Romans 7:15, 16, 18-20, 25); "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:6-9).

God gave us a new heart or a new conscience when we were saved. To determine how good a Christian we are, we must know the Scriptures in sufficient accuracy to determine how well we are conforming to God's precepts and how definitely we are putting forth an all-out conscientious effort to conform to the rules of Christ and the example He set for us as is portrayed in the Bible. We should study so as to show ourselves as the workmen not needing to be ashamed as portrayed in 2 Timothy 2:15. A study of all of 2 Timothy 2 will help one in gaining the objective the Holy Spirit means for us to come to here.

The Christian that has devoted his whole being to God and God's Word determines to put God first in all things. Thus he will come into a satisfaction and a fellowship with God that will cause him to grow daily in that confidence, acquiring more and more of that Christlikeness that the human soul made in the image or likeness of God reaches out for. But as he thus grows, his hunger

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STORIES

for our youth



HOLE IN THE ROCK

by S. M. Taylor

JERRY grabbed his foster brother's blue sweater and pulled him off the path.

"Let's let the others get ahead," he whispered. "I'm sick and tired of being herded around like a little kid all day. This mountain hike has been no fun at all."

Andy nodded his head. "Rev. Jones hasn't let us out of his sight," he agreed, "but these mountain trails are no city park either."

Jerry wrinkled his nose. "He should be able to trust us bigger boys to take care of ourselves."

Andy frowned at the now-empty trail leading down the mountainside. "Come on, Jerry," he said. "We'd better hurry. Rev. Jones said something about taking a new trail back to camp."

Jerry tossed his dark head. "It's a shortcut," he said. "I took it last night. We can cut through the woods and be back in camp before that gang limps in. I want to take another look at that hole Rev. Jones pointed out on the ridge."

Andy's blue eyes widened. He shook his head. "Jerry, we don't dare. You know what the ranger told us this morning about the danger of holes and caves in these mountains. He told us not to go exploring without telling some adult and taking proper precautions."

Jerry wrinkled his nose again and shrugged his shoulders.

"Oh, that was just to scare us. There are two of us. Besides, I don't plan to go very far into the hole, just far enough to see whether there's a cave and an

animal den in it. There's no harm in that."

"No," Andy agreed slowly, "but Rev. Jones asked us all to stay together. We were to be ready to board the busses when we got back to camp. They won't wait for laggards."

Jerry turned his back on Andy and walked toward the ridge.

"Go on," he said. "I'll take a look and beat you all back to camp."

As Andy's footsteps faded away, Jerry wished he were going with him. Yet, Rev. Jones didn't mean much to him. He was just another adult who ordered him around. Really, Jerry thought, I don't belong in the Sunday school class. I'm not a Christian.

"Christians don't seem to have much fun," he grumbled as he scrambled up to the hole in the rocks. "All the kids in this group are afraid to disobey Rev. Jones or their parents. I'm glad that I don't have parents, although Andy's mom and dad are nice enough for the summer. But this business of Sunday school and church every week is not for me. I don't want to be a Christian."

At the edge of the ridge, Jerry leaned over and stared down a slanting incline into a yawning hole. He picked up a stone and tossed it. After a long wait, he heard it ping against a rock.

"Wow," he gasped, "that's a long drop! I wonder whether there is a big cave at the bottom."

He pulled his flashlight and new transistor radio out of his knapsack. Turning up the radio to keep himself from feeling so alone, he set it near the hole. Then he shined his light down the steep incline.

If I could get down to that tiny ledge about ten feet down, he told himself, I might be able to see into a cave.

Carefully, he lowered himself over the edge of the hole and felt for a toehold

on the slick slant. Just as he started reach for a handhold, his toe slipped. He dropped the flashlight, which whirled away into darkness. Frantically, he clung to the side to keep from following his flashlight into the black hole. The narrow ledge which had blocked his view stopped his downward plunge. He pressed his toes and the balls of his feet against it. He flattened himself against the slanted wall and glued his hands to small pieces of rock.

"Oh, God, save me," he prayed. Then he remembered that he'd made fun of God in church last Sunday when everyone had bowed his head in prayer. He'd thought how silly it was to request the Lord's Prayer and to ask for God's blessing. He didn't need God in his hands. He could take care of himself. But now Jerry knew that he needed God's help. He didn't dare move, or he would fall into the blackness below him.

Darkness came quickly. Jerry could barely hear his radio and the changing programs. His whole body was cramped. Tears rolled down his cheeks.

What if no one comes looking for him until morning. He knew that Rev. Jones would have to put the rest of the Sunday school children on the busses. Maybe he would have to go back to the city with them. Oh, how I wish I'd obeyed Rev. Jones.

When he felt as if he could hold on no longer, he heard footsteps.

"There's his radio," Jerry heard a voice say.

"Jerry! Jerry, where are you?"

"In the hole," Jerry called. "Hurry!"

Powerful flashlights beamed down on him. In minutes, a ranger slid down a rope and tied a rope around Jerry. He cried as Rev. Jones pulled him over the top.

"I'm sorry I disobeyed you—and God," he told Rev. Jones. "Do you think I could become a Christian like Andy?"

Rev. Jones put his arm around Jerry's shoulders.

"We all make mistakes, Jerry, but Jesus died to save us. Yes, you can have God's forgiveness right now."

Kneeling in the shelter of Rev. Jones's arm, beside Andy and the ranger, Jerry felt that he "belonged" at last, and gave his heart to God.—My Pleasure

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The Communist, seeing the rich man and his fine home, says, "No man should have so much." The capitalist, saying the same thing, says, "All men should have as much."

NEWS NOTES

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New Business

Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises

Minutes Read and Approved

30—Benediction and Adjournment

—Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

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Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's

Report for June, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer for Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of June, 1972:

Balance June 1, 1972 \$1,939.47

Receipts

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| Churches | \$803.03 |
| Agues | 25.00 |
| North Carolina State | |
| League Convention | 469.78 |
| Day Schools | 112.75 |

Total Receipts 1,410.56

Total to Account For 3,350.03

Disbursements

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| Operating Expenses | \$168.53 |
| Insurance | 118.05 |

Total Disbursements 286.58

Balance July 1, 1972

Checking Account) \$3,063.45

Gifts Account (Earmarked) 2,313.34

Grand Total = = \$5,376.79

Fourth Union, Central

Meet at Watery Branch

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene with the Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne County, North Carolina, Sunday, July 30. The theme of the meeting will be "Draw Nigh unto God," with Scripture taken from Psalm 100:3. The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

00—Sunday School

00—Hymn, "Footsteps of Jesus"

—Devotions, Mr. Frank L. Walston Jr.

—Welcome, Mr. Swade Benson

—Response, Mr. Robert Bynum

15—President's Remarks

—Recognition Time

—Greetings from the Children's Home

—Hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour"

30—Special Music, William Harold Murphy

—Sermon, the Rev. L. B. Manning

—Appointment of Committees

00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

15—Devotions, Bobby Finch

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. H. M. Minchew wishes to announce that he is available for part-time pastoral service or supply work. He is a member in good standing of the Western Conference and may be contacted by writing Route 1, Kenly, North Carolina; or telephoning Fremont 242-5625.

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There is a pastoral vacancy at the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Belhaven, North Carolina, which is open the next year for the right man. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Eugene S. Linton, Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina 27810; or telephone 964-5678.

—Special Music, Harrell's Chapel
Youth Choir

—News from Mount Olive College

—Business Period

—Program, the Local Church

2:15—Adjournment

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Gospel Sing at Bridgeton School, July 23

There will be a gospel sing in the Bridgeton Elementary School auditorium, Bridgeton, North Carolina, Sunday afternoon, July 23, beginning at 2:30. There will be three groups of singers on the program including: the Liberty Trio from Snow Hill, the Harmony Quartet from Kinston, and the Four-in-Christ Quartet from New Bern. There will be no admission charge; however, a freewill offering will be taken. This event is being sponsored by the Four-in-Christ Quartet that was recently in the International Talent Contest in Raleigh, North Carolina, and finished in the first runner-up position.

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Publicity Chairman of Cragmont To Be at Gum Swamp Church

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, publicity chairman of Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Route 6, Greenville,

OBITUARIES

Mr. Warren Nobles

On Saturday, May 20, 1972, at 2:45 a.m., God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call to his eternal reward our brother in Christ, Mr. Warren Nobles, age 86, who was a patient in the Greenville, North Carolina, Nursing Home.

Mr. Nobles had been an active member of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville for the past several years, and spent most of his life in the Winterville, North Carolina, community.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Clara Oakley of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in the Wilkerson Funeral Home in Greenville by his pastor, the Rev. Adrian Grubbs Jr., with burial following in the Nobles' family cemetery near Winterville.

Therefore be it resolved: First, that we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy; second, that we express our deepest appreciation for his devotion to the church for this long period of time; and third, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family, a copy to "The Free Will Baptist" for publication, and a copy retained in the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Velma Harris

Margie Davis

Charolett Tripp

North Carolina, during the Sunday evening service, July 23, at 7 p. m. According to an announcement by Pastor Jack Mayo, Mr. Eakes will be bringing news of Cragmont, and an offering for the assembly will be taken.

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Western Conference

Ministers' Fellowship to Meet

The Western Conference Ministers' Fellowship will hold its annual dinner meeting on July 25, at 7 p. m., at Parkers' in Wilson, North Carolina. This affair will be dutch, and the ministers' wives are invited.

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"Help your wife," advised one home economics specialist. "When she washes the dishes, wash the dishes with her. When she mops the floor, mop up the floor with her."

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 30



Deepening Our Relationship with God

Lesson Text: 1 John 4:13-19; Ephesians 3:14-21

Memory Verse: Galatians 2:20

I. INTRODUCTION

It is well for Christians to continually bear in mind the fact that they are not their own, but that they have been bought with a price, and that the new life which is now their own is theirs only through the life of Christ which dwells within them.

There can be no substitute for a personal experience with God, and there can be no substitute for a daily relationship with Him. It is by the personal experience with God that we obtain this new life, and it is by our daily relationship with Him that we grow in His knowledge and grace and reach forward toward that perfection and maturity that is found in Christ Jesus.

It is well for us to remember that the quality of our relationship with God will be dependent upon our faith in Christ, and that self-fulfillment can be found only through the committing of ourselves in complete surrender to God's purpose in our lives.

All of us are desirous of discovering the deeper levels of relationship with God, and this can be accomplished only by taking those steps and doing those things that will enlarge and strengthen our faith and make us more Godlike in our personal and daily activities.

Our lesson text for today's study is taken from 1 John 4:13-19, which deals with the nature of God and of our assurance of salvation in Him, and from Ephesians 3:14-21, which contains Paul's prayer that the members of the church at Ephesus might grow in all Christian grace and virtue.

The purpose of today's lesson is to encourage Christians to seek a broader and deeper understanding of God through a

personal relationship with Him.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The greatness of God is manifest everywhere.
2. The frailty of man is manifest everywhere.
3. These two facts show the need of man to draw upon God's strength and wisdom.

B. The Christian's Supernatural Position (1 John 4:13-15)

1. The Christian dwells in Christ.
2. And Christ dwells in the Christian.
3. This means that He is always with us to help.

C. The Christian's Spiritual Position (1 John 4:16, 17)

1. The Christian dwells in God's house of love.
2. The house of love has two fronts: love to God and one's fellowman.
3. The house of love is light and sunny—lit by the Sun of Righteousness.

D. The Christian's Social Position (1 John 4:17-19)

1. The Christian is in the world, but not of the world.
2. The Christian's purpose in the world is to glorify God.
3. The Christian can best glorify God by being a living witness for Him.

E. Paul's Deep Concern for the Ephesians (Ephesians 3:14-19)

1. Paul is telling the subject of his prayers.
2. Paul prays for the Christian's "inner man."
3. No one is rich unless he is rich in Christ.

F. Paul's Praise to God (Ephesians 3:20, 21)

1. He praises God for His power.
2. The power of God is manifest through Christ in the church.
3. Praise to God will continue throughout eternity.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the beginning God and man experienced a wonderful fellowship together. But because man sinned his fellowship with God was broken. Man's way back to God was made possible when Jesus, God's Son, died for us and rose victorious over the grave.

Today's text shows us how we can be assured that God dwells in us and we dwell in Him. (Read 1 John 4:15.) The inspired writer's word is that if we confess that Jesus is God's Son, we are united with God. To confess is more than to say the words. It is to show by our lives that we recognize the deity and lordship of Jesus. In conjunction with this the one who confesses Jesus' deity also testifies that Jesus was sent into the world by the Father to be the Saviour of the world. (Read 1 John 4:14.)

Further proof of our unity with God is the presence of God's Spirit. (Read 1 John 4:13.) We know we possess the Spirit when His fruit mentioned in Galatians 5:22, 23 is found in our lives.

If we imitate God's sacrificial love for us by loving others we know He dwells in us. (Read 1 John 4:16.)

The happy result of our union with God is that the day of judgment will have no fear for us. We will escape punishment and dwell with God forever. (Read 1 John 4:17, 18.)—Adapted from Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. "Cara Lott was one of the best liked girls in the whole school. She seemed sincerely interested in everyone and always tried to be of help. Some people didn't really know what made Cara so different, but her closest friends knew it was because she was a wonderful Christian.

"Even those who were not Christians seemed to have a respect for Cara. Whenever there was some discussion about things to do they went to Cara because they trusted her so completely.

"It was when a girl from a foreign country moved to town that Cara's color really began to show. The girl had been brought over by an American servant man and his wife several years before. They had lived in many cities, but they now settled here permanently. The first thing Cara noticed was that other girls did not seem to take to Ling. Cara mentioned it to some of them.

"'Well,' said one of the girls, 'Ling is different than we are. She doesn't really fit into our school programs.'

"'Fit in!' Cara Lott questioned. 'What do you mean?'

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Questions & Answers

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thirst for perfection will also grow rather than to diminish as probably the natural man would suppose.

God's Word would disturb and alarm when we acquire the mood of a sluggish sleeper in reference to God's eternal laws and precepts. "Wherefore he h, Awake thou that sleepest, and e from the dead, and Christ shall give e light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord (Ephesians 5:14-17); "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame" (1 Corinthians 15:33, 34).

our new hearts or conscience are given as a safeguard against a life of sin was characteristic of us before we were saved. The things that we did and thoughts we entertained were characteristic of the old life, and brought us a kind of pleasure comparable to carnal life or fleshly life exhibited in fleshly lusts that gave us a kind of friendship with the "uncircumcized" world or society of lustful people; but in Christ, at times we may find ourselves being influenced in a thought life that evil realm we actually hate. We "wait with patience" the race that is set before us while we look not on the world, but unto Christ the Author and Finisher of our faith. We may in this that's committed unto Christ and His kingdom work come into contact with the people of the world that are without deceitful sinners, having a form of godliness, but denying the power of God; but we shall never be found fellowshipping with them in their ungodly acts. We shall come to them and make appeals in the name of Christ, hoping to bring them to His saving grace; but we shall never fellowship with a liberal, so-called Christian, on his grounds. In all transactions and efforts, like Joshua, we shall draw a line of distinction, inviting those who are truly on the Lord's side to be separated and come with us in a war against sin and sinful practices.

I am not the spiritual brother of any man who question the authenticity of God's Word, nor of the deity of Christ, and I expect that if I live to be a hundred, none will ever so class me. I am on the Lord's side regarding the true church,

the body of Christ, the Word of God, and of Christ himself. Christ is the true Word and when the Word speaks, that is none other than He speaking.

I do not claim spiritual kinship with any who question Christ's deity or God's Word in its original form as anything short of the whole message God, intended to convey His whole instructions to man, all he needs, and all he will have to enlighten and guide him until Jesus comes. "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. . . . I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. . . . O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. . . . I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation" (Psalm 119:89, 93, 97, 99).

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MAN'S NEED OF GOD

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tells us, ". . . all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"; and all those who have rejected the Son of God will be rejected by God himself unless they repent of their sins. There is hope for a man, a woman, a boy, or a girl who realizes this. (See John 3:15, 16.)

Mr. Willard tells the story of a chaplain in World War II who came to him and opened his heart about a burden he was carrying. He broke down and cried, stating that before the boys went into battle, at the time he should have been proclaiming the gospel to them, he was telling them humorous stories. Thus these men went into battle unprepared to die. He stated that one half of them were killed the first three days of the bloody conflict, and now it was too late. He thought that because of his unconcern for their salvation, these men died without Christ.

Today, May 22, 1972, for the first time in history, an American President is in Moscow, Russia, with a team of 800 people. May much lasting good come from this and leave in the Soviet Union a testimony for Christ. Young people as well as the elderly need and will never be satisfied except in the Lord. Our youth of the land need first of all a Christian home. Next they need the stabilizing influence and counsel of a Bible-teaching church, founded in Sunday school, training services, and worship services. After conversion they should obey the last command of the Lord Jesus Christ just before His return to His heavenly Father: ". . . All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:18-20).

VI. Conclusion

A. Our need is a desperate one.

B. We need Christ because by knowing Him, we know the true God.

C. We need and are under obligation to share that knowledge with others.

"Why are thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psalm 42:5).

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Sunday School Lesson

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"Well, let's face it," said the girl. 'She's a foreigner.'

"Ling heard what the other girl said and felt she could not trust anyone in the class again. That is, until Cara Lott befriended her.

"Why do you take time to be with me?" Ling asked one day. 'The others do everything they can to avoid me.'

"Quietly, but pointedly, Cara Lott told of the love of Christ for everyone. 'He cares,' she finished, 'so I care.'

"Christian young people need to learn to be more thoughtful. They should reflect the love of Christ to those who find it difficult to make friends. Christ showed love to His enemies. Do you?"
—Devotions for Early Teens.

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Change of Address

Effective August 1, 1972, the address of the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen will change from Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, to Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, North Carolina 27834. All correspondence to him after this date should be addressed to the new address.

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A husband's such a nuisance

To have around the house.

Always blundering in the way

Like a bumblebee or mouse,

Messing up the furniture,

When cleaning house is done.

Oh, a husband is a nuisance—

But, how I wish I had one!

—Copied from Grit.

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July 28, 1972 at

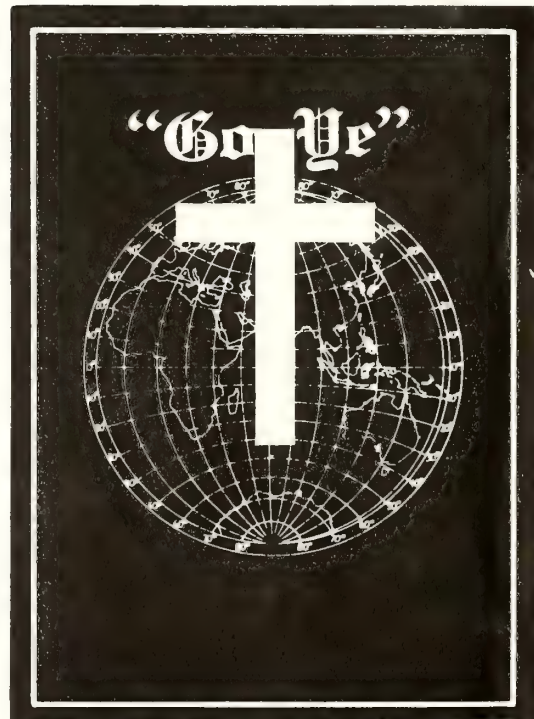
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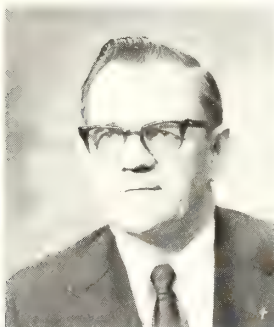
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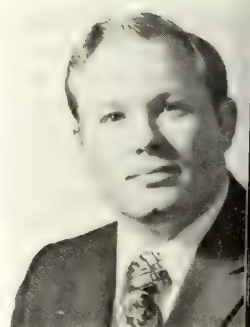
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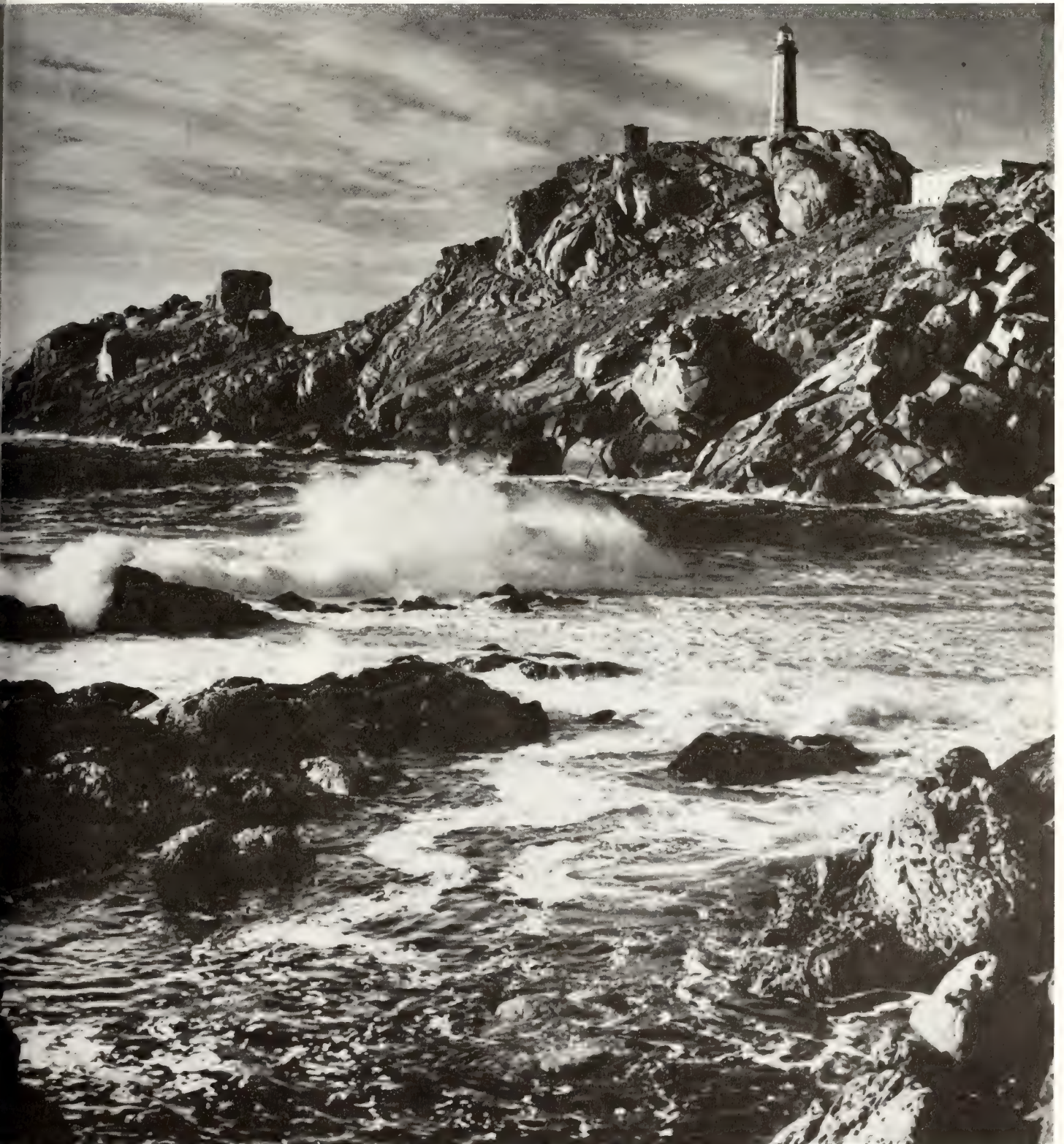
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AN ISLAND EXPERIENCE

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It was warm, very warm, about six o'clock in the afternoon—a recent July Saturday. My friend suggested that we take a ride. I asked where; he said that he'd direct me. So I drove.

I had spent most of the day at the shore. I am always awed by the color and grandeur of the ocean as the color on the horizon graduates from the deepest blue, to aqua, to gray, almost black, and then white as the foam is washed back and forth on the sand. It was hard to tear myself away from this scene: the bluest sky with the whitest clouds canopying the grandest and most beautiful of oceans. Gulls called and soared above, some too close to my head. The sun shone brightly, too hot except for the refreshing breeze from the Atlantic. . .

I was driving but still remembering the ocean. I suddenly realized that we were in the car. "Where are we going?" I asked.

"Never mind," he answered. "Just follow this road."

From the coastal resort town of Morehead City, we drove to a waterfront flea market in historic Beaufort. We browsed, and I purchased an antique picture of a precious little girl who reminded me so much of someone I loved. . . "Is this where you wanted to go? Is this what you wanted me to see?"

"Yes," he answered both questions. "But there's more. Let's go."

For many miles we drove, leisurely, as though we had all the time in the world—which indeed we did, for we neither had any particular schedule or appointments to keep. I saw a sign pointing toward the left, around a curve, to a place called Harkers Island. "Is that where?" I asked.

"Yes," he said.

The road was winding and not much traveled at this particular time of the day. We didn't have to worry about the traffic. The few cars we met and the one or two that came up behind us seemed also not to be in any hurry. Maybe it was the time of day, or the place. I don't know. . .

We cruised through the residential section. It was very quiet. Only a few people were in their yards. Only a child or two played. "Where is everyone?"

"Probably inside," my friend answered. "You won't see a lot of excitement here. They live at a slow pace."

I nodded, and looking down the road, "How much further?"

"Until we come to a stopping point and can't go any further." I was amused at his answer.

A few more miles and we came to the stopping point—a dead end. We got out of the car and leaned against the hood. There before us was the wide expanse of the ocean. To the right and across the way was the black and white lighthouse; and closer by were the wild red pories running up and down the shore and in and out of the banks.

My friend began to tell me about the original lighthouse—a wood structure—and how a young, fast-on-his-feet boy with a single blow of an axe had made it fall and having left the axe had run back to reclaim it before the lighthouse had come crashing to the ground. He told me also about the red ponies—how they roam up and down. . .

I was more interested in something else. It was in front of my eyes and had captivated me in what could be described as a semihypnotic trance. That ocean! That calm, peaceful water with its millions of bubbles, reflecting in prism light the late evening sun, like so many brilliant diamonds, too precious to hold and too beautiful not to look upon with amazement and wonder. . . My thoughts settled upon my youth, my early adult years, my varied experiences. None could compare. . .

"What are you looking at, Tommy?" My friend noticed my quietness.

"Oh, a lot," I answered. He seemed satisfied.

I breathed deeply and got the most satisfying breaths I had had in a long time. There in God's world where all was tranquil and serene. . . No hurried appointment to keep. . . No restlessness of soul and spirit. . . No danger threatening the nerves. . . No aching heart. . . The calm water, the bubbles, the cooling breeze, the sun, the quietness, a friend, and God. . .

My friend noticed almost a sadness in my eyes. "What's wrong?" he asked.

"Nothing's wrong," I answered. "Everything's right." Tears welled in my eyes. I hoped he hadn't noticed.

I got in the car reluctantly and turned around to journey back the way we came. We were both silent for a long time. My friend had never known me to be so silent. . . The sun was setting.

I took one last look toward the cape; and though it was still light, a single star shone brightly above—a fitting benediction to a memorable time.

Someday ages hence, when I'm all alone and lonely and ill content, I'll be able to reflect upon that experience on the island and will be able to find at least a small measure of joy. . .



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A Tribute to James A. Evans on Retirement from Active Ministry

(May 28, 1972)

mitted by the official board of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, and compiled by Mrs. Nina Grace Register.)

One can deny that Jim Evans is a busy man. Asked when he finds time to study, he says, "Oh, I do my best lying between 6 and 6:30 in the morning."

He doesn't really get up at six and immediately start studying a sermon, does he?

No, I didn't say that," he replies with a wink in his eye. "I just lie there and study about whether to get up and go to work, or turn over and go back to sleep."

It takes a marvelous sense of humor to carry a man still smiling through forty-seven years as an ordained minister. It also requires a real dedication to God, a love for human beings, an understanding of people, and the ability to relax. Of these he has. These traits enable him to go from a sickroom to a dinner, a board meeting, to a bereaved home, a birthday party, with the right words and attitude at each place. Thus, when he goes home, according to a reliable source, he can dismiss it all and be asleep within two minutes after his head hits the pillow!

When he was born November 10, 1905, at Lucama, Wilson County, North Carolina, Arthur and Nettie Moore Evans were happy that the first of their eight children was a boy. (Five of the children are living at this time.)

Raised on a farm, James A. Evans attended schools at Lucama, Aberdeen, and Leland. After being converted in September, 1922, and licensed to preach in November, a year later, he attended

Eureka College at Ayden, North Carolina, in 1924 and 1925, and was ordained in the Western Conference of Free Will Baptists January 16, 1925. Afterwards, he attended several sessions of the Rural Pastors Institute at Duke University, and some at Mercer University. It is interesting to note that he graduated from Middlesex High School in 1945—twenty years after his college days at Ayden! He is one of the few people to finish college before high school.

In the years since 1925, he has held 18 pastorates, serving Fremont Chapel twice, and has acted as supply pastor for at least four others.

The beginning of his active, ordained ministry is not all that makes 1925 an important year in his life. While working in Florida earlier, he had met a pretty red-haired girl named Ethel Faye Andreu, and they were married February 18, 1928.

The Evans' children were born in different towns, as most ministers' children are. Ann was born at Richmond; Lorraine and (deceased) Elizabeth were born at Lucama; and J. Arthur and Kay were born at Kenly. The children live in Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas; the six grandchildren love to come to see "Pa-pa" and "Pa-pa" loves them.

In fact, all children are a special love of his. He sponsored one of the first daily vacation Bible schools in North Carolina while he pastored at Union Grove in Wayne County, during the 30's. More recently, he encouraged the organization of kindergarten classes at both the Goldsboro and Kinston churches. And he served as superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex for almost ten years—from 1940 through 1949. In addition to counseling, encouraging, and advising many young people privately, he was instrumental in the establishment and is a member of the North Carolina State Convention's Commission on Scouting, serves on the God and Country Award Committee for the Caswell District of Boy Scouts of America; and as a result of his efforts locally, our Troop No. 453 has conferred more God and Country Awards than any other troop in the district. As

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Presentation of check (donations) to the Rev. and Mrs. Evans.



SUNDAY, JULY 30

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 3:9

CONSCIENCE AND TRADITION

One night a hoodlum in Chicago murdered a policeman in a tavern. He was apprehended and put in jail. On the next day, Friday, he was served mutton for his noon meal. Indignantly he said to the guard, "Take that away. Do you think I would eat meat on Friday?"

The hoodlum had no compunction about taking the life of an officer of the law, but he was slavishly observant of a religious tradition.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we find ourselves feeling as this man did? Maybe not to this extreme, but over smaller things. Sometimes the little things count so much. Do we have conscience pangs after examining ourselves?

MONDAY, JULY 31

Scripture Reading—Acts 2:24

JUST AWAY!

You cannot say, you must not say
That she is dead. She is just away!
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand

She has wandered into an unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since she lingers there!
So think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here,
Think of her still as the same, and say
She is not dead, she is just away!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

PRAYER THOUGHT

After losing a loved one by death—each one brings thoughts never thought before to each of us. That particular person whom God called leaves us with something we did not have before—a new lesson in life. Do you agree?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Scripture Reading—Colossians 2:2

OLD FRIENDS

There are no friends like old friends,
And none so good and true;
We greet them when we meet them,
As roses greet the dew.

No other friends are dearer,
Though born of kindred mold;
And while we prize the new ones,
We treasure more the old.

And when they smile to gladden,

Or sometimes frown to guide,
We fondly wish those old friends
Were always by our side.

And when our faltering footsteps
Approach the Great Divide,
We'll long to meet the old friends
Who wait on the other side.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we ever find new friends that mean as much to us as our old ones? Some say we do not—ever, but to each his own in his thoughts on this subject. New friends can become very dear, can't they?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 8:13

I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT

Having been robbed ten times, Charles Vargo, the owner of a service station in Cleveland, Ohio, closed his business after years of honest service to a large clientele.

Charles complained, "I hate to close my gas station. I've built up a good business, but I'm afraid somebody's going to get killed. I can't sleep at night anymore."

How shameful it is that a law-abiding, hardworking man is forced out of business by the lawless element of our society!

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we all pray earnestly, day in and day out, that the time will come when we can live again without fear. God wants it this way because He loves us.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:17

"I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!"

During a lax time, a workman began to repair the cesspool in his backyard. Before he completed the job, he was called back to work. He placed boards over the open cesspool, and told his wife not to let their little girl go near it.

His wife said, "It is dangerous to leave the cesspool with only boards across the top of it. Make it safer and do it without delay." He promised he would but neglected to do it.

One day the little girl was missing. After a frantic search, her dead body was found at the bottom of the cesspool.

Weeping uncontrollably, the father said, "I intended to make the cesspool safe, but I neglected to do so. I will never forgive myself. How could I have been so neglectful?"—Told by John A. MacArthur.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How many times are we guilty of neglect? Let us try harder in the coming days "to do" rather than "intend to do." There will always be things we wanted to do, but making them fewer would be a wonderful beginning, wouldn't it?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 22:6

SHORTCHANGED

A teacher asked her class of junior boys to write an essay on "Religion in the Home."

A boy raised his hand. The teacher asked, "What is it?"

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

There is a pastoral vacancy at the new Free Will Baptist Church, Belhaven, North Carolina, which is open the next year for the right man. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Eugene S. Stinson, Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina 27810; or telephone 964-5678.

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Mr. John Henry Sullivan, Route 1, Box 170, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28359 is a licensed minister, working toward his ordination, who would like to serve a church within commuting distance of Mount Olive. Any church desiring his services may contact him at the address above, or by telephoning 658-2233.

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Socrates was a Greek philosopher who went around giving good advice. He was poisoned him.

The boy squawked, "Teacher, we have got no religion in our home."

Children are greatly shortchanged when reared in a prayerless and Christless home. How poorly prepared they are to fight the battles of life.—Told by Alice Marie Knight

PRAYER THOUGHT

To hear a child say what this one heard to say breaks our hearts, doesn't it? May we strive to teach others about God as well as the ones in our own homes. If we do, else will they learn how to live and love to die?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Scripture Reading—Revelation 3:11

THE TIDE WILL TURN

Said Harriet Beecher Stowe, "When you get into a difficult place and everything goes against you until it seems you cannot hold on another minute, never give up the fight for that is just the place when the tide will turn."

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we keep the above thought in mind always. We might not need it, but if we do we will be better prepared for whatever comes our way.

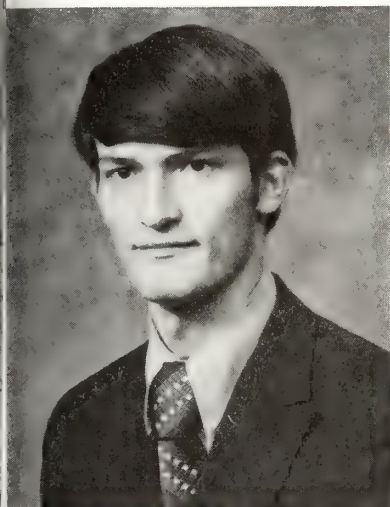
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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Waters Awarded Scholarship



Marvin Ray Waters, son of Mr. Alton Waters Sr. of Williamston, North Carolina, has been awarded a scholarship at Mount Olive College for the academic year 1972-73.

Marvin, a rising sophomore at Mount Olive College, is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Carolina.

He is majoring in business administration at the college and served as vice-president of the freshman class. He is also a member of the Pep Club, Intercollegiate Club, Young Republicans Club, and president of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship. He participated in intramural football and states that he is interested in swimming and traveling.

Mount Olive is a two-year, liberal arts institution featuring individualized instruction, a nonfailing grading system, intercollegiate athletics, and one of the most innovative and progressive educational programs in the nation.

If dancing were based on recreation more than upon freedom of contact which it allows, then you could have a successful "all boy dance." Ever try it? Jim Smith.

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Financial Aid at College

Information released today showed that Mount Olive College awarded over a quarter of a million dollars in student financial aid last year.

Figures indicate that \$226,260 were distributed among 203 deserving students. This represents two thirds of the student body with an average of \$1,114.58 of aid per student per year.

Roy Colquitt, director of admissions at Mount Olive College, announced that there is still financial aid available to students for next year.

"Because we have a continuous admissions program here," he said, "we are presently receiving applications for the fall semester. I want to emphasize that no student should hesitate to apply because he feels that he may not have sufficient financial resources to attend college.

"No qualified student has ever been denied admission to Mount Olive for financial reasons."

EXPLO '72 COMES TO YOU

During the week of July 30-August 5 more than 260 television stations throughout the nation will present three one-hour programs on Explo '72 which was held in Dallas, Texas, in June.

This congress on student evangelism has been considered by many Christian leaders to be one of the most significant events in the history of the church. It brought together more than 80,000 young people from every state in the nation and every major country on earth.

A bus delegation of 37 people from Mount Olive College attended this event.

Free Will Baptists are encouraged to consult their local papers and other television program listings for the time and station of these important telecasts.

Dr. Raper To Be Interviewed On TV

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College will be interviewed Wednesday, August 2, over Wilmington Television Station WECT (Channel 6) on the Jim Burns Show, sometime between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

Through the use of color slides, President Raper will tell the Mount Olive College story, including the growth and development of the College, its distinctive educational programs, its purpose, and plans for the future.

All friends of the College within reception distance of WECT-TV are cordially invited to see and hear this program.

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Dean of Students Helps Conduct Conference

Dr. Jamil Shami, dean of students at Mount Olive College, was invited to help lead and conduct a conference in Michigan.

He participated in "The Leadership Team," a training institute sponsored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. Hillsdale College in Michigan was host the conference from July 14-16.

This special leadership training program was established for persons who are working directly with student activities in the areas of student government, residence hall living, organizational programming, and leadership development.

The course utilizes the laboratory method of learning and brings participants into contact with decision-making techniques, how to structure meetings for maximum involvement, interpersonal perceptions, conformity-deviation problems, leadership styles, and communication skills.

Dr. Shami commented on the institute, saying, "This is an approach in administration that emphasizes group involvement through group leaders. This de-emphasizes the role of one-man leadership and decision-making power.

"This is dynamic, new innovative. It builds on the latest theories of psychology, education, and social anthropology. It is more in line with understanding youth today and attempting to meet their needs.

"Such an approach is based on identification within the group as a dynamic force of decision making and planning.

"Our structure of the student person-
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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Harry A. Jones to Pastor Virginia Beach Church



The Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, 210 South Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, has called as its pastor, the Rev. Harry A. Jones, who will assume his new pastorate August 1, 1972.

Mr. Jones is a native of Craven County, North Carolina (near Kinston), and was educated in the Craven and Lenoir Counties schools. He is also an alumnus of Mount Olive College. He has been in the ministry eleven years and have served churches in Craven, Beaufort, Sampson, Johnston, and Pitt Counties, North Carolina. He has served as vice-moderator of the Cape Fear Union, on the Board of Ordination of the Cape Fear Conference, secretary of the State Sunday School Convention for two years; secretary of the North Carolina Ministerial Association for two years, and is at present moderator of the Central Conference.

Mr. Jones states, concerning his calling to the Virginia Beach church, "I look forward with great expectations in Christ as we serve Him there at Virginia Beach."

The Rev. and Mrs. Jones, and their son, Lynwood, will be living in the Virginia Beach church parsonage at 190 Hill Prince Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

23462. The Joneses ask for your prayers as they enter into this new work and that you stop by for a visit sometime.

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Major Building Program At Antioch Church

The Antioch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Box 281-A, New Bern, North Carolina, announces the beginning of a major building program. The plans call for the enlargement of the sanctuary, adding four new classrooms, and adding two additional rest rooms.

At the present time the new structure is enclosed with the roof on and the brick waiting to be laid. To this date the vast majority of the work has been done on Saturdays by the men of the church. The pastor, the Rev. Jerry B. English, states, "We are on a pay-as-you-go basis and are well ahead with a nice surplus in our budget."

The building committee consists of Mr. Cecil Hartley, Mr. Linwood Fulcher, and Mr. Vance Gaskin. These gentlemen are working hard to keep things going and to keep the cost well under the anticipated budget of \$26,000. A late 1973 completion date is expected. The church membership invite your prayers for the completion of this project.

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Williamston Church to Host Second Union S. S. Convention

The Williamston Free Will Baptist Church, Williamston, North Carolina, will be host to the Second Union Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference, Sunday, July 30, beginning at 3 p.m. Mr. Steve Little, president, will preside. All Sunday schools of the district are urged to be represented.

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Spring Branch Experiences Successful Bible School

The second week in June, 1972, was once again a momentous week in the church life of the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina. During this week the annual vacation Bible school was held nightly for all age groups (youths from the cradle roll through their eighties).

This was a most effective week of study, handcraft, and recreation.

The attendance for the Bible school exceeded that of last year in all age groups and everyone reported a most enjoyable week of classes which were very interesting and informative as taught by various teachers in each department. Everyone ended the week with a feeling of accomplishment and great anticipation for the coming Bible school in 1973.

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The Bolings Presented Plaque By Youth Choir



Charles Pittman Jr. presents plaque to Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Boling.

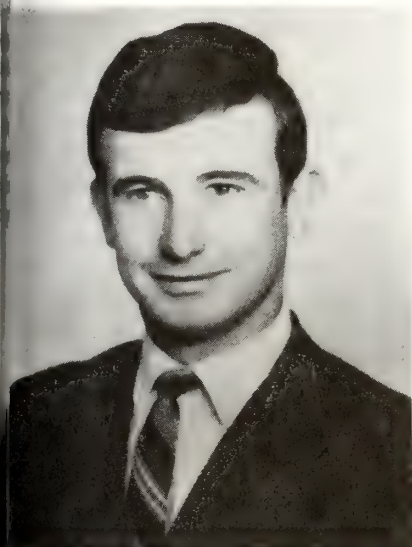
On June 18, the Youth Choir of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, North Carolina, presented the Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Boling with a plaque of appreciation for the many things they have done for the choir during the pastorate of Mr. Boling. The name of each choir member is inscribed on the plaque along with the director, Mrs. Dorothy Pittman. It was fitting that the Bolings be given this award of appreciation. Father's Day, as they have unofficially adopted the choir as their "children."

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Johnnie Bullman to Conduct Sound Side Church Revival

The Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Walstonburg, South Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist for revival services at the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church near Columbia, North Carolina, the week of July 31-August 6. Services will begin each evening at eight o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. N. D. Wiggs, assisting. Along with good gospel preaching each evening, special music also will be rendered. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

Ordination and Licenses Granted Wilson Church



Doug Skinner

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, is happy to announce the ordination of Douglas Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Skinner of Wilson, to the full gospel ministry.

The ordination took place in his church July 2 before a large audience. Members of the Ordaining Council of the Eastern Conference were present to administer the laying on of hands. The Rev. William Dale presented Mr. Skinner with his credentials; the Rev. Royster Martin presented the Bible; and the Rev. F. Bowen, pastor of the church, delivered the charge.

Mr. Skinner has completed two years at Mount Olive College, graduating this spring, and will continue his ministerial training at Oakland City College in Indiana next fall.

During the service licenses were presented to Dwight Hawley and John Blancon, also of the Wilson church, to preach the gospel for one year. These have been recommended by the ordaining council and licenses were granted by the church.

Everyone is asked to pray for these young men that God may use them in His service.

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Calvary Church Completes Successful Bible School

A most successful week of Bible school was held at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, during the week of June 12-16. There was an average attendance for the week of 130 persons. The offering for the week was put into a fund to purchase a public address system for the church. Mrs. Louise Kling was director of the school with

Mrs. Barbara Pittman assisting. Mrs. Dorothy Pittman and Miss Linda Langley were in charge of the music.

On Saturday afternoon, June 17, a picnic was held at the Wilson Recreation Park. Commencement exercises were held at the church Sunday evening, June 18, at which time each department presented a program. Crafts made during the week were on display in the back rooms of the church.

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Central Second Union At Williamston Church

The Second Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene with the Williamston Free Will Baptist Church, Williamston, North Carolina, Saturday morning, July 29. All churches of the district are urged to be represented.

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Eastern Fifth Union at Spring Hope Church

The Fifth Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference will convene with the Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Craven County, North Carolina, Saturday Morning, July 29, with the Rev. Preston Haddock as host pastor. The program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn
 - Devotions, the Rev. Raymond Hardison
 - Welcome, the Rev. Preston Haddock
 - Response, the Rev. E. E. Edwards
- 10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
 - Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- 10:25—Reading of Minutes
 - Roll Call of Churches
 - Offering for Children's Home
- 10:50—Report of Denominational Enterprises
- 11:15—Business Session
- 11:30—Report of Finance Committee
 - Announcements
- 11:40—Special Music
- 11:55—Worship Service:
 - Message, the Rev. Rudy Shepard
 - Adjournment

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Second Union Meeting Of Western Conference

The Second Union Meeting of the Western Conference will convene in a morning session with New Sandy Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Sims, North Carolina, Saturday, July 29. The program is as follows:

- 9:30—Hymn
 - Welcome, New Sandy Hill Church
 - Response, Mount Zion Church
 - Devotions, New Sandy Hill Church
 - Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Terry Woodall

- Reading of Minutes, Clerk
- Roll Call of Churches, Clerk
- Roll Call of Ministers, Clerk
- Denominational Reports
- Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
- Offering
- Hymn
- Business Session
- Special Music
- Message, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
- Hymn
- Benediction

12:00—Adjournment (No Afternoon Session)

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Second Western SS Convention at Barnes Hill

The Second Western District Sunday School Convention will convene Saturday, July 29, at 8 p. m., at the Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Nashville, North Carolina. The theme of the convention will be "Seeking God's Kingdom," with Scripture taken from Matthew 6:33. The scheduled program is as follows:

Session

- Song Service, Mrs. Norma Bozelle
- Devotions, Mrs. Cleo Worrell
- Welcome, Mrs. Henry Eason
- Response, Miss Becky Duncan
- Business
- Report from Cragmont, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
- Offering for Cragmont
- Special Music, Host Church and Visiting Groups
- Awarding of Banner and Trophy
- Adjournment

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Saint Paul to Host Cape Fear Union

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene on Saturday morning, July 29, with the Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church near Newton Grove, North Carolina. The moderator, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, will preside. The local church pianist and organist will play for this service. The program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
 - Devotions, the Rev. Cooper Thompson
 - Welcome, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin
 - Response, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley
- 10:15—Enrollment of Officers and Ministers
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Reading of Minutes
 - Appointment of Committees

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INFORMATION ABOUT **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. A. GRAHAM LANE, Acting Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of May, 1972. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing but totals are shown here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for May, 1972, compared with May, 1971.

| Religious Contributions Received | 1972 | 1971 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 655.11 | \$ 1,212.58 | \$(557.47) |
| Blue Ridge Association | | 63.45 | (63.45) |
| Cape Fear Conference | 4,338.76 | 2,731.09 | 1,657.67 |
| Central Conference | 4,938.73 | 5,180.18 | (241.45) |
| Eastern Conference | 5,127.83 | 5,550.06 | (422.23) |
| Pee Dee Association | 133.65 | 412.68 | (279.03) |
| Piedmont Conference | 536.90 | 53.25 | 483.65 |
| Rockfish Conference | 50.00 | 35.00 | 15.00 |
| Toe River Association | 36.00 | | 36.00 |
| Western Conference | 5,257.22 | 5,126.29 | 130.93 |
| Statewide Bodies | | 612.28 | (612.28) |
| Other States | 132.09 | | 132.09 |
| Other Religious | | 50.00 | (50.00) |
| Total Religious Contributions | \$21,256.29 | \$21,026.86 | \$ 229.43 |
| Parents and Relatives | \$ 829.20 | \$ 1,348.99 | \$(519.79) |
| Friends and Others | 830.00 | 1,205.00 | (375.00) |
| Canteen Sales | 64.90 | 358.00 | (293.10) |
| Farm Income | 705.48 | 1,212.53 | (507.05) |
| Miscellaneous | 911.74 | 1,044.71 | (132.97) |
| Total Other Income | \$ 3,341.32 | \$ 5,169.23 | \$(1,827.91) |
| Total Income for Month | \$24,597.61 | \$25,159.99 | \$(562.38) |
| The above was received for the following: | | | |
| General Fund | \$24,527.61 | \$25,149.99 | \$(622.38) |
| Jesse Woodard Memorial Fund | 5.00 | 10.00 | (5.00) |
| Van Savings Account | 65.00 | | 65.00 |
| | \$24,597.61 | \$25,159.99 | \$(562.38) |

HONOR ROLL

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Albemarle Conference | |
| Malachi's Chapel | \$ 119.00 |
| Free Union | 135.91 |
| Cape Fear Conference | |
| Johnston Union | \$ 220.00 |
| Riverside | 145.00 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 263.54 |
| Casey's Chapel | 130.96 |
| Faith | 136.36 |
| Hopewell | 195.30 |
| Oak Grove | 239.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 250.00 |
| St. Paul | 200.00 |
| Powhatan | 290.66 |
| Goldsboro | 175.00 |
| Tee's Chapel | 150.00 |

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| Lee's Chapel | 1,165.00 |
| Robert's Grove | 350.00 |
| Smyrna | 115.00 |
| Christian Chapel | 150.00 |
| Central Conference | |
| Williamston | \$ 103.00 |
| Ayden | 310.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 130.40 |
| Ormondsville | 268.15 |
| Pleasant Hill | 100.00 |
| Black Jack | 267.00 |
| Winterville | 195.21 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 129.75 |
| Friendship | 602.00 |
| Otter's Creek | 286.70 |
| Dilda's Grove | 125.00 |
| Free Union | 350.96 |

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| Saratoga | 125 |
| Aspen Grove | 236 |
| King's Cross Roads | 478 |
| Reedy Branch | 100 |
| Peace | 120 |
| Hugo | 330 |
| Grimsley | 100 |

Eastern Conference

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|-----------------|--------|
| White Oak Grove | \$ 175 |
| Oak Grove | 142 |
| Rooty Branch | 100 |
| Antioch | 184 |
| Memorial | 120 |
| Bridgeton | 455 |
| Davis | 145 |
| Juniper Chapel | 183 |
| Pearsall Chapel | 149 |
| Northeast | 107 |
| Gray Branch | 160 |
| New Haven | 100 |
| Vanceboro | 100 |
| Mount Pleasant | 100 |
| Bethel | 170 |
| Arapahoe | 100 |
| Faith | 121 |
| Ephesus | 102 |
| Holly Springs | 200 |
| Sound View | 150 |
| Moseley Creek | 220 |

Piedmont Conference

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|-----------------|--------|
| East Rockingham | \$ 100 |
| Mount Olive | 310 |

Western Conference

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|---------------------|--------|
| Wilson | \$ 102 |
| Mount Zion (Wilson) | 142 |
| Holly Springs | 126 |
| Barnes Hill | 111 |
| Pleasant Grove | 387 |
| Branch Chapel | 214 |
| Unity | 145 |
| Union Grove | 118 |
| St. Mary's | 235 |
| Pleasant Hill | 100 |
| Rains Cross Roads | 250 |
| Spring Hill | 200 |
| Little Rock | 325 |
| Sherron Acres | 125 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 124 |
| Marsh Swamp | 170 |
| Pine Level | 555 |
| Micro | 125 |
| First Union | 163 |
| Free Union | 100 |
| Everett's Chapel | 180 |
| Fremont | 226 |
| Memorial Chapel | 107 |

FOUNDERS' DAY HONOR ROLL

(\$1 per Member)

Albemarle Conference

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| Hickory Chapel Auxiliary | |
| Shiloh | |

Free Will Baptist Conference
 Cora Mitchell Class (Goldsboro)
 Casey's Chapel
 Christian Chapel
 Faith Sunday School
 Hopewell
 Johnston Union Auxiliary
 Lee's Chapel
 Oak Grove
 Oak Grove Auxiliary
 Powhatan
 Powhatan Auxiliary
 Pleasant Grove
 Riverside
 Riverside Auxiliary
 Robert's Grove
 St. Mary's Grove Auxiliary
 St. Mary's
 St. Paul
 Smyrna Young People
 Smyrna
 Welverton's Grove Auxiliary

Free Will Baptist Conference

Wyden
 Aspen Grove Sunday School
 Aspen Grove Auxiliary
 Daniel's Chapel Auxiliary
 Wilda's Grove Sunday School
 Edgewood Auxiliary
 Friendship
 Friendship Layman's League
 Free Union Sunday School
 Grimsley
 Jarrell's Chapel Sunday School
 Hickory Grove Sunday School
 Hickory Grove Auxiliary
 Hugo
 Hugo Sunday School
 Hull Road Auxiliary
 King's Cross Roads
 Ormondsville
 Ormondsville Sunday School
 Ormondsville Auxiliary
 Otter's Creek
 Otter's Creek Sunday School
 Pleasant Hill
 Peace
 Rose Hill League
 Spring Branch Auxiliary
 Watery Branch
 Williamston Men's Fellowship Class
 Williamston Auxiliary
 Williamston Sunday School

Free Will Baptist Conference

Bethel
 Bethel Auxiliary
 Bridgeton
 Core Point
 Core Creek Sunday School
 Croatan
 Davis
 Deep Run Men's Class
 Ephesus
 Faith Auxiliary

Gray Branch Sunday School
 Indian Springs Auxiliary
 Juniper Chapel
 Lanier's Chapel Sunday School
 Memorial
 Moseley Creek
 Mount Pleasant
 New Bethlehem Sunday School
 New Haven Sunday School
 Oak Grove Sunday School
 Pearsall Chapel
 Reunion Chapel Sunday School
 Rooty Branch
 Smyrna Auxiliary
 Sneads Ferry
 Sound View
 Spring Hope Auxiliary
 Vanceboro
 Warden's Grove
 Whaley Chapel Auxiliary
 White Oak Grove
 Winter Green Women's Class
 Winter Green Young Adults

Piedmont Conference

Friendly Chapel
 Mount Olive Sunday School

Rockfish Conference

Hickory Grove Auxiliary

Toe River Association

McCoury's Rock

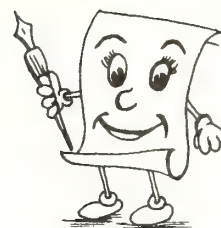
Western Conference

Barnes Hill
 Black Jack Grove Sunday School
 Fremont
 Free Union
 Holly Springs Auxiliary
 Kenly Auxiliary
 Little Rock
 Mount Zion Auxiliary (Wilson)
 Milbournie Auxiliary
 Owen's Chapel Auxiliary
 Pine Level
 Pleasant Grove
 Pleasant Grove Auxiliary
 Pleasant Hill Sunday School
 Pleasant Hill Auxiliary
 Rains Cross Roads
 Rock Springs
 St. Mary's
 Sherron Acres
 Spring Hill
 Union Grove Sunday School
 Union Grove Auxiliary
 Unity
 Unity Auxiliary
 Wilson (Willing Workers' Class)
 Wilson (Fellowship Class)

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"Education means developing the mind, not stuffing the memory."—Rockwell City, Iowa, Advocate.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Did you know that young people detect sham and hypocrisy in adults before we ever realize we're practicing deceit?

We can fool ourselves sometimes; but as soon as a child gets old enough to begin thinking of his future as an adult and forming ideals of what he wants himself to be, he sees through the myth that "grown-up is perfect." He questions our deception, wondering why we criticize him and at the same time do things he considers just as bad.

A young person was discussing an outstanding spiritual leader who wears gobs of makeup. "It's not so bad from a distance—sometimes she really looks good. But if you get up close, her face is a mask. You say, 'good morning,' and she answers like this—" (He squinched his eyes and pursed his mouth like a persecuted persimmon.) "Yet, she says my buddy's hair's too long and tells him about it every week."

Frequent magazine articles by psychiatrists and psychologists assert that many young people take to smoking pot or trying pills because their parents nonchalantly drink or take medicine all the time.

We know about the parents who leave little children at Sunday school and drive away, using the teachers as convenient baby-sitters. How about the parent who destroys the "bad" magazine without explaining what's bad about it? Or the person who practices the Ten Commandments but often begins sentences with "Lord, . . ." taking His name in vain?

I wish the young people who read this column would tell me about other contradictions they see in adults. Was it Robert Burns who said, "Oh, would some pow'r the giftie give us to see ourselves as others see us"? Even when we look in a mirror, we see what we want to be, not what we really are.

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Forced to be a witness against a friend charged with larceny, yet unwilling to call his friend a thief, ol' Mose said, "I wouldn't say he's an out-and-out thief, but if I were a chicken and saw him loafing around, I'd sure roost high!"

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES A. EVANS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE MINISTRY

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further evidence of his concern for young people, he served as vice-chairman of the counseling section during the Kinston showing of the Billy Graham film, "The Restless Ones." Add to this his time spent with YFA, AFC, and younger ages, and it is no wonder he is "Uncle Jim" to so very many people!

In our local Bible school a few years ago, he taught the boys to make "bee boxes." A year later, gathering the honey, he also gathered enough bee stings to prove they were good boxes and they worked!

Mr. Evans' concern is not only for young people, though. During 1969, as chairman of the Chaplains' Committee of the Lenoir County Ministerial Fellowship, he directed a seminar for training chaplains and clergy in hospital visitation, and he continues to serve as chairman of the Chaplains' Committee.

He is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Flynn Christian Home for Men in Kinston; and he serves actively with the Clinic of the Mental Health Center. He supported a successful drive by the local Ministerial Fellowship to persuade the Lenoir County Commissioners to open their sessions with prayer; in turn, they gave him the honor of being the first minister to lead a prayer for them. He has also held devotional services at Albain Shirt Company, Dobbs School for Girls, and Lenoir County Nurs-

ing Home, in addition to radio broadcasts.

His past activities read like a Yellow Pages' listing of "Things for a Minister to Do in His Spare Time." They include being moderator of Western Conference, vice-president of State Convention, charter president of the Church Finance Association, president of Cragmont Assembly, president of Southeastern Child Care Association, first public relations director for Mount Olive College, member of North Carolina Historical Society, charter member and first president of Middlesex Rotary Club, and some work with the Mission Board while he lived in Bryan, Texas.

The James A. Evans Papers have been established as Manuscript Collection No. 14 in the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection in the library of Mount Olive College.

It would be impossible to measure the far-reaching influence of his ministry. In addition to converts who have assumed places of leadership to work for the Lord as laymen in their local churches, there have been seventeen who committed themselves to the preaching ministry, including Frank Crary, Reb Lancaster, and Carlton Lucas from the local church. Also from the local church, Karen Register declared herself committed to the ministry of music. One young man who came under his influence is now a mis-

sionary in Brazil, South America. name is Bobby Aycock.

During his pastorate in Kinston, Evans for the first time began a student minister program. The Kinston church has had three student ministers: Hal Grubbs, Chris Singleton, and Doug Skinner. Under his authority and direction these young college students got on-the-job training in counseling, visiting, church administration, as well as pulpit experience. We believe he was the first minister in Kinston to use this innovation.

Other changes during his stay in Kinston are visible. The library was dedicated after he came. The Webb property has been developed into Sunday school rooms, Scout rooms, and offices. Playground equipment in the back tests to the presence of the kindergarten already mentioned. New carpet, heating and air-conditioning have been installed.

Now that James A. Evans is retiring is he quitting? Hardly! After he and his wife move to their home in the Lenoir Community, near Seven Springs, he expects to preach at Aurora on Sunday mornings. And he will continue many of the activities already mentioned.

So he may shift into a lower gear and slow down a little, with somewhat more time for his hobbies of hunting, fishing, and bee-keeping. But he will probably be occupied and making the dust when the Lord calls him home! For such a man as he, that would be his desire, and we could only wish for him many happy, active years of retirement before that day comes.

Donations from individuals and various churches which Mr. Evans has served helped make the day a very happy one as their esteem was sincerely shown.

The day's activities came to a close with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds and an hour of Christian fellowship.

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A Letter to Teacher

I'm back in Sunday school today,
And so are Jim and Russ.
We're terribly sorry that you caught
The chicken pox from us.

The substitute is very nice,
But she is cross today;
I think that she's afraid she'll get
The mumps from Sue and Gay!

—Author Unknown

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It is cheaper and safer to send missionaries than to send out soldiers.



The Rev. and Mrs. Evans and their children.

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

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STORIES

for our youth



A SACRIFICE FOR ALL

by JUNE CHAPMAN

KEVIN couldn't remember when he had been so excited. He could hardly believe that he was actually going to see a major-league ball game, but here he was, sitting beside his Uncle Bill on the train. He thought about the evening before. He had been visiting with his Aunt Ruth and Uncle Bill had come home.

"Have I got news!" Uncle Bill had exclaimed.

Aunt Ruth had looked at him. "It must be exciting news," she said. "You look as if you'd just seen a flying saucer!"

"Well, not quite. Scotty Dillon came into the store today. While I was weighing up his hamburger order, he asked me a surprising question."

By this time Kevin had become more interested in what Uncle Bill was saying than in the magazine he had picked up.

"What did he say?" Kevin had asked, laying down the magazine.

"Well, he leaned on the counter, holding a couple of tickets under my nose, and said, 'How would you like to have these for free?'"

"I said, 'Well, it depends on what they're for. I don't go to everything they make tickets for, you know.'"

"He looked at me as if he thought I were a fool and said, 'Why, they're tickets to see the best game of the season for our favorite team!'"

"What's this all about?" I asked suspiciously.

"It's simple," he said. "I bought two tickets for the special train tour to see Saturday's ball game, and now I find

that my boss is sending me on a business trip for the weekend."

When Uncle Bill had got to that part of the story, Kevin had looked up.

"Did he give you the tickets?" he had asked excitedly.

"He certainly did," Uncle Bill had told him.

Kevin had looked at Aunt Ruth. "Do you want to go?" he had asked.

"I should say so!" she had said with enthusiasm. "I've never seen a major-league game."

"Oh," Kevin had said in disappointment.

Uncle Bill had looked at Aunt Ruth.

"Well, maybe I don't want to go as badly as I thought," Aunt Ruth had said. "How would you like to go in my place?"

Kevin hadn't known what to say. Of course he wanted to go, but he didn't want to keep her from going.

"I'll sacrifice wanting to go so that you can have the ticket," she had said. "Your Uncle Bill and I can go together another time."

Kevin was sorry that he had said anything; but Aunt Ruth had insisted, and he finally accepted.

There was one thing that bothered him, though. He couldn't figure out why he should suddenly be thinking about the Sunday school lesson from last Sunday.

Now, as he rode on the train, it came to him. His Aunt Ruth had said that she would sacrifice wanting to go for him. It was that word—SACRIFICE. His teacher had said that Jesus gave His life as a sacrifice.

Kevin didn't have much time to think about it, because the train started to slow down. Uncle Bill said that they would be getting off soon.

They rode a special bus to the ball park. As Kevin looked around him, he was sure that he had never seen so many people together in one place.

It was time for the game to start. They stood up for the national anthem and then settled down for the game. Kevin was excited as he watched the game.

He was more excited than ever when the game went into an extra inning. He watched the other team come up to bat and go down in one-two-three or he began shouting for a home run for his team. He was disappointed, however, as he saw the first two players strike out, but when the third one made three bases, Kevin's hopes revived.

The fourth player bunted, and the third made it to home plate.

"That was a nice sacrifice bunt," Uncle Bill said.

Kevin didn't care what kind of play it was. He was happy because his team had won.

During the ride home, he thought again about the word SACRIFICE. He understood a little better what his teacher had said. The ballplayer had given up his chance for a run so that another player could score; his Aunt Ruth had given up the ticket so that he could go to the game. That's what a sacrifice was. He knew now that Jesus gave up His life as a sacrifice so that people could go to heaven.

When Kevin and Uncle Bill got off the train, Aunt Ruth was there to meet them.

"Did you have a good time?" she asked.

"I sure did," Kevin told her, "and I learned something because you did go."

Aunt Ruth gave him a puzzled look. He knew that she didn't understand, but he would explain it when they got home—My Pleasure.

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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nel program at Mount Olive College in the manner in which we are administering it is based on such realization and awareness. We believe that the individual identification with the group breeds concern for the group well-being. The group's identification with the college is a prerequisite for positive active participation in its development.

"We strive to implement such concepts in the different phases of college life including housing and activities."

Dr. Shami, a native of Jordan, received his Ph.D. from the University of California. He has been dean of students at Mount Olive College since September 1971.



MISIONES

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer

The Bread of Life and a Hungry World'

The play, "The Bread of Life and a Hungry World," will be presented at the Mission Evangelism Conference to be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Winston, North Carolina, Friday, July 28. The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m., and continue through to about 9:30 p.m. This play helps us to see the contrasts between people living in countries without the knowledge of Christ, or where Christianity is forbidden, and people living in America where Christianity is taken for granted. It portrays the struggle of a young boy, new in the walk with Christ, as he faces the commands in the Bible, "Go and tell." Is this something Christians must do, or is this reserved for missionaries and preachers? Perhaps this play can settle such

questions in your own life. Certainly it will inspire and move you to do more for the Saviour!

Submitted by,
Mattie Lou Link

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The Barrows Return to America

The Rev. Joe Barrow and family, missionaries to Rhodesia, will be returning to America on leave on Saturday, August 5. They will arrive at the Kinston, North Carolina, airport at 12:59 p.m. If convenient, you are invited to meet them at the airport and welcome them back home. We hope to have a large representation present for their arrival. Plan to attend if you possibly can.

Joseph Ingram, Director-Treasurer

FOUR-IN-CHRIST RELEASES ALBUM

The Four-in-Christ Quartet of New Bern, North Carolina, announces the release of their long-playing stereo album, "The Eastern Gate." This group is made up of four men from the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern who have been singing together for about 25 years. During this time they have sung to well over 45,000 people in revivals, homecomings, gospel sings, on the concert stage, and on both radio and television. They feature a sound of contemporary and traditional gospel music.

The members of the quartet and their accompanist include: Nathan Harvey Jr., Tom Bennett, Jim English, Gary Ormond, and the pastor of the Antioch church, the Rev. Jerry B. English.

The album was arranged through the efforts of the world famous "Singing Sessions" of Nashville, Tennessee, and produced at Mission Records in Nashville. After completing the recording session, Mission Records' president, Lou Swift, stated, "I personally feel that this has been a good session and this album will

be a good seller. We hope to have this group record with us again."

The album is available from any member of the group and from various businesses in the New Bern area. The group is also available for public appearances. You may call 638-5038 for information.

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Change of Address

Please note the change of address for the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., effective July 1, 1972. His former address was Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Drawer E., Middlesex, North Carolina; his new address is 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, North Carolina 27886. All future correspondences should be to this new address.

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A member never belongs to the church unless the work of the church belongs to him. It is never "my church" as long as it is "those people" who are keeping it going. Where the treasures of energy and thought are, there will the heart be also.—New Life and Church.

FOOD FOR WAR REFUGEES

Vietnam's Minister of State, Dr. Phan Quang Dan, has given World Vision International the green light to go ahead with plans to provide thousands of refugees here with food.

According to Dr. Stan Mooneyham, president of the Christian Humanitarian Organization, one million high-protein noodle meals will be prepared for the war victims now pouring into refugee camps as they flee spreading attacks by North Vietnamese invaders.

Dr. Mooneyham suggested that the emergency relief be sent to Hue and other northern areas where increased North Vietnamese attacks created 120,000 refugees in the first assault during early April. A second wave of attacks, which began April 28, created another 75,000 refugees in the first two days.

The South Vietnamese will provide World Vision with 1,328 bags of surplus American wheat flour and 324 cartons of vegetable oil to prepare the instant noodle meals. Vitamin supplements, chicken, shrimp, and spicy seasoning are added to the noodles before they are distributed to the war victims.

According to U Thuang Tin, World Vision relief director in Vietnam, the meals will be distributed through the Tin Lanh Evangelical Church of Vietnam. The church has cooperated with World Vision in relief distribution efforts. President Doan Van Mieng of the Tin Lanh church called for Sunday, May 7, to be set aside here as a day of fasting and prayer for the future of Vietnam. Several Vietnamese pastors are missing so far in the offensive, and the Tin Lanh church in besieged An Loc is believed to have been destroyed. One missionary, a Roman Catholic priest, has been captured in the latest North Vietnamese offensive. At least eight missionaries and hundreds of Christians were slain in the last big enemy offensive during Tet of 1968.

The Vietnamese government has asked World Vision to bear costs of transport as well as preparation of the noodle meals.

Office staff at World Vision headquarters in Saigon have given up lunch hours to prepare relief kits, pack clothing, and prepare other emergency supplies for distribution in the refugee camps.

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Love will find a way, and indifference will find an excuse.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 6



Worshipping in the Congregation

Lesson Text: Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:23-25

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:3

I. INTRODUCTION

Our lesson for this Sunday deals with worship in the local assembly or church body.

Though salvation is a personal matter and each individual feels an obligation to render personal devotion to God, much may be gained, both for the benefit of the individual and for the cause of Christ at large, through the practice of rendering devotion to God in the company and fellowship of other Christians.

Since all believers are members of one body and differ in talent and calling, if they would serve for the edification of that body and help it to perform its assigned task in the most proficient manner, they must join with other Christians so that what is lacking in one may be supplied by another.

We are admonished over and over in the Scriptures to take advantage of every means whereby we can grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord; and it would be nothing short of negligence on our part to fail to take advantage of those opportunities for growth and development as they are offered through the services of the local church assembly.

All means of Christian growth are made available to those who worship together in the local church. In addition to these being made available to the worshiper, he is encouraged through prayer and precept to make use of them as a means of expressing devotion to God and His cause.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Going to God's house should be a delight rather than a duty (Psalm 122:1).

B. We should look upon going to God's

house as an opportunity for worshipping God together (v. 2).

C. As we go to God's house, we should think of things for which we can thank Him (v. 4).

D. We should make a practice of praying for peace to come to all men (vv. 6-8).

E. We should encourage ourselves to hold on to our profession by reminding ourselves that there is Someone greater who is holding on to us (Hebrews 10:23).

F. Instead of paying people back, wouldn't it be better to prod them on to good works and love (v. 24)?

G. One of the reasons for going to the house of God is so that we may exhort one another (v. 25).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "There is nothing like Christian fellowship to make us grow. Mr. Moody visited a woman who had grown cold in her Christian life. She said she had not been able to come to church, but otherwise she could not understand what had happened to make her feel as she did about spiritual things. Without saying a word, Mr. Moody arose and lifted out a live coal from the grate and placed it on the hearth. In a few moments the glow was gone, and the coal was black. 'I see it,' she said. 'You cannot continue to glow in your Christian life alone. You need the warmth of fellowship with other Christians.' This is a command to us."—A Look at the New Testament.

B. "The noble Cathedral of Milan, with its thousands of statues floating like a dream in the air, has a central door on which are wrought characters and scenes from the Old Testament.

"Standing before this door, I saw two figures in particular that struck me. One on the left wing of the door was that of the young David holding the head of Goliath in his hand; the other, on the right wing of the door, was Moses smiting the rock at Rephidim, and the water was gushing out of the rock for a thirsty multitude.

"These two figures confronting the

worshiper as he enters the cathedral seem to be symbols of the opportunity of the blessing, and the power of worship and of a relationship to the house of God. David slaying the giant in the name of the Lord stands for our victory over temptation, and the water gushing out of the rock stands for the satisfaction of the highest instincts and aspirations of the soul."—McCartney.

C. It is natural to associate public worship with a church building. Let us visualize the elements of worship.

The early Christians were urged to meet together in order that exhortation might be given. This need is still present. This is accomplished in the preaching of the gospel.

But in our public assemblies, our thoughts turn not only to one another but they turn heavenward to recognize God's greatness and His love. And so we praise Him with heart and voice. Prayer is also important for through it Christians join their hearts in recognizing God as their Father and in submitting their wills to His.

Valued are the benefits that come to those who participate in corporate worship. Like windows in a church building these illuminate the spirit. A sense of peace comes to the worshiper as he affirms his faith and renews his commitment to God.

Christians receive spiritual power when they worship together. This results from the cause of the presence of Christ's spirit in their midst.

One comes away from the weekly worship with a changed perspective. Having bound his heart and soul with those "like precious faith" in worshipping the Creator and Saviour, the Christian leaves with renewed hope and confidence. Adapted from Standard Lesson Commentary.

Bookstore Hours

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- * lina, is now observing the
- * following hours:
- * Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p
- * Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Questions & Answers

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in my love; even as I have kept my
er's commandments, and abide in his
(John 15:4, 5, 8, 10).

True Christians keep commandments.
that day ye shall know that I am in
Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
that hath my commandments, and
with them, he it is that loveth me:
he that loveth me shall be loved of
Father, and I will love him, and will
manifest myself to him" (John 14:20,
"If ye love me, keep my command-
ments" (John 14:15).

God's Word takes a dim view of one
who professes to be a Christian and lives
acts like the world. "Little chil-
dren, let no man deceive you: he that
doeth righteousness is righteous, even
the Father is righteous. He that committeth
sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth
from the beginning. For this purpose
the Son of God was manifested, that he
might destroy the works of the devil" (1
John 3:7, 8); "Verily, verily, I say unto
you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the
ground and die, it abideth alone: but if
it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He
that loveth his life shall lose it; and he
that hateth his life in this world shall
keep it unto life eternal. If any man
will come to me, let him follow me; and where
I am, there shall also my servant be: if
any man serve me, him will my Father
honor" (John 12:24-26); "I beseech you
therefore, brethren, by the mercies of
God, that ye present your bodies a living
sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service. And
be not conformed to this world: but be
transformed by the renewing of your
mind, that ye may prove what is that
good, and acceptable, and perfect, will
of God" (Romans 12:1, 2); "Where is the
wisdom? where is the scribe? where is the
praiser of this world? hath not God
foolish the wisdom of this world?
after that in the wisdom of God the
world by wisdom knew not God, it pleas-
ed God by the foolishness of preaching
to save them that believe. . . . Because
the foolishness of God is wiser than
man, and the weakness of God is strong-
er than men. . . . But God hath chosen
the foolish things of the world to con-
found the wise; and God hath chosen the
weak things of the world to confound
the things which are mighty; And base
things of the world, and things which
are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and
things which are not, to bring to nought
things that are: That no flesh should
boast in his presence" (1 Corinthians 1:

20, 21, 25, 27-29); "But they that will
be rich fall into temptation and a snare,
and into many foolish and hurtful lusts,
which drown men in destruction and per-
dition. . . . Charge them that are rich in
this world, that they be not highminded,
nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the
living God, who giveth us richly all
things to enjoy; . . . Laying up in store
for themselves a good foundation against
the time to come, that they may lay hold
on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:9, 17, 19).

Included in a correct Christian life is
a looking for and longing for Christ's
second coming. "For the grace of God
that bringeth salvation hath appeared to
all men, Teaching us that, denying un-
godliness and worldly lusts, we should
live soberly, righteously, and godly, in
this present world; Looking for that
blessed hope, and the glorious appear-
ing of the great God and our Saviour
Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:11-13).

In order to maintain a sense of Chris-
tian stability one must keep busy in the
performance of his Christian duty which
includes witnessing for Christ: "This is
a faithful saying, and these things I will
that thou affirm constantly, that they
which have believed in God might be
careful to maintain good works. These
things are good and profitable unto men"
(Titus 3:8); "Preach the word; be instant
in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke,
exhort with all longsuffering and doc-
trine" (2 Timothy 4:2); "Pray without
ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for
this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
concerning you. Quench not the Spirit.
Despise not prophesyings. Prove all
things; hold fast that which is good. Ab-
stain from all appearance of evil" (1
Thessalonians 5:17-22).

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NEWS NOTES

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- Roll Call of Churches
- Reports of Denominational Enter-
prises
- Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15-Hymn, Congregation
- Special Music, Host Church
- Offering
- Message, the Rev. R. H. Jackson
- 12:00-Report of Treasurer
- Unfinished Business
- Adjournment and Benediction
- Lunch and Christian Fellowship
(No Afternoon Session)

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The preacher is called to be a shep-
herd not a sheep dog.

"ATHENS ALL OVER AGAIN"

A church growth expert, here at
Phnom Penh to study the sudden growth
in the Cambodian Christian community,
termed what is happening as "Athens all
over again, but with a much better re-
sponse!"

Malcolm Bradshaw, who has made the
study of church growth in Asia his life's
work, referred to the Christian remem-
brance of the Athens of Apostle Paul's
day where people avidly demanded an
explanation of the Christian message.
He made the remark while here to ob-
serve the first evangelistic crusade to be
held in Cambodia.

Evangelist for the crusade, Stan
Mooneyham, president of World Vision
International of Monrovia, California,
said that he was astounded to see almost
half his audience respond to the invita-
tion each afternoon during the crusade.
More than 2,000 people came forward
"to accept Christ" during the three days
of meetings during April.

"We are seeing a place," smiled Brad-
shaw, "where Christianity is fresh and
new. It's not often that you are able to
see Christianity making its beginning in
the hearts of a whole nation of people.
We are on the threshold of the whole
thing."

Bradshaw, who is well-known for his
studies of the Indonesian revivals of the
1960's, said that among the remarkable
patterns of conversion here in Cambodia
is the age and sex of the inquirers.

Dr. Mooneyham estimated that about
98 percent of the 500 average that
"came forward" in each meeting were
men. Most were under age 30. Ten
thousand people attended the meetings,
according to government officials. Until
the Mooneyham crusade, the small Chris-
tian community numbered only 600 ad-
herents in a country of seven million peo-
ple. In three days, the Christian com-
munity has nearly tripled in size.

"It's not just the numbers that excite
me," commented Bradshaw, "as much as
the combination of big numbers turning
to Christ along with youthful dynamic
church leadership." Some of the four
new churches that have sprung up in the
last 19 months are governed completely
by elder boards and are without profes-
sional ministers, stated missionary Merle
Graven of the Christian and Missionary
Alliance. The C & M A is the major Pro-
testant mission in the country.

Bradshaw is the Asian director of
Evangelism-in-Depth, a church growth ad-
visory organization based in Singapore.

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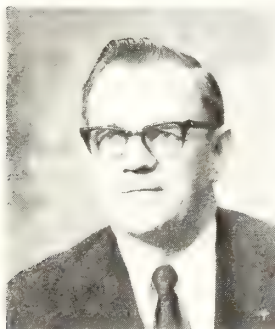
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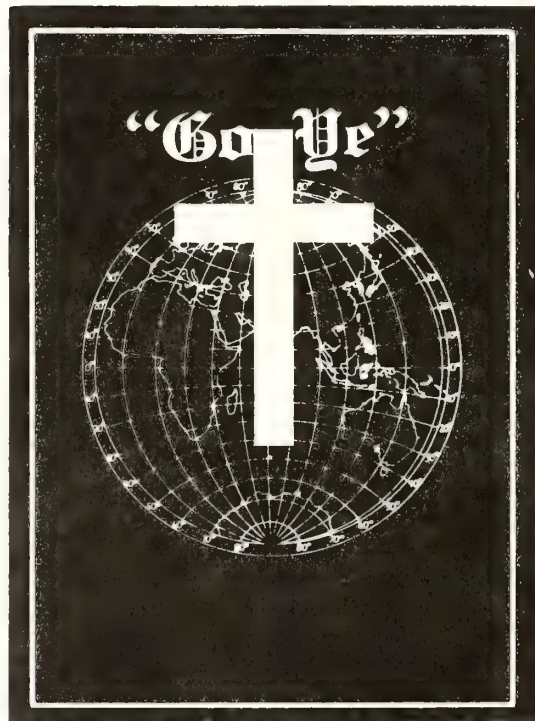
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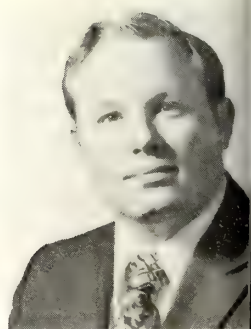
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HEAVENLY MUSIC--ON EARTH?

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(The Residential Section of Harkers Island)

Leaving the point where I had been awed by the ocean, my thoughts were diverted by singing—some of the most glorious singing I had ever heard. Where was it coming from? My friend pointed to the left. "Pull over," he requested. I did.

In someone's yard there was a roadside meeting in progress. Thirty or forty people were standing around a piano at which sat a robust lady who was playing as though she really meant it. The sweet, rolling notes of the music crescendoing into grand chords were amplified by a loud speaker, as were the voices of the singers, the guitars, and the drums. The only word to describe this scene is "beautiful." Other words may be adequate, yet even "beautiful" cannot do it justice. . . On the porch of the two-story house, on a swing, in chairs, and on the floor were many people—young and old—swaying to the music, mouthing the words, or projecting in resonant tones the lyrics.

It was a good time. The music sounded and resounded throughout the island. Sometimes the music seemed sad; sometimes gloriously happy; sometimes fine and delicate; sometimes grand. The underlying feature was that it was all about God, and the effect on us who gathered around was obvious. We either stood quietly or joined in with the singing, if we happened to know the song.

I had ventured into the yard, wanting to be as close to the scene as I could be. I leaned against the trunk of an old tree, resting my back and feeding my soul. Occasionally a little shout would burst forth from a little old lady or a mature gentleman; and though it has always seemed a little beneath my "dignity" to express spiritual excitement in such a manner, I applauded them with my heart and understood their lack of restraint. Somehow I wished I had a little more of what they had. . .

It was cool, having been hot most of the day; and night was falling, causing the sky to darken its blue. Scores of people gathered on the roadside, some in their cars for comfort's sake, others squatting or sitting on the grass, others leaning against buildings nearby, and others sitting on neighboring porches, easily within view of the scene, sitting in rocking chairs and drinking in this spiritual nourishment. . . There was no hurry to finish. It was as though they had all night. I could have stayed forever. . .

Between songs there were testimonies—something some of us disdain and think unnecessary or a little too "emotional" a thing for dignified Christians, or a little beneath our "station." Yet, I was impressed with the simplicity of their language and their sincerity, their realness. There in the open air, on God's earth, beneath His sky, and by His grace, they were able to tell of a certainty His working in their lives. I was a little ashamed at my sometimes hesitance to speak about Him openly. When the lead male singer (who had the clearest, most enunciated voice I've ever heard) sang about the hand of God, those of us gathered around could almost feel the touch of it on our lives. When he was joined in the chorus by his sister, the sound was heavenly.

I had to tear myself away—away from that singing which was loud enough to excite the ears; sweet enough to touch the heart; happy enough to put a thrill in the soul; sad enough to bring a tear to the eye; and down-to-earth enough to reach the understanding of even the most uneducated. I had to leave. I knew I must go. Night had fallen and church beckoned me many miles away the following morning. I could not stay all night, though I wished I could. . .

Those dear people on the roadside, singing and speaking about their Saviour in a genuine manner . . . those dear people living slowly enough to see, to touch, to think, and to praise the heavenly Father. . . those dear people—some poor, some rich, but all fortunate in that they knew the One of whom they sang and talked. . . the island, the water, the sky, the lone star—and as I left, the soft, distant music of heavenly voices and strings still ringing in my ears and singing in my heart. . .

Thank God for a heart that can feel—and a soul that can still be thrilled. . .



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Soul Winning Through Visitation

by the Rev. Taylor Hill

The article below is a condensed form of a talk given by the Rev. Taylor Hill, pastor of the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, at a convention held at Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Belvoir, and printed by request of the convention.)

EIGHT years ago our Lord laid it upon my heart to establish a new Free Will Baptist mission in the town of Fayetteville, North Carolina. There is a great deal that could be said about our work and the many blessed experiences encountered there, but I will try to confine my remarks to the subject assigned me, Soul Winning Through Visitation."

When we began this mission work in Fayetteville we had no established place to meet for worship, no pledged financial support, and no congregation. Brother John Adcox and family were the first to pledge a helping hand. The first question I had to consider was, Where will we find a congregation? It did not take me a moment for me to realize that if we were to have a congregation, I had a awful lot of leg work to do; so I began to go out from house to house to invite people to come to our meetings. I'm sorry to have to say that I found that a great majority of the Free Will Baptists in the area could not be counted upon.

It did not take long for me to see a need for laborers. Quite often I received offers from people who would like to come and speak for me, but I would usually say to them, "The woods are full of speakers, what we really need are laborers." Through the process of time I came to realize that visitation to the homes was how our congregation would actually be formed.

I found that the home is a place where

a person feels at ease and is most likely to talk to you straight from the shoulder. I have seen many souls saved in the home through visitation. It seems to be a fact that most of our Christians in the Eastwood church were first witnessed to in the home before they got to the church altar.

Beloved, I wish to impress upon everyone the extreme urgency in visitation. Just remember that our Lord said, "... The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37). May we look at it this way: When the farmers' crops are ripe and ready for harvest, they find it necessary to go out and harvest the crops immediately or else lose them; so it is with the precious souls of people. If we do not go when the harvest is ready, these people could perish and be lost forever.

I recall one occasion when a friend called me and asked if I would go with him to visit a young relative of his who was gravely ill and was unsaved. It was at that very moment that I felt the extreme urgency to get there immediately, so I made plans for us to go see him that same day. We had to drive about thirty miles and it was about the edge of night when we arrived. It seemed that the urgent feeling within me kept building up and driving me to the point that nothing else seemed important at the moment. I just wanted to reach the young precious soul who was about twenty years old. When we walked into his bedroom I did something I had never done before, I asked everybody to leave the room. The young man seemed to be at the point of death, so I witnessed to him immediately and explained to him the plan of salvation. Upon this the young man accepted Christ as his Saviour, and that was enough for any Christian to rejoice over. He also did something that blessed my soul beyond which words can describe, he simply opened his feeble eyes and looked at me, and with a smile said, "Thank you." Only my Lord and

the angels in heaven could have known the joy in my heart at that moment. We did not tarry but a few moments before we returned home.

I was told that just a few hours after we left that the young man's condition became worse, and as they were taking him out of the house to the hospital, he told his mother not to worry about him for if he did not return home he was going home to be with Jesus. He died that same night. Such incidents as this should give us all a sense of seeing the need of soul-winning through visitation.

I recall another event in which a young soldier and his wife accepted Christ in their home and the young man was killed instantly a couple of weeks later. We could go on and on telling about similar experiences.

(Note: There were several young Christians from the Eastwood church, including several young soldiers from Ft. Bragg, who gave personal testimonies at the convention on how visitation and personal witnessing had been their first step in finding salvation.

"I do not wish to mislead our readers by claiming that we always have a good and active visitation program in the Eastwood church, for we most certainly do not; but I can say with certainty that there is no better way under the sun to reach people with the message of salvation than through personal contact. When we apply ourselves to visitation, we see more souls saved and the church attendance grows bigger than when we do not have such a program.")

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We have the sweetest comfort when we wear the oldest shoe.

We love the old friends better than we'll ever love the new.

Old songs are more appealing to the wearied heart, and so

We find the sweetest music in the tunes of long ago.

There's a kind of mellow sweetness in a good thing growing old;

Each year that rolls around it leaves an added touch of gold!

—Author Unknown.

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One of our children saw a picture of Solomon consoling the two women arguing about whose baby it was. After hearing her child tell the story about it, the mother asked, "Now what do you suppose the real mother told the king?" The child said, "That she wanted the bigger half?"



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 29:18

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY DAY

1 cup of friendly words,
2 heaping cups of understanding,
4 teaspoons of time and patience,
A pinch of warm personality,
A dash of humor.

—Fleming Garden Christian.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Most recipes call for more ingredients than this one. Just five! Putting them together takes time, but what fun!

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Scripture Reading—Psalm 4:5

GOD IS ON OUR SIDE

My hope of success in this great and terrible struggle rests on that immutable foundation, the justice and goodness of God. And when events are very threatening and prospects very dark, I still hope in some way, which man cannot see, all will be well in the end, because our cause is just, and God is on our side.—Abraham Lincoln.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we would always put our trust in God, we would never have to worry about anything. Why worry ever—He is always on our side! He loves us.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Scripture Reading—Matthew 19:19

NEIGHBORLY LOVE

Religion places the love of neighbor next to the love of God. All who treasure their religious heritage take their firm stand for brotherly behavior, with no limitation of race, creed, or station, as being part of the meaning of liberty.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we really love our neighbors? Is there anything we wouldn't do for them regardless of race, creed, or station? Would there be anything that would hold us back—as Christians?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 5:17

YOU CAN DO SOMETHING

If you cannot cross the ocean

And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer—
You can find them at your door.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do";
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you!

—Author Unknown.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We know we can do something every single day for our fellowman, do we not? Just talking to God about each other would be good, wouldn't it?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Scripture Reading—Philippians 3:14

BACKWARD—FORWARD

I stand upon the threshold of two years,
And backward look, and forward strain my eyes;
Upon the blotted records fall my tears.
While brushing them aside, a sweet surprise
Breaks like a daydream on my upturned face,
As I remember all Thy daily grace.

Thou hast been good to me; the burdened past

Thou hast borne with me, and future days

Are in Thy hands. I tremble not, but cast
My care upon Thee, and in prayer and praise

Prepare to make the coming year the best
Because of nobler work for Thee, and sweeter rest.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Reminiscing is a precious pastime. It causes us to laugh and cry. How do we feel when we look into the future? With God's help we will be able to smile, will we not?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Scripture Reading—Genesis 13:13

SEVEN DEADLY SINS

The meaning of each of the seven deadly sins becomes clearer if we set down beside each one of the corresponding godly virtues which God desires us to practice, that which overcomes the sin.

Pride

Anger

Covetousness

Lust

Envy

Sloth

Gluttony

Humility

Forgiveness

Generosity

Purity

Love

Diligence

Temperance

—Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Read the above again. May we practice it—starting today.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 6:10

WHAT IS MONEY?

A London newspaper offered a prize for the best definition of money. The prize

was awarded to a young man who sent the following: "Money is an article which may be used as the universal passport everywhere except heaven, and as a universal provider for everything except happiness."—Copied.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Money is a necessary "evil." Can't we use it for some redeeming purpose???

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Ashamed of Jesus! that dear friend
On whom my hopes of heaven depend
No; when I blush, be this my shame,
That I no more revere His Name.

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An individual church or congregation of Christ's disciples is the only ecclesiastical body recognized in the Testament. Such a society is 'the best court of Christ on earth.'—Alexa Campbell.

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To Change for a Moment --and Maybe Forever

RECENTLY in Sunday school we talked about "Finding God's Guidance." In adult class we discussed finding His leadership through (1) the Scriptures, (2) through prayer, (3) through the inspiration of a sermon or service, (4) through spiritual encouragement of a friend, (5) through failure, (6) through seeing one door closed only to see another opened, and (7) through willingness to listen to the "still small voice"—to trust and obey as the Holy Spirit calls and moves and beckons.

Today, July 10, 1972, I experienced the real way to find God—another channel through which to seek His guidance—through a visit to the new Wilson Bible and Bookstore on Downing Street in Five Points, Wilson, North Carolina.

If you visit this store and stay for a little while, I promise you—it will change your life for a moment, if not forever!

Come and walk with me for a moment. This is not really a fair journey for you, for it's like telling you about it: no matter how much I tell, you won't really know until you've found it. But come, let's walk a little way to the new store and you can see for yourself what I mean.

First, there are books—seemingly thousands of them—for young and old, for study, or for reading pleasure. It seems that all the religious books that have ever been written must be here, but we know they can't be; but most of the important ones are, and the most useful ones. Besides dozens of differ-

ent versions of the Bible, there are many other titles, most of them related to religion or religious themes; though many are related to personal problems and personal development. There are excellent books of fiction and nonfiction. To browse is to become aware of the millions of words that have been written about, and because of, Christ and His influence in the lives of people. To read through titles only will change your life, or affect your thinking: "Another Hand on Mine," "'Til Night Is Gone," "Until the Day Breaks," "The Power of Positive Praying," and "Make Love Your Aim." As I stood there and read hundreds of other titles, I vowed to change my life, or to ask God to do it. Tears welled in my eyes as I prayed that I would have the strength and courage to do His will.

Now we are in the children's and young people's department—books, supplies, games, puzzles—formal and informal, spiritual and secular, for their personal selection and enjoyment, or for teaching them. Sunday school teachers will find this a haven of beauty, help, and inspiration.

Next, I really believe that nothing a minister needs or wants or calls for is lacking in the professional shelves—a mountain of aids for the minister, Sunday school teacher, or layman who seeks to know more about God, His Son, and His Spirit.

Fourth, almost half of one side is devoted to sheet music, hymnals, tapes, and chorus books—modern and traditional. A church organist, pianist, choir member, or anyone would be thrilled

beyond words with this unbelievably large collection.

The store is filled with beautiful things: stationery, jewelry, gifts, pictures, plaques, illustrated poetry-pictures, and dozens of practical supplies and materials for the home and church.

God is everywhere in this new store: in the beauty of the walls, floor coverings, furniture, in the books, supplies, and materials for any faith or denomination. It is all God!

But most of all, you find God in the people: Kathy Pipkin, manager; Fannie Lee Dickerson; Frances Dilda; Alane Vester; and Debbie Lancaster. They may not tell you directly, but you know—somehow you know—they walk with God as they walk these sacred corridors among these sacred things.

Another beauty of all this is that it reminds us that much of it is repeated in Ayden, New Bern, and Smithfield in the Free Will Baptist bookstores there. God has wonderfully blessed not only our denomination but all men who seek God by inspiring men and women to provide this ocean of material for those who seek Him.

So, as you journey, stop and browse and rest at one of the bookstores. It will surely change your life for a moment, if not for a lifetime!

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(The above article was written as a reaction to the writer's visit to the new Bible and Bookstore in Wilson, North Carolina. Mrs. Beaman is the well-known Free Will Baptist teacher-wife-mother and authoress of the novel, *BROKEN ACRES*.)

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Cedric Pierce Accepts Call To First Church, Tarboro



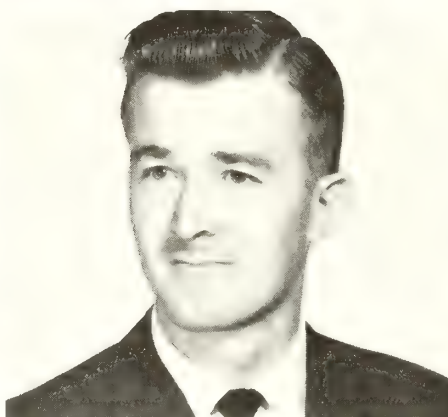
The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. has accepted a call to pastor the First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro, North Carolina. He assumed his duties July 1, 1972.

A graduate of Wake Forest University, Mr. Pierce also studied at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is presently working on a Master of Arts in Educational Administration at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

Mr. Pierce is presently serving on the Cragmont Assembly Board of Directors, as secretary of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, and chairman of the General Conference Committee on Evangelism. Prior to returning to pastoral work Mr. Pierce was superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina. He has pastored other churches including Mount Olive College Campus; Piney Grove, Kenly; Winterville church, Winterville; First church, Rocky Mount; Shady Grove, Dunn; and Black Jack near Greenville, all the churches being in North Carolina.

Mr. Pierce is married to the former Linda Gibson of Winston Salem, North Carolina. They have two sons: Douglas age 9, and Paul age 7.

Mt. Tabor Church Announces Revival



The Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of August 7-12. Services will begin each evening at 7:45 with the Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Belvoir, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. The pastor, the Rev. William Littleton, will be assisting in the services which will feature good preaching and special music each evening. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend all of these services possible.

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94,000 Hear Ralph Bell In Papua, New Guinea

Ralph Bell, an associate evangelist with Billy Graham, recently made a momentous evangelistic, missionary journey to Papua, New Guinea.

In 30 days, he spoke to 94,000 people in seven towns with 9,795 coming forward as inquirers to be counseled about the Christian way of life.

Papua, New Guinea, is the second largest noncontinental island in the world. It is a land of startling contrasts, peopled by stone age men being thrust in one lifetime into the space age. It is a land of scattered tribes, mainly hostile, many still dominated by sorcery and speaking over 700 languages.

Mr. Bell's journey brought him to the

town of Kieta on Bougainville Island where more than 9,000 people attended the meetings and 522 came forward "meet with Jesus."

From Kieta, he moved to Rabaul, New Britain. A significant part of the Crusade in Rabaul was Ralph's ministry to groups of high school students and other special groups.

The most exciting and significant of the visit to Rabaul was the final meeting on Sunday. More than 17,000 people, over half of the town's population, turned out for the main crusade meeting. Some local people claimed it was the largest gathering ever held in Rabaul . . . and they all came to hear the gospel message.

Most nights the evangelist's message was interpreted by a team of four who covered the entire crusade.

The next stop was Madang, where three meetings were held in two days. Madang has a population of 15,000 and a total of 8,200 attended the crusade meetings. More than seven percent of the town's population recorded decisions for Christ.

Meetings in Lae and Goroka produced large crowds and a high percentage of inquirers.

The final week of the crusade was in Port Moresby, which is the seat of government in Papua, New Guinea. During the Port Moresby Crusade, 23,800 people attended the meetings, with 3,400 responding to the evangelist's invitation to receive Christ. Howard Jones, who joined the team for the final part of the crusade, spoke to many more at the university, high schools, teachers' colleges and police barracks throughout the country.

The invitation to Ralph Bell to Papua came from the Evangelical Alliance of the South Pacific Islands.

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Definition of a child: A child is a being where you may deposit your most precious treasures—the hard-won wisdom of the dreams for a better world. A child can guard and protect these, and perhaps invest them wisely and win a profit—a profit larger than you have ever dreamed. A child will inherit your world. All your work will be judged by him. Tomorrow he will earn your seat in Congress, own your company, and run your town. The future is his. Perhaps he deserves a little more of your attention now.—Anonymous.

The Glamour Road

by
PEARL BRANHAM
Camden, South Carolina

"I am going to leave here. I will not stay another hour here in this prison you call my home," said Nettie Horne to her mother. She covered her face with her hands, her body shaking with sobs as she ran from the room. Her mother stood at the foot of the stairs watching her seventeen-year-old daughter as she ran up the stairs. She heard the click of the key as it was turned in the lock. She wanted to go to her daughter's room, take her in her arms, brush her damp hair from her pretty young face, and kiss away the tears that she knew would be in the dark blue eyes.

No, she would not! This was the time for Nettie to face facts and realize that she was growing up. She is not a little two-year-old baby to be taken in her arms and kiss away the tears. She is a young lady now.

Mother turned slowly and walked back to the living room and sat down. Soon she heard the door open and saw Nettie as she came down the stairs. Her heart stopped a beat and she felt nauseated as she saw that Nettie was carrying a large suitcase that seemed to be very heavy. As she reached the last step Mother asked, "Now just where do you think you are going young lady?"

With a toss of her head and a shrug of her shoulders Nettie looked down at her mother and said, "Mother, I told you, leaving this prison you call my home."

"Nettie, come into the living room and sit down. I do not want you to be a fit of anger ruin your life."

"Mother, this is not a temper tantrum. I'm tired of hearing you and Dad saying, 'Don't do this, don't do that, be careful, stay out of trouble.'"

"Nettie, I'm sure you are upset; you don't realize what you are saying."

"Oh, yes I do, Mother. I have made up my mind, I'm going."

"Nettie, if you are leaving your home, you may go with the blessings of your father and me. All that I ask of you is not to be as the young man in the Scriptures that asked his father for his inheritance. In my imagination I can hear the old father as he talked to his son and said, 'Son, don't travel the glamour road; it is only a road of illusions and destruction.'"

"I know the story you are talking about, Mother. The young man was the prodigal son. Good-bye, I must go, it is getting late."

"Nettie, where will you live?"

"Mother, for a few days I will stay with Mae Lovely at her apartment on Wright View Drive."

"This Miss Lovely, have I ever met her? Is she married? Where does she work?"

"No, Mother, you have never met her. No, she is not married. No, she does not work. Her boy friend, Robert Morley, does not want her to work. He is furnishing the apartment. He just asked her to keep the place looking nice so he will have a place to take the gang. I went over there one night with Jack. He is the new boy I told you about. Boy, is he a dream boat! He is a real, live, living doll. He said that he would help pay the bills if I would go over there and stay with Mae a few days."

"Nettie, what kind of friends does Robert have that he cannot have the gang at his home? What price does Mae pay and what will your duties be if you go to live with her?"

"Whoa, Mother, not so fast. Let me answer your questions one at a time. I do not know all of Robert's friends. Mae said that they were all good kids, from good homes. Oh, I guess they make too much noise sometime. You know how kids are. They are just having a good time. Mae said that I could stay there for free. She just wants someone to stay with her for a few days."

"Nettie, I know you think your father and I are old-fashioned and squares; that we are stupid and unlearned; that we want to keep you tied to our apron strings; that we don't want you to be free and have fun, or a good time as you call it. But you are very wrong. We just don't want you to throw your life away. We have tried to rear you in a Christian home and in the church. Your father and I accepted Christ as our personal Saviour in our youth. We have tried to teach our children about God and His love. There are many pitfalls that Satan will bring before young people, tempting them and leading them down the wrong paths. Just as he painted a beautiful picture to the prodigal son; so he has painted a pretty picture to Jack, Mae, Robert, and you yourself. Again I ask, What is the price you must pay to live with Mae?"

"Mother, I told you. Mae will not charge me room and board, she just wants someone to live with her a few days."

"Nettie, don't let the stars get in your eyes and blind you to the ways of sin. There is a price you will have to pay. That price will be giving up the Lord Jesus, the church, your home, your reputation, your virtue, your body, and maybe your soul."

"I have talked to you about the young girl that I knew when she was very young. She let Satan, through her close friends, lead her down the glamour road. Each time I saw her drunk I wanted to cry. She threw her life away and died a horrible death. The wages of sin took its toll on her body, as she suffered agonizing pains due to the yielding of her body to sin."

"Mother, that will never happen to me."

"Nettie, as the old father talked to his son about the pitfalls of the glamour road, I believe the son said, 'Father, I'm not a child. I know my way around. I shall choose my friends with great care.' To this the father replied, 'Just be careful, my son. Sin destroys the body as well as the soul.'"

"Nettie, there is a man I have known
(continued on page sixteen)

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

From the Mount of Olives To Mount Olive, N. C.



Shown planting the graft of an olive tree on the new campus of Mount Olive are left to right: President W. Burkette Raper; D. F. Odom, mayor of Mount Olive; Leonard B. Woodall, member of the College board of trustees; and Sheik Shami from the country of Jordan.

A tree from the Mount of Olives in Jordan has been presented to Mount Olive College.

A graft from the oldest tree on the Mount was presented to Dr. W. Burkette Raper by Sheik M. A. Shami of Ramallah, Jordan. "The tree from which the graft was taken was on the Mount of Olives in the days of Christ," Sheik Shami declared.

The Sheik is the father of Dr. Jamil Shami, dean of students at Mount Olive.

The father is also in the field of education, serving as director of adult education with schools in villages and refugee camps throughout Jordan.

The tree was planted on the College campus near the Henderson Building.

On behalf of Mount Olive College Dr. Raper expressed his appreciation for the olive tree and in so doing said, "There is no place on earth more sacred to Christians than the Mount of Olives in Old Jerusalem, for it was here that Jesus spent much of His time, and it was here

that He made His greatest decision—to drink the cup of the Cross. The meaning of this place is well expressed in an old hymn of the church, 'Neath the Old Olive Trees':

'Neath the stars of the night,
Walked the Saviour of light, . . .
Where no light could be found,
Jesus knelt on the ground,
There He prayed 'neath the old
olive trees.'

"Because the foundation and purpose of Mount Olive College are found in the Christian faith, it means much to us today to transplant on our campus this olive tree from the oldest tree on the Mount of Olives. It is a symbol of our Christian heritage and an expression of international goodwill. We believe there can be no greater bond of union among people than the sharing of their religious faith.

"We are indeed grateful to our dean of students, Dr. Jamil Shami, and his

father, Sheik Shami, for making possible this historic and meaningful event. It is our hope that this olive tree flourish like a tree planted by the river of water and it is our prayer that in these troubled times it will help bring healing to the hearts of people everywhere."

Symbol of Peace

Shami said that the tree was brought to Mount Olive as a symbol of peace and understanding.

Sheik Shami declared, "Today is a special day with a special meaning. Today we celebrate our concern for world peace and international understanding."

"As I planned to visit the United States, I thought of a meaningful gift to carry with me to the American people. I decided that it should be from the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem to Mount Olive in North Carolina. I gathered a stem from the oldest tree on the Mount of Olives."

"The olive tree symbolizes peace; it is the thought of peace that I bring you from the land of the Teacher of peace. Peace, like war, must be won. May this tree grow to be our witness."

Sheik Shami is credited with two traditional projects in Palestine. One is setting up cooperatives to assist farmers in developing and marketing their products. Secondly, he organized a national service organization of 25,000 persons. The emphasis of the organization was on civic service and international understanding.

His philosophy is that if education is to be effective, it has to be involved in life. While putting considerable time in education, he is extremely active in public life and national affairs.

His own early education has helped him in his adult education practices. His father hired a tutor for him who was a constant companion. Education, as a result, was comprehensive in its content and methodology.

The tutoring system of education is a traditional Arabic method particularly used by notables.

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A young wife, just learning to drive, had created a traffic jam in trying to make a left turn at an intersection. Evidently she turned to her husband and asked what to do. "I don't know," he replied calmly, "but I'm sure if you climb into the back seat you can figure it out."

\$25,000 Supplement Grant

A supplemental grant of \$25,000 to Mount Olive College from a private foundation has made possible additional scholarships and education loans for the 1972-73 year.

President Raper announced today that due to this grant the College has a number of scholarships available for the school year beginning August 23, in amounts from \$300 to \$1,000 for students who qualify on the basis of merit and need. If applicants need assistance beyond these scholarships, loans without interest during the time the student is in college are available. Opportunities for part-time employment are also open.

There is still time for students to make application for both admission to the college and for financial assistance, President Raper declared. Interested persons should contact the Admissions Office in person, by mail, or telephone 919 658-2502.

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Director of Advance Programs



The Rev. Dr. James Z. Nettinga, executive secretary of the American Bible Society's National Distribution Department since 1965, has been named to a newly created post, director of Advance Programs. Dr. Nettinga, who lives in Hawthorth, New Jersey, assumed his new duties on July 1, 1972.

In this new appointment, he will direct the five year Program of Advance which will touch all aspects of the society's

work. It will culminate in special nationwide observances in 1976, the 200th anniversary of the founding of the United States and the 160th of the American Bible Society, a number of whose founders figured prominently in the establishment of this nation.

Beginning with plans to provide Scriptures for "Key '73," a national evangelistic endeavor in 1973 in which most of the principal denominations in this country are participating, the Advance Programs will focus upon special emphases each succeeding year.

As the culminating event, the American Bible Society expects to publish the entire Bible in Today's English Version in 1976.

When the American Bible Society celebrated its 150th anniversary in 1966, "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version was published. Now in its third edition, this common language New Testament continues spectacularly to chalk up new circulation figures.

In May, 1971, it became the all-time best-selling paperback in U. S. publishing history when its circulation exceeded that of "Baby and Child Care" by Dr. Benjamin M. Spock, the record holder for several years.

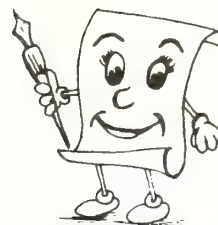
Dr. Nettinga, who is an ordained clergyman of the Reformed Church in America, served as director of the Society's sesquicentennial anniversary program in 1964-66. He had joined the headquarters staff in New York in 1956 as executive secretary of the Education and Information Department, now the Information Department, after seven years as district and field secretary of the Society's Southern California District.

As his concluding assignment in the post of executive secretary for National Distribution, Dr. Nettinga made a trip to Alaska, the 50th state of the Union he has visited on behalf of the American Bible Society. His schedule included exploration of Scripture distribution possibilities in Juneau, Fairbanks, Mt. McKinley, and Anchorage; the presentation of engraved leather encased copies of the newly published ABS Scripture Selection, "Good News for Alaska," to Governor William A. Egan and others, marking the centennial of the National Parks Services; and a series of radio and television appearances.

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A tree stands in one place for a hundred years, then suddenly it jumps in front of a lady driver.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

"Satchmo" Louis Armstrong, the late jazz trumpet artist, said, "We all go 'do-re-mi' but it's up to us to find the other notes for ourselves."

What did he mean by "do-re-mi" in life? Could those tones represent mere existence? a job, a place to stay, some food to eat?

One can sing up and down in song on those three notes forever, never completing "fa-sol-la-ti-do." Up and down sounds complete, but is monotonous.

He found the other notes in travel, serving his country, building good will, and spreading happiness by being himself. The advances he made toward good race relations in our country were done unobtrusively in the field of music, but will have a lasting effect. With friends of different races in many countries, he was a happy man; and one would have to say his life was successful.

Most people have found the first three notes of the scale of life. How can we find the other five?

First, as women, be ladylike in dress, conduct, and conversation. Second, as mothers, teach our children to love and serve God, be honest, and practice the other Christian virtues. Third, as wives, provide pleasant, happy homes for our husbands as much as possible. Fourth, attend church and support its activities, mission and evangelical programs. And, fifth, in the community live as Christians, and be good examples as law-abiding, concerned citizens.

Within each of the categories I've mentioned, there are other areas of service. Always put Jesus first, others second, and yourself last. That spells joy, and we'll find ourselves "... singing with grace in (our) hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

In His service, our lives are complete, and we find all the notes of our song.

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A SAFE TO FOLLOW

"Talk to God about your neighbors, and talk to your neighbors about God."

FICK, NEW GENERAL SECRETARY



A GERMAN church official, who as a prisoner of war in France in World War II, was handed a Bible and dedicated his life to Christ, is the new general secretary of the United Bible Societies, a worldwide fellowship of 50 National Bible Societies.

In an announcement made May 17, 1972, at the world headquarters of the organization in London, the Rev. Ulrich Fick, at present executive secretary (oberkirchenrat) of the Lutheran Church in Wurttemberg, was named to succeed Dr. Olivier Beguin. Interestingly, his predecessor was the son who, as head of a commission for chaplaincy aid to war prisoners, a project of the American Bible Society, was responsible for providing that Bible for him in the prisoner of war camp. Dr. Beguin joined the United Bible Societies staff in 1947, became its general secretary in 1949, and held this post until his death last April 1.

The new general secretary plans to take up his appointment on November 1, 1972. Active in Bible Society work for a number of years, Mr. Fick has been chairman of the Wurttemberg Bible Society since 1967, and more recently also chairman of the UBS Europe Regional Translations Committee.

Ordained in 1952, he began his ministerial career as an assistant pastor at Waldkirche in Stuttgart. In 1956 he became "radio pastor" of the Lutheran Church of Wurttemberg. In 1961 he went to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where he served for six years as program director of the "Radio Voice of the Gospel," operated by the Lutheran World Federation.

NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Apollo 16 astronauts will be honored with a Special Award by Religious Heritage of America, Inc., for "their inspiration to the youth of America and their significant achievement in expanding man's knowledge and understanding

Mr. Fick took up his present position in 1967, living in Stuttgart and serving as head of the department of missions and public relations of the Lutheran Church of Wurttemberg. Since 1970 he has also been chairman of the overseas agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Mr. Fick recently visited the headquarters of the American Bible Society in New York, and together with Astronaut Frank Borman, was a featured speaker at the society's 156th annual meeting on May 11. He and his wife, the former Sibylle Kramer, have four children.

The United Bible Societies was organized in 1946 and is responsible for coordinating the work of its members in the translation, production, and distribution of the Scriptures. Chairman of its executive committee is the Rev. Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary of the American Bible Society. On leave to serve in the UBS headquarters office in London for several months during Dr. Beguin's lingering illness, Dr. Holmgren had a leading role in the selection of the new UBS head. Commenting upon the selection of Mr. Fick to fill the chief administrative post of the worldwide organization, Dr. Holmgren said:

"Even before Dr. Beguin's death, and upon his suggestion, prayerful thought was given to the choice of his successor. After consultation with the UBS Regional Centers in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America, the general committee cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Fick. His high regard for Holy Scripture and his deep commitment to the proclamation of the gospel throughout the world make the new general secretary-elect ideally suited for the task of directing the global outreach of the United Bible Societies. The UBS last year was responsible for the dissemination of over 171 million copies of the Scriptures and was involved through its staff in translation projects in some 540 languages. We are confident that Mr. Fick will sustain the vision and carry forward the work so nobly begun by Dr. Beguin."

of the universe and the wonder of God's creation."

The award will be presented at 7 p.m., June 23, at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., at the organizational National Awards Banquet.

Colonel Charles M. Duke Jr., USN, will accept the award on behalf of three astronauts. The other two, Captain John W. Young, USN, and Commander Thomas K. Mattingly II, USN.

The citation reads:

"While their journey was scientific in nature to explore the highlands on the surface of the moon and from orbit to improve our knowledge of the origin and evolution of the moon, their flight exemplified the verity that ours is a world under God with one Brotherhood of Man. Their unselfish dedication and devotion to this vision and this ideal of Man was in the highest tradition of religious heritage."

Other awards to be presented at the National Awards Banquet are:

Clergyman of the Year—The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C. S. C., president, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana.

Churchman of the Year — Mr. Jerome Hines, Metropolitan Opera star, New York City, New York.

Churchwoman of the Year—Mrs. Elinore Lafount Romney, wife of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D. C.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "Hereby we love him that we dwell in him, and he dwelleth in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit" (1 John 4:13).

Answer: The following is taken from William B. Harrison's, "Gospel of Life and Love and Light," Pages 75, 76:

As in a great musical production there are certain dominant strains that convey to the listener's ear the master's theme, yet they in turn are supported by accompaniment that equally expresses the master's theme, so in our Epistle. Love and Light are its dominant notes, expressive of our experience of God; yet each of them is always the supporting thought of Life without which Light and Love could not be.

The theme of the Apostle, as we have seen, is the Abiding Life, the life that is ours on this side of Pentecost, the life in the Holy Spirit. The Epistle begins by referring to the Life as manifested in Christ the Son (vv. 1, 2) and proceeds to trace the Life in its correspondent manifestation in us who, by believing upon Him, become sons and receive His Spirit. Just technically speaking, energy expresses itself as light and heat, so in the manifestation of the Spirit. The life will show itself as light, rather than darkness; as love, rather than hatred. And as light and heat are impossible apart from energy, so the life is the basis, the key to all Christian experience.

Moreover, Light and Love are not the mere expressions of Life. It has its own essential, inalienable attributes, characteristics that must come into their own. Christian experience is to be fully evidenced out and Christian service befitting Christian in quality and achievement.

When Christ returned to heaven after 33 years upon this earth as the incarnate Son of God, He sent the Holy Spirit as another Comforter to be in us with us. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. . . . But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring

all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:18, 26); "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. . . . Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you" (John 16:7-11, 13, 14).

The disciples to whom He made the promise personally became fully aware of His presence 40 days afterwards. "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight" (Acts 1:7-9); "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together,

and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" (Acts 2:1-8).

This fulfillment of prophecy brought both favorable and unfavorable compliments from the audience. "And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine" (Acts 2:12, 13).

This same attitude was expressed in the days that Pharaoh refused to obey God in letting the Israelites go into the wilderness to worship God for three days. Pharaoh said: ". . . Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go" (Exodus 5:2). Compare what the people said, "And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?" (Exodus 10:7).

The gospel when faithfully preached or administered by God's servants converts and saves those who hear, but harden the hearts of those that refuse and rebel. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16); "He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1).

The days of Moses, the Day of Pentecost, and today are the same. All that have been saved were saved by the power of the Word. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12); "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17); "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16); "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18); "Who also hath made us able ministers (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



QUIET KINDNESS

by NEAL NEITZEL

STAY away from my property, or I'll have the police arrest you!" angrily snouted the tall, stooped man in faded, blue overalls. He shook his fist after the fleeing group of boys.

"What an old meanie!" puffed Hank Driscoll, his chubby features flushed from running. "Let's get away from his field just as fast as we can—and stay away from now on!"

Later that Saturday afternoon, Hank told tall, dark-haired Bob Jensen about the unpleasant encounter with Mr. Morgan.

"You can't possibly blame Mr. Morgan for shouting at you and the other fellows," Bob said quietly after Hank had finished his version of the experience. "You didn't ask his permission to play softball in that vacant field, did you?"

Hank shrugged his shoulders. "It wouldn't have made any difference. He just doesn't like people, Bob. You'll learn that the only way to get along with old man Morgan is to stay as far away from that ramshackle old house of his as you can!"

The next morning Bob was still thinking about his friend's bitter description of the tall, leathery-featured man, while he hiked rapidly along the sunlit sidewalks toward church. Bob was always the first boy to arrive for Sunday school. He enjoyed helping to place the hymnals in the wooden racks fastened to the backs of the pews, and he liked the task of distributing the inspiring Sunday school papers that every girl and boy received.

As he walked past the shabby, old-fashioned brick home hidden by the ragged clump of mulberry bushes bordering the front lawn of Mr. Morgan's property, Bob couldn't help feeling sorry for the lonely old man. He'd heard his parents say that Mr. Morgan's wife had passed away many years ago and that Mr. Morgan's only son had died during the war. Bob understood why Mr. Morgan was cross and unfriendly sometimes. Bob knew that being sad and lonely could hurt people worse than those bumps and bruises he received playing football.

During the Sunday school class, Bob said a special prayer. He asked God to forgive Mr. Morgan for forgetting to pray. He also asked God's guidance in finding some way to help the tall, gray-haired man.

The next afternoon, Bob was walking home from school with Hank and another boy named Steve Lewis. Steve laughed and pointed across the field to where a stooped, weary-looking man in faded, blue overalls was swinging a curved sickle, chopping at the weeds and thistles that were almost waist-high.

"Look at the old hermit!" Steve said loudly. "He looks just like a picture of old Father Time I saw!"

Bob stared at Mr. Morgan. "He's working very hard," Bob said quietly. "Do you see how red his face is? I'm afraid that he'll get sick. The sun is very hot, and he looks tired."

Hank laughed. "Oh, don't feel sorry for him! The only reason he's cutting those weeds and thistles is because the mayor sent him a letter ordering him to do it! I know, because my older sister, Dorothy, works in the mayor's office! She typed the letter and mailed it last Saturday morning!"

"Let's get our bikes and take a ride out to the old stone quarry," Steve suggested, grinning at Bob and Hank. "We can throw stones at tin cans!"

"Great idea! Let's go!" Hank proved, already hurrying toward home. He beckoned impatiently to urging him to follow them.

Steve sprinted across the street, urging to get his own bike. "Come on!" Steve called over his shoulder, seeing that Bob hadn't moved.

"Are you just going to stand there watching him chop weeds?" Hank insisted.

Bob decided what he was going to do. He shook his head. "No, I'm going home," he announced to his friends. He began to walk swiftly in the direction of his house, much to the grinning approval of Hank and Steve. Then the grins became surprised scowls as Bob said, "I'm going to change into my clean clothes. Then I'm coming back here to help Mr. Morgan!"

Hank groaned, shaking his head. "You're silly!" he scolded. "If you take one step into that field, you'll get caught away. I know! It happened to me!"

"Why waste time and energy helping a man you don't even know?" argued Steve, rumpling his blonde hair with his hand in curious wonder, as he stood across the street staring at Bob.

By the time Bob had changed into blue denim overalls and work shoes, he hurried from the house, Steve and Hank were just disappearing around the corner on their bikes. Bob sighed, uncertain of his decision to help. Perhaps his friends were right. Mr. Morgan might very well be angry if he trespassed in the field and offered to cut weeds and thistles. Besides, Bob would have enjoyed going on the bike trip out to the abandoned stone quarry with his friends.

The temptation to forget about his intention of offering help was strong, but Bob shook it off and hurried toward the field. Mr. Morgan was still stooped over, swinging the flashing blade of his sickle at the dense clumps of thistles and weeds. When Bob called out, asking whether he could help, Mr. Morgan glanced up from his work, his leathery features flushed from the heat.

"What did you say, boy?" Mr. Morgan growled. "I guess I didn't hear you right—you didn't offer to help, did you?"

"Yes, I'd like to help. I really want to, sir!" Bob repeated sincerely. He stood on the sidewalk and waited for permission to walk on the frowning, thistle-looking old man's property.

Mr. Morgan straightened his back and flexed his tired arms. "Now, why would you want to help me?" he demanded suspiciously. "I won't pay you! If

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Homecoming and Awards Day

The annual homecoming and awards day was held Sunday, July 9, on the campus of the Children's Home. The Rev. Stewart Humphrey, director of campus life of the Home, and Mrs. Nancy Smith Lane, president of the Alumni Association, presided. There were approximately 50 alumni present.

The following awards were presented: **Powell Award:** to the boy and girl showing most interest in religious activities, Charles Warren and Julia Woodard. **Alumni Award:** to the boys and girls showing most interest in the Home, Sammy Mansour, Charles Warren, Janice Tebo, and Jane Hill. **Academic Award:** student who made the highest scholastic average during the past school year—elementary, Sandra Anderson; high school, Judy Warren. **Mixon Award:** to the best all-around boys and girl, Sammy Mansour, Charles Warren, and Joyce Woodard. Congratulations to all these young people for these honors.

After the morning services, the alumni held its business meeting; after which a delicious picnic lunch was held on the grounds.

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Memorial Chapel Scene of Wedding Rites

Memorial Chapel on the campus of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was the setting for the marriage Sunday, July 16, of Miss Deborah Rose Newton of Fremont, North Carolina, and James Kelce Andrews of Carrboro, North Carolina. The Rev. Harold M. Wallace officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Newton of Farmville, North Carolina. The parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A. Andrews of Carrboro.

Mrs. Andrews is a former student of the Children's Home and is a graduate of Southern Nash High School and Mount Olive College.

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"Why do we give so much to missions while we are paying such high interest on the building debt?" That is a good, fair question. Here is the best answer I can give: "We give what we do to missions so that when the building is paid for, there will be a church in it! The church either reaches out or passes out." —Myron Taylor.

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FOR AUGUST 13



Worshipping in the Family

Lesson Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Memory Verse: Joshua 24:15

I. INTRODUCTION

Man's earliest efforts to pay homage and devotion to God found expression in the home. The family altar antedates the tabernacle and temple. It is still the basic structure from whence the synagogue, the church, and the cathedral find their strength and their motivation for service.

God in the beginning established the family group as the basic element of society, and the habits and the practices that are established therein exercise a determining influence upon what the church and the state will become. Secure is that state and progressive that church which numbers among its constituency those who have learned of God and of His love and His mercy around a family altar, for their convictions are genuine and well founded and their love and concern are sincere and without presumption.

Our lesson text is composed of a selection from Deuteronomy and one from Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy. The first, Deuteronomy 6:1-9, deals with the responsibility of parents to observe the commandments of God and to teach the commandments to their children that the commandment of God might be perpetuated through coming generations; the second, 2 Timothy 1:3-7, deals with Paul's admonition to a young minister to stir up the gift of a knowledge of God's Word and will which has been his from the days of earliest childhood as a result of the love and devotion which his parents and grandparents held for the Word of God.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The basic requirement for the enjoyment of the land by the Israelites was

doing the commandments of God (Deuteronomy 6:1).

B. The purposes of the commandments were to produce the fear of God and to prolong life (v. 2).

C. The unity of God is not involved in the words "one Lord." The idea here is that He, and He alone, is the absolute God (v. 4).

D. We must worship God with all that we are (v. 5) as well as with all that we have (cf. Matthew 19:21).

E. If we expect the Word of God to do us any good, there is only one place where it can be kept—in our hearts (Deuteronomy 6:6).

F. If we want the Word of God to do anything in our lives, we must make it everything in our lives (vv. 7-9).

G. Unfeigned faith is the result of worship and the Word of God within the home of the parties involved (2 Timothy 1:5).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The home served as the source of instruction in matters pertaining to God and His will in the lives of men in the early days of Israel's history. Though we are many centuries removed from that period of time when these instructions for the teaching and the remembrance of God's Word were given to the parents of Israel, parents of today are still charged with the responsibility of making the Word of God (the Bible) known to their children.

Though it is not necessary that we follow the procedure used by the parents in Israel, we are charged with the responsibility of demonstrating to our children the fact that we consider the Bible to be God's Word, and that its teachings are of the utmost importance to us in shaping our own destiny and the destinies of our children.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

B. It is an old slogan and slightly worn but still so very true: "Families that pray together stay together." Children who were taught to worship God in the

home seem never to forget it in life. A poll taken of faithful church members would show that most of them did receive religious training in home.

There are three great institutions in our society and they are interdependent: the home, the church, and the school. Neither can prosper without the other two, and when one suffers the other suffers also to some degree. It is foolish to expect the school to be any better than the home which sends its children there. It is difficult to have a good church when the homes that make it up are less than they should be. When we consider the relationship of these institutions we are convinced that of the three, the home is the crucial and the most important one. Without good homes where the name of Christ is adored there can be no good schools or even churches. "As goes the home so goes the community, the school, the church, the state, and the nation—as well as the world."—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. Paul described the Christian life in terms of a foot race. His goal was to run so as to win the prize that God offers (Philippians 3:13, 14). Essentially, running a good race is a good beginning. Daily worship in the home is the insurance that we will have a good beginning in the race of life.

It takes a lot of effort to establish a systematic worship program in the home. Some say, "There's just no time when we are all at home with a free moment." It is true that time for togetherness is at a premium in these busy days, so time is one hurdle that must be "jumped." We make time in our lives, however, for those activities that we consider vital.

There are other obstacles to family worship. A more formidable barrier than lack of time is a lack of conviction. The average church member is just not convinced that a daily devotional period with the members of the family is necessary.

On the other hand, a great number of Christians who are convicted of the necessity of family worship lack the determination to establish it. Considerable persistence is called for if we would institute and maintain regular family worship. If we truly desire God's prize of eternal life for ourselves and our children, we will, as a family, worship God in the home.—Standard Christian Commentary.

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Home is the place where the great and the small are great.

"BE STILL - AND KNOW"

by Estelle D. Broadrick

HERE are few people who live where perfect silence and perfect solitude is possible in this day and age. The tempo of life has increased until there seems to be little time, and sometimes little inclination, to "Be still, and know that God! . . ." (Psalm 46:10).

Prayer and meditation, once a part of life, has become a lost art, because we live in a noise-filled and confusing world. We say that there is a calmness in the eye of a storm; there is perfect stillness at the very center of a tornado. We think of life as a storm raging around us and retreat to the "eye of the storm," there to find tranquility and a calmness within our own mind.

We can encourage uplifting thought by reading material, by studying the scriptures and meditating on what we read, by praying deeply and sincerely, and then letting a blessed stillness steal over us.

We can enter into a closet and pray as the Bible bids us. Make it a daily, or a daily, habit and you will feel calm and blessed throughout the day and all through the night. It is the ideal way to let tensions go and to let muscles and nerves relax and let go of fears, doubts, and stress, the trivia that clutters up our lives and lives.

Just sit in a park, on the porch steps, on a lawn, in the darkness and the silence of your bedroom, and relax; sit quietly and relax completely, serenely thinking and serenely refrain from thinking, . . . be still.

Walking can be healthful and helpful. We can pray as you walk and pray as you work. Nietzsche said, "All exciting and enlarging ideas come into men's minds when they are walking." Grace Wallis said it more poetically, "Thought comes readily through the accent of wooded hills on a sunny day."

John Burroughs said, "Thinkers have at all times resorted to the restful inspiration of a walk in the woods or a stroll over hills and dales."

After a walk it is easier to find the calmness within that will bring added richness to your life. Take a new lease on life by praying more, meditating more, studying more, walking more, doing and resting more, doing some-

thing worthwhile, and saying something worthwhile.

Life was meant to be lived and to be enjoyed, and unless you are living for God, and in God, and He in you, you are missing out on the real enjoyment. You cannot live by bread, toothpaste, rich foods, and rare wines; by plays, movies, social activities, and shopping trips and find the real meaning of life.

Whoever you are, wherever you are, you need God!

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Questions & Answers

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of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (2 Corinthians 3:6).

The Spirit of God wrote the Word of God and we have the Word through which, when we have heard and received, we became new creatures in Christ, being commissioned to make the same message known to the whole world as nearly as is possible and to every creature. Receiving the Word and being saved brings with it an obligation to obey it, something we cannot do except in the power of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent and whom the Father sent to abide with us forever. We are both helpless and useless in accomplishing any spiritual feat. We could not even pray as we need to pray. "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8:26, 27).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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think that I'll give you money, then you are wrong!"

"I want to help because you need help," Bob answered quietly, his gray eyes friendly. "But I won't bother you if you don't want me to come into your field, Mr. Morgan. After all, this is your property."

Mr. Morgan rubbed his jaw slowly. "Why, I really believe that you mean that!" he finally said in a thoughtful voice. "I could use some help, young

It was almost dark when Bob chopped

down the last prickly thistle. He lowered the curved blade and stared in satisfaction at the field he'd helped to clear of weeds.

Mr. Morgan had raked most of the thistles and weeds into a large pile in the middle of the field. He leaned on his rake and grinned gratefully at Bob. It was as though someone had suddenly turned on a light switch! His lean face was no longer grim with unhappy lines, and his blue eyes twinkled so brightly that Bob felt like cheering!

"I've let this place become shabby and unsightly," Mr. Morgan said, gazing around at the rundown brick house and at the ragged untrimmed mulberry bushes. "You know, I've let myself get the same way," he mused, grinning at Bob. He winked. "Thanks for helping me clear the weeds and thistles from my thoughts, as well as from this field!"

After that day, Bob and his friends not only played baseball in the large field—Mr. Morgan even acted as umpire! But the best reward that Bob received for his quiet kindness was when he walked into the church service with his parents after Sunday school. He saw Mr. Morgan, smiling and neatly dressed, singing from the hymnal in a loud, clear, bass voice!—My Pleasure.

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WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

What is important?

Who knows, who knows?

The rain coming down or the wind that blows?

A vegetable garden?

A pink satin rose?

God gives us these things and

He knows! He knows!

He gives us the woodpecker

Drumming the tree,

The inch-along snail, the honeybee,

The sweeping grasses;

He even made me!

All things work in His plan

And He knows—do we?

—Bette Killion.

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There will be selfishness and greed and corruption and narrowness and intolerance in the world tomorrow. But we must have the courage and the wisdom and the vision to raise a definite standard that will appeal to the best that is in men, and then strive mightily toward the goal.—Copied.

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You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

THE GLAMOUR ROAD

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for many years. As a child he was very temperamental. As he grew older he lived a very sinful life. He drank, gambled, danced, stole, and did anything that he could trying to have a good time. As the years passed he drifted farther and farther away from God and the church. Now the marks of sin are showing on his life. His body is very thin from the lack of proper food and too much to drink. Now he tries to blame God for all his troubles. He will not go to church and he tries to tell people that there is no God. He traveled the glamour road of sin with the wrong friends. Now he is old, his health gone, and he is without the love of God in his heart. Nettie, Jack and his friends are not the right friends for you."

"Why do you say that, Mother?"

"Nettie, this may sound old-fashioned to you. I'm old-fashioned enough to still have very high principles. Christ never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and He has high principles too. He wants the best of our lives and we are more able to work for Him in our youth."

"I know that, Mother. But I want to enjoy life while I'm young."

"Nettie, I can truly say that I believe there is more joy in living for God and the Lord Jesus Christ than all the sinful pleasures Satan has to offer you. Christ never changes, nor does Satan. Satan's work is to walk up and down the highway of life seeking the ones he can destroy. Just be patient and wait. God will send the right friends your way."

"Mother, you said there is joy in serving God. How?"

"Nettie, the happiest moment of my life was when I repented of my sins and accepted Christ as my Saviour. There are many fields to work in: the church, the community, and the home. One of the greatest joys I ever experienced was to see a sin-sick sinner pray through to Christ. To see the bright light of God's love shining in his eyes, is worth more than all the sinful pleasures Satan has to offer. This is the greatest joy of all: to know that we are ready to go to God's city to live when He shall call us home. We may be able to meet Him without

fear, or be ashamed for the wicked life we have lived. We can feel great joy because our sins have been covered by the blood of Christ. So won't you change your mind and stay here at home with your family?"

"Oh, Mother, Mother! I just know you are the best, sweetest, mother in all the world," cried Nettie as she threw her arms around her mother's shoulders. "How could I ever think that I could leave you. My goodness, just look at the time. I must hurry or I shall be late for our Youth Rally," said Nettie, as she tried to run up the stairs with the heavy suitcase. As she reached the last step she turned, looked down at her mother, and said, "Mom, I'm very, very, sorry for the childish way I've acted. I know that you and Dad are right in not letting Nell and me go to the beach alone for the weekend. Thanks. Now, Mother I truly am ashamed and sorry that I gave you the wrong impression about Mae, Robert, and Jack. Mother, they are all good Christians and workers in the church. They all play music. They have a musical band and call themselves, 'The Music Gang for Christ.' Robert's father said that they made too much noise practicing, so Mae invited them to go to the apartment. Mae is a sweet Christian girl. She is an orphan and lived with her great-aunt until she passed away a month ago. Robert rented the apartment so she could move down here to get ready for the wedding. They are getting married this Sunday at church. That is why Jack wanted me to go stay with her, so she wouldn't be alone. However, they found this good, elderly, Christian lady to live with her."

Nettie turned and ran into her room. Mother soon heard her singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," as she ran about her room dressing to go to church.

Mother dried the tears from her eyes as she too lifted up her head and whispered, "Thank you, God, for victory in Jesus."

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It was bad when a bouquet showed up at the new bank with a sympathy card attached, but when another bouquet came to the funeral home with a "Congratulations on your new location" card —brother!

Where Do You Stand?

- Of all church members 10 percent never pray.
- Of all church members 20 percent never read the Bible.
- Of all church members 30 percent never go to church.
- Of all church members 40 percent never contribute.
- Of all church members 50 percent never participate in church.
- Of all church members 60 percent never give to missions.
- Of all church members 75 percent never serve in the church by visitation.
- Of all church members 85 percent never go to prayer meetings.
- Of all church members 95 percent never have won a soul to Christ.

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By choosing the easy way for ourselves, we make the way harder for others.—Selected.

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Someone spoke to a person this morning. That person returned his greeting and made him happy. Just a little thing. . .

Someone sent somebody a get-well card when he was shut in. The sick person appreciated the card. Only a little thing. . .

Someone saw another in a crowd and called him by name. He was glad that she remembered him. Another little thing you say. . .

Someone called an old man on the phone to say that he was sorry that he had been less tolerant than he should have been. The old man told him to forget it; it was all right. Just a little thing. . .

Someone reached down to pat a lonely dog's head. The dog wagged his tail and licked the kind person's hand. A little thing again. . .

Someone embraced a sad little boy and wiped away his tears. The little boy felt wanted for the first time in his life and was able to smile. Another little thing. . .

Someone took the time to kiss a poor little girl and to finger her bouncy curls. Her eyes lit up with delight. Just another little thing. . .

Someone took a hot lunch to an elderly bedridden lady. A tear stole down her cheek as she expressed her gratitude. Only a little thing. . .

Someone went to a prison to visit a lonely man. His eyes showed his thanks. Yes, just a little thing. . .

Someone held a fallen woman's hand and encouraged her to follow the right path. She nodded her head and held the friendly hand tight. A little thing. . .

Someone prayed at a sick child's bedside. The fever broke and the child regained consciousness. A little thing. . .

Someone gave his soul to God last night and said, "God, I'll do my best." An unimportant little thing you say. . .

A greeting, a card, a recognition, an apology, a kindness shown, an embrace, a kiss, a thought, a visit, an encouragement, a prayer, a dedication—all little things; but as the prophet of old said, "Despise not the day of little things." Little things sometimes mean more than we know. The next time you are led to do a little something for somebody, do it. It may be bigger in his eyes than you could ever know.

Little things mean something. Doing little things makes us bigger people. How big have you been today?



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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Behind

It was a hot, sticky Sunday afternoon in July, 1970—the kind of day when most people would seek out a cool, relaxing spot.

As the noon sun beat heavily upon the city of York, Pennsylvania, a small group of concerned people approached a large, gloomy-looking building; the sign over the main door read York County Prison. For most of the approaching group, this was to be a new experience.

After the usual preliminary of signing in, the dozen or so people were permitted to enter. Clang! The huge, steel-barred door slammed shut. The ominous sound brought a chill to each one who had entered.

We were ushered into a large, damp, forbidding-looking room. After being seated, we were told to wait. In a few moments, which seemed like hours, a group of men filed in and were seated several yards in front of us; several women inmates were seated behind us. For most of us, the moment of truth had come.

How does an outsider react in such a place? Neither beauty nor softness is evident, only hard, cold facts—bars and steel doors! Men and women are confined for one crime or another.

As I nervously glanced around, a small barred window caught my attention. It was some fifteen feet above the floor, and the bright sunlight flooded through; it afforded a moment of comfort.

The reason for our being there was soon made evident. A special program had been arranged by the York County Christian Endeavor Society. The inmates and staff were invited to a program of gospel music and preaching. It was my privilege to stand before these men and women and to speak a word of hope and Christ-centered love.

As I approached the lectern, opened my Bible, and put down the carefully typed-out sermon notes, something seemed wrong! It was quiet, yet not deathly quiet. It almost seemed as if I were on

trial—since then it has become apparent that my feeling was justified.

All the time spent preparing the intended message seemed superfluous at that precise moment. There was an invisible wall between the preacher and his unusual congregation. All of a sudden, understanding seemed to hit me in the pit of my stomach! The preacher, congregation, and sermon notes all were caught in a stiff-necked, ineffective atmosphere!

Closing the sermon notebook, I approached the men as equals. We are

Prison

here to help, and by all that's holy, help is what we will do, I thought to myself. As I began to speak, the men displayed a degree of surprise. Few had ever ventured to talk to them in just that way. The wall soon disappeared.

Opening the Word of God, I proceeded to introduce Jesus Christ and what He is able to do for everyone—regardless of race, creed, color, or crime. It was evident that the Holy Spirit was in control.

Afterwards, several inmates spoke to me, but one man in particular was to be the wedge that would open a new door of service. It was soon to be my experience to learn what happens behind prison bars.

Many people look upon prisoners as those who never will be fit for society. Their philosophy is to "dump them in the clink and throw away the keys." Some folks seem to forget that the ones behind prison bars are people, too.

For me, that sultry, July Sunday afternoon proved to be a day of challenge and emotional upheaval! To this moment, it remains the same.

For obvious reasons, that particular man who was, and is, responsible for this new challenge and scope of work will remain anonymous. For the sake of identification, however, I will refer to him as R.B.

R.B. had never heard the gospel, but now he wanted to hear all about it. R.B. was indeed a troubled and bitter man. In his childhood, his life had been

like a ping-pong ball's, for he had been batted from one place to another.

R.B. is a black man who had never had much use for white people. He was militant and big enough to prove it. He had tried both "pot" and alcohol. After one mistake too many, R.B. had landed in the York County Jail. It was while making a succession of visits to R.B. that I began to gain important insights into life behind steel bars. Between chats with R.B., I also visited some of the other men.

R.B. was transferred to Camp Hill Correctional Institution, then to Graterford, and then to the Lancaster County prison. In the ensuing years, my burden for people in prison grew. Each jail that I visited offered new challenges. The conditions and general attitude of each prisoner were uniquely different in each place, although all places of confinement have some things in common.

Bars

One of the greatest enemies of men and women in prison is loneliness. Just as there are all kinds of people in the outside world, so there are all kinds of people in jail. To some, doing time is a way of life, but to others it's a nightmare. Day follows day in confinement. One hour of boredom is followed by another, and there is the chronic feeling that no one really cares.

You and I live in a fantastic era when more people know more things than ever before. We go all out to win the young. In fact, nearly all media is geared to those under twenty-five. The sad fact is that the young are drowning in a sea of plenty. While the young are important, others now are taking a new look at the aged. But today the abuser of society—the jailbird, the con—has been relegated by far too many to the junk pile of humanity.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:20

PROPERTY FIRE CAN'T TOUCH

A Christian family lost all their possessions in a disastrous fire. The family was visited by John Newton. His words of greeting were unusual. "I give you joy," he said.

The mother replied, "What? Joy when all our earthly belongings are gone?"

Newton said, "Oh, no, but joy that you have so much enduring property that fire cannot touch."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't it wonderful to have what this family had? Do we have it?

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 7:25

JESUS TALKED TO THE FATHER

One morning Dr. C. I. Scofield was downcast and depressed. A cloud seemed to come between him and the heavenly Father, and he was unable to pray. As he thought upon the Saviour, the cloud lifted. Joy came.

Later he said to a friend, "I was very depressed this morning. You must have prayed for me."

"No," said the friend, "but I know your great High Priest and Intercessor, the Lord Jesus, talked to the Father about you."

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is so comforting to know that we always have someone who really cares for us. That alone is enough to make life very worthwhile. And there's so much more!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 7:25

GOD'S EXHIBIT

In courts of justice, lawyers present various items in evidence, such as guns, knives and clubs. They are labeled exhibits 1, 2, 3, and so on.

The healed and delivered maniac of Gadara was God's "exhibit," testifying to the saving and healing power of the Lord Jesus. Each one whom Christ saves is an exhibit attesting to His mightiness to break the shackles of sin.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we have any "exhibits" to show for God's sake? For His sake and ours, let's work toward having some.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:8

HOW TO IMPROVE BUSINESS

A Christian businessman turned down a shady deal which would have brought him a large sum of money. The person offering him the dishonest deal asked why he did it.

The Christian said, "My concern does business on Christian principles."

"Surely you don't try to mix two good things like business and religion?" asked the would-be shady dealer.

The Christian replied, "I have discovered that when we mix business and religion, we prove our religion, and we improve our business."

PRAYER THOUGHT

To know that we have Christian businessmen is so wonderful. We know we still have some. They are successful businessmen too. It pays off, doesn't it?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

"I KNOW YOU LOVE JESUS"

A sad, distressed little girl told her pastor, "I want to love Jesus, but I can't do it."

The pastor said, "My dear little girl, stop thinking about your not being able to love Jesus. Just keep saying, 'Jesus loves me!' Say it to yourself many times every day."

Later the little girl returned to the pastor with a happy smile on her face. The pastor said, "I know you love Jesus. Your happy face tells me that you do!"—*Alice Marie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

After reading the above, the thought comes to us—It really is this way. He loves us so much, we just have to love him back. It shows in our faces—doesn't it?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Scripture Reading—Psalm 90:8

A VERY BAD HEART

The chest of an allegedly poor woman was X-rayed in a hospital clinic free of charge. "I am unable to pay anything," she said.

The X-ray revealed a concealed purse stuffed with a sizable bills.

Said the X-ray technician, "Madam, you have a very bad heart. You lied when you said you were very poor."

We may succeed for a while in hiding our sins from others, but we can never hide them from God.—*Baptist Standard.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Why would we want to lie about anything? People have reasons, but where does it get us? Let's examine ourselves closely. God knows.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Scripture Reading—James 1:23

DO IT NOW

If you have hard work to do,

Do it now.

Today the skies are clear and blue, Tomorrow clouds may come in view, Yesterday is not for you,

Do it now.

If you have a song to sing,

Sing it now.

Let the notes of gladness ring, Clear as song of bird in spring, Let every day some music bring,

Sing it now.

If you have kind words to say,

Say them now.

Tomorrow may not come your way, Do a kindness while you may, Loved ones will not always stay,

Say it now.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To procrastinate, as you know, means put off doing something that should be done. How many of us are guilty? Could we work toward becoming less of a procrastinator? So many people could benefit from this—including ourselves.

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I'VE GOT TO BE ME

by
MRS. HERSEL BOWEN
Winterville, North Carolina

HURRY, hurry, hurry, the Joneses have already gone!"

"Oh! Jim, I want a new hat and coat. Mary Jones has just bought the most beautiful hat and coat I have ever seen. She dresses so lovely."

"But Ruth, you know that Bobby has to have an operation soon."

"I know, Jim, but we can't let the Joneses get ahead of us! You know how they are—they think they are Mr. and Mrs. 'Big Stuff.'"

"Oh! Ruth, I just can't keep this up. The Joneses have their way of life and we have ours. I've just got to be me!"

Just listen! Does this conversation sound like something you have heard before? Are we guilty of trying to put on a false front to be like someone else? Do we have a Ruth in our family who is trying to be like the Joneses? I believe that if God wanted me to be like the Joneses, He would have made me like them. Are we afraid to be different?

We hear about women wanting to be equal to men. Why? Once a lady boarded a crowded bus and the following conversation was overheard: "Why don't you get up and give the lady a seat?" "Why should I, she is dressed like me, she is smoking a cigarette like me, her hair looks the same as mine; so she wants to be equal with me. I got here first so why should I give her my seat? She wanted this, not me."

We usually get what we ask for. God has told us in His Word that we are to live in this world, but we must not let the world live in us. But we are so of-

ten prone to say that times have changed. This is true, but the Word of God is the same today as it was yesterday, and will be the same for all the tomorrows to come.

Some people say, "I'm so busy today, but someday I'll get time to read the Bible." Why are we so busy today? If we are not working for God, we are working for self. As things look today, are things that important? I can't help but think of a recent storm nearby. As I look at the ruin of houses, a church, and other things, I tell myself how thankful I should be to have a God with a powerful hand that can rock the whole world and shake down houses, and at the same time protect every life without a single person being seriously hurt. Thankful? Yes. I know the hearts of these families will live this experience over and over, thanking God for sparing the great gift: their lives and their families' lives.

We read in Genesis 2:7, ". . . the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." God has a purpose for my life as well as a purpose for the lives of the Joneses. He made us a living soul; He said nothing about a dead soul. I believe it is how we live here on earth that will determine how and where we will spend eternity. Yes, I believe the soul lives forever. If we are busy doing God's will and have put our soul in His hands, we really don't have time to keep up with the Joneses, and we really will not want to. Working for God is so much more rewarding and pleasing—yes, and

fun too. You might ask, "How dare you say fun?" To me fun is doing something I really want to do and enjoy. A long face, complaining, so-called Christians can't have very much fun in anything. Sure there are heartaches, troubles, and sorrows for Christians; and none of us is perfect either. Did God promise us that everything would always be lovely and good? No. Remember the devil is still loose!

Dear friend, someday all the heartaches, troubles, and sorrows will be over. Is this what we want, or are we too busy keeping up with the Joneses? Let's take a better look at the Joneses. Can they offer you and me happiness always? Will the covering of our bodies really matter so much? Must we wear what someone else wears just to keep up with the Joneses? How do we know they are right? Read for yourself what it says in God's Word about how a Christian should dress. Going places as the Joneses do, saying, acting, and thinking like them—are you sure this is for you? May all of us stand back and take a look into the mirror of God's Word and see who we are, how we should act, and how we should think. Yes, we must be ourselves.

Only what we do here on earth for Jesus can we carry with us when we go to meet God. Must we go empty handed? This is up to each of us as an individual. No one can stand in **my** or in **your** place. God, we pray, give us the knowledge and wisdom to understand what is best for each of us. May we say, "I've got to be me!"

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The Backslider's Hit Parade

"Tell Me the Old, Old Story," if it doesn't last too long.

"Take Me Life and Let It Be," yes, please let it be, dear Lord.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" is indeed wonderful, but I'm too busy for prayer today.

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord," with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Gray.

"I Love to Tell the Story," but only in church on Sunday.

"Lead Me to Some Soul Today," but wait until a convenient time.

"All I Have Is Thine Own," but I hope you don't mind if I use it all now for something I want.

"If Jesus Goes With Me," it may be embarrassing for both of us. Copied

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Ordination Services For The Rev. Luther Bissette



On Sunday, July 16, at 3 p.m., an ordination service was conducted at the Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Bailey, North Carolina, for the Rev. Luther Bissette. The Rev. Royster Martin delivered the message, after which the Rev. William Dale presented to Mr. Bissette a Bible and the certificate of ordination.

Prior to this service, following the morning worship service, the members of Rock Springs honored the Rev. and Mrs. Bissette with a surprise dinner on the church grounds in appreciation for the work they are doing for the church.

Mr. Bissette entered the ministry in June, 1971, and began his pastoral work with the Rock Springs church (his home church) in July, 1971. For a number of years Mr. Bissette served as moderator and clerk of the Second Western Union. He also served as treasurer of the Western Conference and a member of the executive committee. He had taught the adult Sunday school at Rock Springs church for a number of years and served on the board of deacons.

Mr. Bissette is available for pastoral and evangelist work on second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Free Will Baptists Attend Workshop for Christian Workers

The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, and the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. were among those who attended the week of workshops for

Christian workers and pastors held the week of July 17-21 at the Ben Lippen Conference, Asheville, North Carolina. They all report valuable instructions and inspiration for the workshops and featured speakers in the evening sessions.

Workshops were held on "The Church in Action," "Effective Communication," "Missionary Endeavor," "The Youth Movement," and other subjects by J. Roberson McQuilkin, president of Columbia Bible College; Jerry Ballard of World Vision; and members of the faculty of Columbia Bible College. A children's camp for the children of those attending the workshops was conducted during the week under the direction of Mrs. J. Roberson McQuilkin. On Wednesday, wives of the Columbia Bible College faculty members gave a tea in honor of Mrs. Jerry Ballard, whose husband is to become a member of the faculty of the college the first of September.

Conferences and workshops at Ben Lippen are interdenominational in nature, and pastors from many churches and a number of missionaries were in attendance during the recent workshop week.

Recognition was given by the president to the fact that a number of the missionaries of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Convention have attended the Columbia Bible College, and he expressed the hope that the college might be able to render continuing services to this group.

Third League Union Eastern Assembly Building

The Third League Union of the Eastern Conference will convene on Saturday, August 19, at the Eastern Conference Assembly Building located on Highway 11 between Pink Hill and Beulaville, North Carolina. The union will begin at 10 a.m. All leagues of the union are urged to be represented.

"Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell;
Or kiss the place to make it well?
MY MOTHER!"

—Selected.

Linkletter and Mooneyham Complete Filming "A Billion And Three"

Television star, Art Linkletter, and Christian humanitarian leader, Dr. Star Mooneyham, president of World Vision International, have just completed the filming of their new television special "A Billion and Three," in Seoul, Korea.

Dr. Mooneyham said, when planning his trip to Korea, that "World Vision has been grateful for the privilege of growing along with Korea over the years." He noted that more than any other part of the film, the Korean sequence was going to be a "success story."

The film—which also takes place in the Asian capitals of Hong Kong and Saigon—attempts to tell the true-life stories of three of the world's one billion underprivileged children in the developing countries.

In the Korean sequence, the full-color documentary film focuses on the life story of Kim Yung Sook. Now a graduate nurse, she was formerly a member of the world famous Korean Children's Choir. Growing up as an orphan from the war years, she has completed her university education and is contributing to the future of Korea, according to Peter Lee of World Vision's Korea office.

"In other countries," smiled Dr. Mooneyham, "we're just beginning . . . taking first steps and hoping. But here in Korea, we're seeing results. We've been in Korea almost 20 years, long enough to watch an orphaned child grow into a whole adult with self-esteem, with the ability to love, and with something of value to give to the future of Korea and the future of the world."

Along with the entire production crew, the two men visited a fishing village, Tai-O on Lantau in Hong Kong, a street boy home in Saigon, and a child care program in Korea. Filming in Korea took place in the secret gardens and the famous World Vision Music Institute.

The film will feature music by the World Vision Korean Children's Choir and is scheduled for telecast this fall as a one-hour television special in the United States, Australia, and Canada.

Produced by Atkins/Gilbert, Inc. for the Russ Reid Company, "A Billion and Three" is sponsored by World Vision International of Monrovia, California.

by Mrs. Sparce Renfrow

ALONE? LONELY? SOLUTION!

by
MISS ELSIE DUNN

(The following article is a reprint from "The Free Will Baptist" dated June 18, 1930. The article was read by Mrs. Renfrow, then president of the Western Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention, at Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, April 3, 1930. It was printed in the "Baptist" at the request of a former president of the convention, Miss Nellie Alford.)

Which of us, as we think of the whole span of life, would prefer that our acquaintance say of us at the end, "She made a lot of money"; "She had a good education"; "She always dressed nicely"; instead of having them say, "She was a superior woman"?

Now what are the marks of a superior woman?

One writer has said that the absence of grief or fear is the mark of a superior woman: "For if a woman looketh into her heart and find no guilt there, why should she grieve—and of what should she be afraid?"

To my mind this is a splendid definition. But to explain it more in detail, I prefer the ten tests as given by Dr. Frank Crane, with just a few minor changes and additions, which are as follows:

1st. A superior woman is spiritual—meaning that her joys are more of the mind than of the body. She has that sweet peace that the world knows not of.

2nd. She likes simplicity. She uses simple words, has simple habits, eats simple food, and finds the greatest pleasure in simple worship.

3rd. She likes to serve. She likes to serve God by serving humanity.

4th. She is above her pleasures. She has her pleasures, but none of them are bigger than she is. She can put by any or all of them for principle.

5th. She is clean. Her thoughts and actions are clean and wholesome. Her influence will draw others to Christ.

6th. She is never bitter. Her deeds and conversations are smooth and inspiring.

7th. She does not like to show off; but has that humble feeling that others can do as well or even better than she can.

8th. She is gentle. All noise is waste. God is in the still small voice.

9th. She is humble minded. Pride learns nothing. Humility is royal, walking free of fear and favor.

10th. She wears well. Friends do not tire of her. She has the lasting quality.

Now may I ask that we all strive earnestly to be a superior woman, is the message I bring to you.

possible that tours could be planned for those who like to travel.

The purpose of this program is not intended to take the place of the church. It would provide some things which you may not find in your church. So often single adults over twenty-five find themselves alone in the church. I believe that a program for single adults could be the solution to the aloneness.

We all need an understanding friend. It can be very helpful in solving our problems if there is someone who will listen with love and understanding. Yet we should guard against letting a friendship be a substitute for our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Nothing or no one can fill the place which God created and reserved for Himself. Jesus comes in and fills it if we will let Him. Then we have inner peace and joy no matter what the outward circumstances may be. We are not lonely when Jesus enters into our hearts and lives. Jesus Christ is the solution for loneliness.

I have shared some of my personal thoughts with you. These thoughts express what I believe to be the solution for the person who is alone and lonely. Friends, it would please me very much if you would take time to contact me. I am especially interested in hearing from people that would like to help organize a Christian program for single adults. You may contact me by writing to Miss Elsie Dunn, Route 1, Box 161, Fountain, North Carolina 27829, or you may prefer calling 752-3092.

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A Sunday school teacher asked her children to list their favorite hymns. One little girl looked up in surprise, blushed, then scribbled, "Peter and Tom."

BECAUSE of circumstances many people are alone and lonely. Being a single adult I often feel alone in our society—one which is centered around couples. I do not fit into the social activities of my married friends. Many of these people are dear to me, but our friendship is limited.

Every human being needs friends. Friendship is one of the very special gifts from God—a gift which we should treasure.

Without love and respect for one another there cannot be a real friendship. When we love people we accept them as they are. There is no need for pretense. With a friend we feel free to share and confide our intimate thoughts; we have no fear that they will judge or condemn us.

I have prayerfully considered ways to reach other people who are alone. In many areas of our country retreats and fellowship groups are bringing single adults together. The single adults include more than the unmarried. Others included are those who have been married and then because of death, divorce, or desertion find themselves alone. They meet together for fellowship and group study. There is time to talk and share problems and victories. Those involved have a lot in common and they are able to understand and help each other.

There are various things which a fellowship group for single adults could provide. The program would be Christ-centered. It would include a time of study and prayer. Christian fellowship would be an important and enriching part. The group could plan ways to be of service to others. Social activities could be planned by this group. It is

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Design for Mount Olive College Chapel Explained



The Board of Trustees of Mount Olive College has approved a distinctive and creative design for a chapel on its new 100-acre campus.

The unique structure should prove to be one of the most interesting buildings in Eastern North Carolina.

Mount Olive College presented a challenge to the architect to "design a chapel which will express the Christian commitment of our College. It should symbolize the centrality of God in human life by bridging the student life and academic aspects of college education."

The design of the chapel is distinctive in that it will physically span the major pedestrian artery of the campus.

The main campus walkway will literally pass through the chapel under the steeple. Clear glass at the base of the steeple will allow natural lighting of the corridor beneath.

The sanctuary stands to one side of the walkway with the nursery, private meditation room, choir room, and rest rooms on the opposite side. They are joined by a single roof.

The sanctuary will be furnished and trimmed in warm wood.

At the specific request of the students

of Mount Olive College, the chapel has been designed to be used only for worship purposes.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, stated that, "the most important contribution a college can make to a student is to help him change his life, and the greatest change that can come to any human being is to know God by experiencing Him through Jesus Christ. At Mount Olive College, we believe that our highest priority is to encourage students to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and to encourage them to grow in their relationship with God and their fellowman.

"The steeple of our chapel, which will be crowned with a cross, will tower far above any other building on campus and will serve to emphasize the importance of God in human life."

Administrative officials of the College are hopeful that contracts may be awarded in the fall and that the chapel will be in use by the end of 1973.

It is estimated that the cost of the building will be \$170,000. One any-

mous donor has already provided a gift of \$60,000.

Architect for the chapel is G. Milton Small of Raleigh who also prepared the masterplan and designed the four major buildings already constructed on the new campus.

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Lucas Awarded Music Scholarship

James Carlton Lucas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lucas of Kinston, North Carolina, has been awarded a music scholarship at Mount Olive College for the academic year, 1972-73.

Mr. Lucas, a graduate of Grainger High School, is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, and plans to be a ministerial student at Mount Olive College.

Mr. Lucas has been employed by the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden since 1969 as the illustrator and says this of his ability to draw: "Having been blessed by God with the talent of drawing, I enjoy all fields of art, painting, sketching etc. I also love all kinds of music and plan to further my training in music and art. My main interest, of course, lies in church-related activities and the upbuilding of the Lord's kingdom on earth."

Mount Olive College is a church-related, two-year liberal arts institution featuring individualized instruction, a non-failing grading system, intercollegiate athletics, and one of the most innovative and progressive educational programs in the nation.

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Architects cover up their mistakes with ivy, doctors with sod, and brides with mayonnaise.

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LIGHT

"O Send out thy light and thy truth."

FROM

CAMP

VANDEMERE

Camp Vandemere Ground-Breaking Ceremony

Recently several hundred people gathered for the ground-breaking ceremony at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina, where construction for new buildings will begin soon.



Board of Directors Turn a Shovel of Dirt

Present for the occasion was the Four-In-Christ Quartet from New Bern, North Carolina, who furnished special music for the day. This popular gospel quartet has just recently released its new recording, "The Eastern Gate."



Four-In-Christ Quartet

The Rev. Elbert Edwards delivered the message; followed with the prayer of dedication by the Rev. David W. Hansley.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST



Those Participating on the Program

After the moderator of the Eastern Conference and the chairman of the board of directors turned a shovel of dirt, people from different churches of Eastern North Carolina took part in what will prove to be a historical day for Free Will Baptists.

Refreshments were served to all who attended.

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Former Pastorate Praises Incoming Minister

The following letter has been received by the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, from the Bible Study Group of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina.

Dear Fellow Christians,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! The tie that binds all Christians together in love will be strengthened between us as our minister becomes your minister.

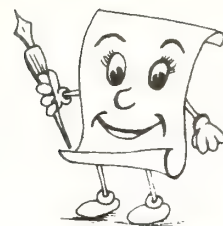
Mr. Bazen has inspired both the young and old of our church and community. His special interest in young people encourages them to make worthwhile contributions to the church of today and prepares them to become the church of tomorrow. His concern is not confined to church members alone, but he has a deep desire to see lost souls saved. As God's servant, he has visited the sick regularly and remembered them in prayer. Most important of all is his preaching of God's Word without apology.

We wish to commend him to your fellowship and your hearts. We pray God's blessings upon him, his family, and you as he comes to Black Jack church. May his ministry strengthen your faith and may your fellowship enable him to grow into full spiritual maturity.

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Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the right use of strength.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

I do a lot of writing and my life may be an open book, but please don't refer to me as "Manuscript Register."

The term "Ms." before a woman's name is being accepted in some business schools now and used by up-to-date secretaries. But I doubt if it will ever satisfy me.

For one thing, if I hadn't wanted to be "Mrs.," I would not have married. For another, it gives a sense of individuality to our two children (one of each). How would they feel with a "Ms." for a mother? What would their father be? Would they have had any kind of church identity and religious training from a "Ms."?

Besides, I think it's a cop out: another thing to hide behind in this age of non-identity. With long hair, flared jackets, ruffled blouses, and shoulder bags (!) for men, from a distance it's hard to recognize the sexes. But men and women aren't equal. Each sex has its superior and inferior traits. However, to keep from admitting our gender we could omit both titles and simply use the name. Letters addressed to "Nancy Character" or "Jonathan Joker" would be delivered. (Perhaps some men dislike their title of "Mr.")

If it were really freedom to choose, the female in question would be proud of her title "Miss" or "Mrs." To me, "Ms." sounds like, without changing her name, she may have lost something besides the letters between M and S.

There's nothing new about it, either. In grammar school before we knew for sure whether our new teacher was "Miss" or "Mrs." we were very careful to combine the two and say "Miz." Thus we sneakily avoided inciting her anger by using the wrong title. And she usually let us know that we had pronounced it wrong, spelled it for us, and cleared up the whole matter quickly.

I don't think "Ms." clears up anything. It's confusing, and I'm against it.

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Student's definition: "A parable is a heavenly story with no earthly meaning."

LOVE IS THE GREATEST GIFT

PONJUGAL love is a difficult enigma. The teen-agers understand it, but their parents do not. The more one experiences love, the less one comprehends it as a permanent spiritual, intellectual, or sensual experience. These are the interlocking rings, and one of them will not do, nor two.

Love is complete devotion to a person, yet it is more than that. It is a desire to give rather than receive—yet that doesn't even come close. It is a unifying of two persons into one, each possessing the other. It is also jealousy and hostility and despair, but these are the troughs between the waves of ecstasy.

It is like trying to explain outer space. It is there, but when was it invented, or by whom? Or, coming closer to earth, it is an autumn wind, cooling, caressing the cheek and the body, but totally unseen.

Sadly, many are incapable of love. These are the people who understand nothing beyond their own hungers. A married man, merely by being successful, can be unfaithful to his wife by immersing himself in his profession. For him, love is a part of his life. For a woman, it is all.

Nor does marriage itself prove that love is present and alive. Marriage can be a religious and legal prison. The call is small—big enough for two—and the bars are steely strong. The only way out is for one to kill the love of the other.

Over the years I have observed, and I have seen graduations of love and "anti-love" which the protagonists could not assess. My maternal grandfather was accustomed, at age seventy-five, to sit in the dark after supper holding his wife's hand. Was this love? It sounds romantic, but it may have been the only sure way of keeping her hand from his wallet.

The saddest was a graying man who left a beautiful wife and three children, for a stout, unattractive woman and three children. Was it love, or just an-

by
AARON M. "Jack" HARRELSON

other affair? I don't know, but when the stout one died (sixteen years later), I watched him in the confetti flurries of Christmastime, crouching next to her grave personally braiding a holly wreath. He could have bought a ready-made one, but the salt of his tears nourished the red berries.

I saw police lead an eighty-five year old man down a tenement house porch. His wife had been dying of cancer for a year, and she chewed a pillow every night to stifle screams of pain. He was a murderer, but he may also have been a man deeply in love.

I have seen the very young elope, and live in dreamy happiness for two months. Suddenly, whatever shallow feeling they had for each other expired, and wasn't even given a decent funeral.

It was gone, and yet, love had not died because it had never lived. I have seen marriages break up in every age category, and I thought that love was brittle. I was wrong. Love—whatever it is—endures the unendurable. It does not thrive on adversity, but a long dry spell will not kill the flower.

The losers—those with neither character nor appreciation—marry two, three, four times as though love was intended to be a revolving door from which no man or woman ever emerged.

Dorothy Parker, who believed in little except wit, wrote forty years ago:

"Oh seek, my love, your newer way;
I'll not be left in sorrow.
So long as I have yesterday
Go take your damned tomorrow."

Sentiment is sunshine with no night. It is not long-stemmed roses on an anniversary, not the curt kiss of evening. Sentiment is a warmth—a crackling log fire which never dies, and is large enough to kill the chill of wife, mother, children, and friends. Sentiment is a clasp of hands, a walk in the park, a

silent interlocking of eyes, and an unspeakable constriction of the throat.

No word has been more abused than "love." No songsmith can be successful without an insufferable use of the words "love" and "you." And yet without love, the toothless smiling infant withers in a bassinet; the old lady who burdens her children prays for death.

The awesome power of human love is creative, greatly enriching the lives of both the receiver and the giver. It is the only thing in the world of which one cannot give anyone too much. Genuine love has a firmness and discipline of its own for which there can be no substitute; it can never harm or inhibit or spoil; it can only benefit.

Do not expect me to define it. I know when it is present, and I know when it is not in any part of my house. Every living thing needs it, demands it. Beyond argument, it is the greatest gift ever tendered to a materialistic world.

In the world of today, it is a pity that we are ashamed of it. . . .

(Note: "Jack" Harrelson is a convicted prisoner, serving time in Central Prison Raleigh, North Carolina.)

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"Today as we move against the terrible scourge of war, as we go forward toward the greatest contribution to lasting peace, I ask you to keep your faith. The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."—From the Last Written Words of the Late President Roosevelt.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: When Christ returns and the dead (in Christ) go up from the graves to be with Him, who are these dead? Where are the Old Testament dead now? In what Scripture do you base this?

Answer: These dead are the saints who have died previous to Christ's coming in the air, or the first phase of the second coming to resurrect them—catch them up in the air in bodies like unto His glorified body—for in this kind of body they are to be resurrected with. They are to be taken into heaven and hereafter be in the glorious presence of their adorable Lord and Redeemer. "But would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that they which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

Dr. C. I. Scofield, in **The Scofield Reference Bible**, on bottom of Page 1269, has the following to say on this grand and glorious subject: the resurrection saints at the second coming of Christ: "Not church saints only, but all bodies of the saved, of whatever dispensation, are included in the first resurrection, . . . as here described, but it is peculiarly the 'blessed hope' of the Church."

I am in full agreement of this statement, for I believe that a summation of what the Bible has to say on the subject wholly corroborates it. The story Jesus told of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) would seem wholly in agree-

ment with the ideas that dead men before Christ's ascension were to be found in a place divided by a "great gulf"—those who were righteous were on the side with Abraham, the faithful servant of Jehovah, and those who had been disobedient and unmerciful were in a place of judgment. Abraham and perhaps Lazarus were Old Testament saints.

Dr. Scofield has another note found on Pages 1098 and 1099 that puts some of this truth in a concise form:

"Gr. **hades**, 'the unseen world,' is revealed as the place of departed human spirits between death and resurrection. The word occurs, Mt. 11:23, 16:18; Lk. 10:15; Acts 2:27, 31; Rev. 1:18; 6:8; 20:13, 14, and is the equivalent of the O.T. **sheol** (Hab. 2:5, note). The Septuagint invariably renders **sheol** by **hades**.

"Summary: (1) **Hades before the ascension of Christ**. The passages in which the word occurs make it clear that **hades** was formerly in two divisions, the abodes respectively of the saved and of the lost. The former was called 'paradise' and 'Abraham's bosom.' Both designations were Talmudic, but adopted by Christ in Lk. 16:22; 23:43. The blessed dead were with Abraham, they were conscious and were 'comforted' (Lk. 16:25). The believing malefactor was to be, that day, with Christ in 'paradise.' The lost were separated from the saved by a 'great gulf fixed' (Lk. 16:26). The representative man of the lost who are now in **hades** is the rich man of Lk. 16:19-31. He was alive, conscious, in the full exercise of his faculties, memory, etc., and in torment.

"(2) **Hades since the ascension of Christ**. So far as the unsaved dead are concerned, no change of their place or condition is revealed in Scripture. At the judgment of the great white throne, **hades** will give them up, they will be judged, and will pass into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:13, 14). But a change has taken place which affects paradise. Paul was 'caught up to the third heaven. . . into paradise' (2 Cor. 12:1-4). Paradise, therefore, is now in the immediate presence of God. It is believed that Eph. 4:

8-10 indicates the time of the change. 'When he ascended up on high he led a multitude of captives.' It is immediately added that He had previously 'descended first into the lower parts of the earth,' i.e. the paradise division of **hades**. During the present church-age the saved who died are 'absent from the body, at home with the Lord.' The wicked dead in **hades**, and the righteous dead 'at home with the Lord,' alike await the resurrection (Job 19:25; 1 Cor. 15:52). See Mt. 5:22, note."

Paul, after Christ ascended, spoke as though a saint—such as he or another Christian—might go immediately into the personal presence of Christ upon dying or being separated from the body in natural or physical death. "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you" (Philippians 1:20-24); "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: . . . We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:6, 8).

There seems to be rather clear teachings that indicate that all the righteous dead will be resurrected a thousand years before the wicked dead and that these will reign with Christ in His kingdom a thousand years before any wicked dead are to be raised, given a fair judgment, and assigned to eternal punishment with the devil and his angels. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



GOING ALONE

by Claire U. Mouillesseaux

MOM," Bert shouted as he stumbled through the doorway, letting the screen door slam carelessly behind him. "Mom, it's all off. You don't need to sew those labels on my clothes. We can't go to camp."

"Who can't go to camp?" Mrs. Rollins inquired quietly as she continued to stitch a name label neatly inside a red sock.

"We can't—Eddie and I. Eddie's got the chicken pox," Bert explained breathlessly.

"Yes, I know Eddie has the chicken pox," Mother continued calmly. "His mother called to tell me this morning."

"She did?" Bert's eyes were round with surprise. "Then you knew all along that I couldn't go."

Mother stopped her sewing and looked at Bert with a puzzled expression. "Bert," she said, "Eddie can't go to camp because he has the chicken pox, but that has nothing to do with you."

For a long moment Bert stared at his mother as though he did not quite understand what she had said. He had a sinking feeling in the pit of his stomach. "Go alone to camp?" he questioned hesitantly.

The very thought of sleeping alone in a cabin in the dark woods sent shivers down Bert's back.

"You won't be alone, Bert. There will be a lot of other boys," Mother assured him.

"Who?" Bert asked.

"Well, I don't know who, Bert. Other boys. Boys you haven't met yet. There'll be a lot of them."

The chills and the sinking feeling gave

way to a tortured, twisted feeling. All alone among a group of strange kids!

"But Mom, couldn't I wait until Eddie gets better?" Bert pleaded.

"Go where later?" asked Father, who had just come home for lunch.

"To camp," said Mother, smiling and laying aside her sewing. "Eddie has the chicken pox and can't go, and Bert's afraid to go alone."

"Afraid? My son's afraid?" Father looked questioningly at Bert.

Bert swallowed hard. "Well, not exactly afraid," he said, "but it's more fun when you know someone."

"You'll get to know the other boys soon enough," Mr. Rollins assured him. "Now come and eat your lunch."

When lunch was over, Bert went out into the yard and climbed his favorite apple tree. He still had a hollow feeling deep inside. Perched on a strong limb, he looked into the neighbors' yards. Two houses down, he could see Miss Carrie's houses her clothes on the line. The very sight of her made him feel better. She was always kind to the children in the neighborhood. She made cookies for them and told them Bible stories, and she often helped them when they were in trouble. Maybe she can help me now, thought Bert. Quickly he swung out of the tree, zigzagged through the next yard, climbed Miss Carrie's fence, and jumped into her yard.

"Hi, Miss Carrie," he called.

"Hi, there, Bert," Miss Carrie answered, smiling cheerily. "How are you enjoying your vacation?"

"It's O.K., I guess," Bert replied and then added, "Eddie's got the chicken pox."

"Oh, that's too bad," Miss Carrie said sadly. "Then he can't go to camp with you, can he?"

"No, that's the trouble. Miss Carrie, may I ask you something?"

"Of course, Bert. What is it?"

"Is it wrong to be afraid?"

Miss Carrie was silent as she carefully hung her last piece of laundry. "Come into the house," she said. "I just baked a batch of cookies this morning."

Bert followed Miss Carrie into the house and watched her pour the cold milk into a bright-blue mug. Munching an oatmeal cookie, he waited for her to continue. He watched her open her Bible.

"There's a story in the Bible about Joshua, Bert. He'd been sort of an assistant to Moses during the forty years that the children of Israel were in the wilderness. Then God took Moses home to heaven, and He made Joshua the leader. He told Joshua to lead the people over the river Jordan and into the Promised Land. That was a mighty big job, Bert, and I think Joshua was scared. I think Joshua missed Moses. Do you know why I think that? In my Bible, I read that God said to Joshua, 'Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest' " (Joshua 1:9).

Bert remembered what his father had said just before lunch.

Miss Carrie went on. "Do you remember, Bert, the day that you received the Lord Jesus as your Saviour?"

"Yes, I remember. You said that He'd stay with me forever and ever."

"Right, Bert. Now Joshua knew that he'd have hard times. There would be battles, and the people would complain. He probably felt that he was all alone, but God reminded him that the Lord would be with him wherever he went."

"And did He go with Joshua, Miss Carrie?" Bert asked.

"He certainly did, Bert. God always keeps His word. He helped Joshua get the people across the Jordan River and showed him how to fight the Battle of Jericho."

"And He'll go with me to camp, Miss Carrie?"

"He surely will, Bert."

Bert sat very still for awhile, thinking. Then he smiled and said, "That was a good story, Miss Carrie. I'll see you when I get back from camp."

When he came home, Bert looked for his mother. He found her in his bedroom, packing the last pair of socks in his suitcase.

"Are you sure you've got everything in, Mom?" he asked airily.

"Yes, Bert, I think so," she answered. Then turning to look at him, she asked, "You don't mind going alone now?"

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READERS LIKE, DISLIKE EDITORIALS

We often receive letters concerning editorials, but we seldom print these; however, the following letters were of such nature that we felt our readers could be interested.

The following two letters were received in regards to the editorial on Explo '72 (July 19).

"... Bravo for the Explo editorial! At least someone has been brave enough to put those thoughts into print. I couldn't agree with you more. The same thing happens to young people . . . when they go to Cragmont. They come back and talk about 'finding the Lord'—as though He were hiding under a rock—something! And they speak of the terrific Christian fellowship but won't have anything to do with anyone outside their group. You'll probably get some backlashes from this editorial, but I liked . . ."

—Karen Register
Kinston, North Carolina

"... It was with dismay and much misgiving I read your editorial of July 19. The majority of students who went to Dallas to the crusade realized the problems and unhappiness of many in their communities and in realizing this and wanting to cope with it, they went to Explo with a desire to learn how to help those at home. They wanted to know how to share the love for Christ that they know to be so real to them with others. I think many people felt just as you that it was just another wild 'Jesus Thing.' It was indeed a 'Jesus thing' but so much different. They went expecting a miracle, as my daughter expressed her feelings—and they found one."

"I just wish you and everyone could have been on the Mount Olive campus when that Greyhound bus pulled in that Tuesday night at eight o'clock from Dallas in pouring rain. That bus door did not open until Miss Fillingame led the group in prayer. There were many parents and friends waiting for them and standing in that pouring, drenching rain, watching that busload of people with bowed heads. I too said a prayer of thanks—not just thanks to God for their safe, trouble-free trip—but thanks for Mr. Raper, Miss Fillingame, Miss Castle, and the many others at Mount Olive College who have given so much of their time and themselves for the students to make many unforgettable events such as

the Dallas crusade possible. There is a true Christlike love and understanding at Mount Olive College, and I thank God for it.

"As I watched the group getting off the bus, all with tears streaming down their faces, I knew that these people had truly been with God that week and had received the miracle they had gone seeking.

"My prayer is that all people everywhere will pray for these young people who went to the crusade in Dallas and encourage them, not discourage as your editorial seemed to be doing. I believe the campuses, high school and college, will see a direct result of this crusade in the coming school year and years to come. The Wilson students are already at work. I pray and encourage all the youth to continue this great challenge set for them at Dallas. . ."

—Mrs. Berta L. Edwards
Wilson, North Carolina

(Note: The editor never referred to Explo as a "wild Jesus thing," nor was his editorial a **discouragement**; rather, it was a **challenge** not to allow the fire to die out. The editorial was meant to be thought-provoking, to exhort those attending Explo to examine their motives for going, and to stir them into thinking whether or not they wished to hold on to what they gained. The last portion of the editorial read thusly: "Leaving . . . wondering if it were for real. Was it an elusive dream that they held for a moment in their minds? Was it a tender feeling in their hearts that they had captured for a short time? Would it be a continuing experience nurtured by the zeal for living that they acquired during their too-brief stay there? Was it an emotional experience only that will lose its fervor as days wear on and old routines resume? Will the tears of joy dry up? Will the smiles of success and accomplishment fade? After all the eruption, will Explo '72 become just another dead volcano? I pray not, but I wonder. . . **Dear people, don't let it be . . .**" The last sentence, a plea from the editor, should have made his position very clear.)

The following letter was received in regards to the July 26 editorial, "An Island Experience," inspired by a visit to Harkers Island, North Carolina.

"... I had to write you about your editorial. . . I really enjoyed it. I read all of your editorials, but this one was different. It was something that I could share—maybe because I live so close to it

(Harkers Island); and it is one of my favorite places.

"To really enjoy it, you have to go over and get right to the point of Cape Lookout—to really see the point—the very end. Where the northern ocean meets the southern ocean, the fury of it is unbelievable. The calm on one side and the fury on the exact point are really something to see! There are no words to describe it. . ."

"My husband is a minister, but he shrimps at night. He does a lot of meditating at night on his boat. So we don't get to the cape as often as we would like.

"I paint a lot, so I can get a lot of my thoughts on canvas.

"We went over Saturday after the fourth of July. **When we come to the point of Harkers Island something comes over me. I get so captivated. There's no need to do anything but look. No one needs words. I think if anyone said anything I wouldn't hear, because I couldn't put into words what I feel.** I've lived here most of my life; but every time I go over, it seems that there's something new to see and to think about.

"Thanks again for putting your thoughts in the editorial. I'm glad to share something with somebody. . ."

"Here's hoping that sometime in the near future you may (again) take that trip. . . to be really and truly in the middle of it. . ."

—Mrs. Clifton Styron
Davis, North Carolina

(Note: We appreciate all letters in response to editorials and all our work at the Press. It is only through letters, personal comments, and calls that we are able to know the likes and dislikes of our people. We don't ask you to agree with us; we just want your opinions. Sometimes it takes a little extra courage to write a letter such as Mrs. Edwards did; but it is just as much appreciated. We admire just as much those who voice their opposition as those who endorse our views.—the Editor.)

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Cats and people are funny animals. Cats have four paws and only one Ma. People have forefathers and only one mother. When a cat smells a rat he gets excited. So do people. Cats carry tails, and a lot of people carry tales. All cats have fur coats. Some people have fur coats, and the ones who don't say catty things about the ones who do.—A Grade-School Pupil.

ST. CLAIKE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 20



SHARING IN CHRIST'S WORK

Lesson Text: John 15:1-11

Memory Verse: John 14:21

I. INTRODUCTION

Here is a quotation we often hear now and then: "Our earth is degenerate in these latter days. There are signs that the world is coming to an end. Children no longer obey their parents. Everybody wants to write a book. The end of the world is near."

That may sound modern, but it was written by a discouraged Egyptian priest about the year 4,000 B. C. It may be some comfort to us to know that some men of all ages have felt that such times existed; it sort of gives us the feeling that we are no different than any other generation.

But one thing still remains different: unless Christians today begin to share in Christ's work and get the gospel out to the teeming masses of unsaved people, God may at any time call it quits and pull down the curtain on this age just as He has before on previous dispensations. James Freeman Clarke said, "It may make a difference to all eternity whether we do right or wrong today." The only thing wrong with this statement is the second word. It would be far more correct to say, "It will make a difference to all eternity whether we do right or wrong today."

A condemned man on his way to the gallows handed his watch to a friend. "I shall not need this anymore," he said. "From now on I shall be dealing with eternity." In our lesson today we hope to catch something of the urgency that is needed in our work for and with Christ, that lost men facing eternity may come to know Him as Saviour.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The Christian's privilege to share in the work of Christ.

2. The Christian's responsibility to share in the work of Christ.
3. Our printed Scripture today deals with our close relationship to Christ and our bearing of fruit in His service.

B. The Vine and Its Branches (John 15:1, 2)

1. Christ is the Vine.
2. The disciples are branches on this Vine.
3. The branches get their life from the Vine.
4. Branches that do not produce fruit will be destroyed.

C. The Branches Must Abide in the Vine (John 15:3-7)

1. The Lord has cleaned us in regeneration through the Word.
2. The branch must then abide in the Vine.
3. Calvinists and this passage.

D. The Branches Bear Fruit (John 15:8-11)

1. God is glorified when the branches bear fruit.
2. The fruit of abiding in Christ is love.
3. Another fruit of abiding in Christ is joy.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. In the background Scripture of our lesson we read of the transfiguration of Christ on the mount. This event was a mountaintop experience in more ways than one for the three privileged disciples who were with Him. The intimacy of fellowship with their Master thrilled their hearts. It was a time of worship. But they could not remain on the mountaintop. They had to return to the valley below, and when they did they were confronted with the demands of Christian service.

Let our worship and devotional life be represented by a mountain. The valley below will illustrate the part of life that must be given to service. Jesus stressed the importance of both worship and service. The emphasis in this quarter's lessons upon one's devotional life certainly

is not meant to minimize the importance of service. Today's lesson points up the union between the two. Jesus exhorts us to abide in Him. This we will do only if we worship and commune with Him regularly. Abiding in Christ we will then receive the spiritual strength needed to bear fruit for Him.

There must be a healthy balance in the Christian life between worship and service. God did not intend for us to isolate ourselves from the world to devote our lives to meditation. Neither can we expect work if our spiritual lives are not regularly nourished by worship.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. A man thus described his conversion to Mark Guy Pearse: "I never professed to be a Christian or anything like that, but one morning as I was going down to my business, I was thinking of those words, 'Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?' and wished with all my heart that I could answer as Peter did. I felt very sad that I could not. Then this thought came to me, 'Well, if I cannot say so much as Peter, perhaps I could turn it around a little and find something easier.' So I began to think there was one thing I could not say. I could not say, 'Lord, thou knowest that I do not love Thee,' and found some comfort in that. At last I grew bold enough to look up and say, 'Lord, thou knowest all things. Thou knowest that I want to love Thee.' Then I began to think of His great love for me, I thought of His life, His words, of His Cross, and almost before I knew what I was doing, I looked up and said, 'Thou knowest that I DO love Thee.'" And at that moment the consciousness of forgiveness and a new life came into his heart.—Tilston F. Chambers.

C. A young lady rushed to the altar during an invitation, weeping and wringing her hands in despair. The pastor asked her how he could be of help, as he opened the Bible to read. The young lady whispered to him. "I know I'm a Christian. But my life is not as it should be, and I am miserable as a result." She went on to add, "A few years ago when I became a Christian, my heart was filled with joy, the kind of joy I had never before known. Later I drifted away from what I knew to be God's will for my life and since then, I have not felt that joy. I want that joy again." She made a meaningful rededication of her life to Christ.—Ray O. Jones.

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When they pray, a lot of persons make the mistake of putting in too many commercials.

BEHIND PRISON BARS

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Men and women in jail need help and understanding. The Christian needs to be aware of this fact.

After many interviews with prisoners and parolees, I arrived at a conclusion which is not pretty but not hopeless.

R.B. will soon be released on parole. He will have a tough "row to hoe," but he has two things in his favor now that he did not have a year ago. First, he has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour. Second, he has a friend to help him over the rough spots. Those who knew R.B. before doubt that he will make good. They expect him to resume his old ways as soon as he comes home. Needless to say, his temptations and problems will be many.

There are other men like R.B. with whom I am presently working. With Christ's help and the prayers of Bible-believing people, these men will make it. The battle is uphill all the way with breaks in between. Few people care to, or even give a passing look at, these so-called misfits of society. True, when crime is committed, the offender must be punished. I am not advocating softness or idealistic reform. I am advocating rehabilitation.

While in confinement men and women need more freedom to express themselves. They must be allowed to enter whatever programs may be presented. Prisoners are shown concern and love while confined, their changes of becoming repeaters will be lessened. I believe that most prisoners are willing to be helped if the effort put forward is genuine.

One of the major reasons for the problems of drugs, homosexuality, and chronic depression that pollute every penal institution is public apathy!

Centuries ago when a person contracted leprosy, he was ousted from society and left to fend for himself in a barren, wretched-type settlement with other lepers. Today, the leper fear is largely gone from society, and effective treatment is available. The parallel here is obvious.

A lawbreaker, when apprehended and incarcerated, suddenly develops social leprosy in the mind of the public. The social leper mentally, and often physically, wastes away while serving his time, and the day of his release does not bring him joy for either him or the world outside.

Over half of all inmates are parole

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

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violators and repeaters. To some, prison is a way of life. To most, however, it is a no man's land.

The large penitentiaries offer some diversion but not nearly enough. The county prisons offer little or nothing in the way of rehabilitation. In fairness to some prisons, I must stipulate that they are trying to change the overall image of prison life and are injecting more constructive elements.

In any case, the Christian church can perform a vital ministry to those behind prison bars.—Gospel Herald.

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Questions & Answers

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shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4-6).

Paradise or Abraham's bosom then seems to be the resting place for those who died before Christ's ascension, and another part of **sheol** or **hades** in which God's judgment was meted out to all the unrighteous. "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23: 42, 43).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

(continued from page twelve)

"Oh, I'm not going alone." He grinned as he picked up his Bible from the dresser and placed it in the middle of the open suitcase. "The Lord is going with me!"—My Pleasure.

teen class, and also director of the Free teacher for the junior boys and the pre-Will Baptist league of his church. He served for two years as president of an interdenominational youth for Christ organization known as Victory Band. During the summer of 1970 he traveled with the Swordsmen, a home missionary team, under Faith Missions, Inc. While traveling with this team from Ohio to Florida he had the opportunity to speak and witness to the young people prior to revival services which lasted for nine weeks. Since being in the ministry he has done supply pastoral work whenever needed.



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The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announces that he will be available for pastoral duties each first and third Sunday, beginning with the third Sunday in August, 1972. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by telephoning 524-5186.

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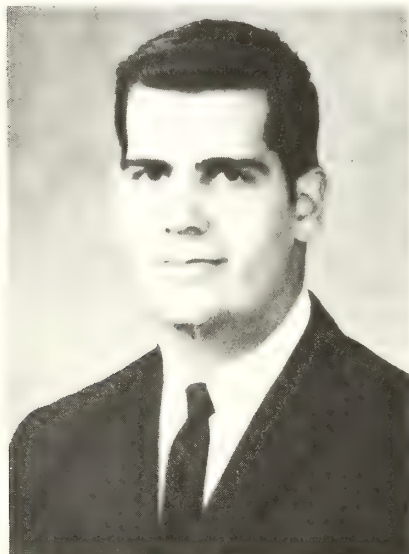
These days, there are too many people in too many cars in too much of a hurry, going in too many directions to nowhere for nothing.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

by the Rev. Davie Brinson

"Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, . . . I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gate of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron" (Isaiah 45:1, 2).

THAT good man of the Old Testament, Isaiah, had some inside information. He felt forced to tell it to some captive people. Folks familiar with the record will recognize those people as God's chosen ones. God never lost sight of that fact, but they did.



Davie Brinson

Now away from their native land, they couldn't quite "sing the Lord's song in a strange land." It seemed as though God had forgotten them and they weren't able to remember Him.

Of all the things said about God, one thing should always be remembered: "He is faithful." He may take a little while to produce, He may work in a strange way, but God always comes through.

That's what Isaiah, God's special agent, was trying to get across to that sad lot of misplaced Jews.

Isaiah undoubtedly had a problem: These misfits would not accept the promise of divine intervention. Their stupidity and wickedness and weakness had alienated them from God's grace and

love, and they became conditioned against believing such good fortune. Sin can do that to us today. The farther away we get from God, the harder it is to believe in Him or to trust in Him. That's why the Holy Spirit is "God's gift to mankind." The Spirit enlightens us so that we can discern God's hand at work. We would never respond to God from our own power, nor figure Him out.



Jean Brinson

Isaiah found himself in the position of being the only one around who knew what God's plan of action was. The almighty Creator is quite a strategist; He has to be to manage us—sinners that we are.

To release the misplaced Jews from captivity, He planned to use a non-Jew, Cyrus, the king of Persia, as the deliverer. What a switch this adds to the biblical picture!

But the Jews were not receptive to what Isaiah was saying, nor are we today. So many times when God works for us, it is very difficult for us to see how God can work in our behalf—in an ever-changing picture of life. This is most prevalent when God may use a person or nation as a partner or an unwilling instrument.

How the people must have reacted when Isaiah told them that God had made certain promises to the non-Jewish king for their hope (according to the conversation that he had heard had taken place between Cyrus and the Almighty)!

Did Cyrus need any encouragement or assurance? Read the account for your-

self in the forty-fifth chapter of Isaiah. God repaid Cyrus by giving him certain guarantees. God definitely takes care of those whom He uses to serve His purpose.

As God said to Cyrus, "I'll take care of the opposition: I will open the gate, level mountains, break down bronze doors, and cut iron bars"; this leads us to the truth about God working in and through history—the ever-changing scene. He guarantees that His purpose and will shall be done and His people looked out for. That is something worth remembering.

(The above message by Mr. Brinson, pastor of Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, is dedicated to his wife, Mrs. Jean Brinson.)

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A little boy who fell out of bed explained it by saying, "I stayed too close where I got in." Many Christians fall away and are lost because they content themselves with first steps and don't seek to grow in the Christian life.

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White caps roll in slowly, almost methodically,
Washing upon the shifting sand
And wetting your feet. . .

The moon beams down softly and is caught
By the waves as they tide inland,
Bringing with them a kiss of light. . .

A gull calls and is answered by another,
And you look up and see the sky, the stars,
And a few clouds floating by, reflecting it seems
The splendor of the tranquil water. . .

You sigh a long sigh, not in remorse, but in wordless praise
Of this scene where you have found a quiet refuge,
A tender feeling of the heart that could last
Except for the anticipation of morning
When things cannot be quite the same. . .

In the semidarkness a sand crab seeking his hole
Crawls too close to your bare feet, and you move cautiously,
But not too quickly to frighten him;
For this place was his before you claimed it. . .

The wind blows coolly against your face feathering your hair
Slightly out of place, unnoticed, uncared about;
Because for a brief moment all is well. . .

Did someone call your name, or was it the sound of the wave
Voicing its ardent salutation to one who can see and feel
And understand the realness of the moment?

You realize that God walks with you; you are not alone,
Though the beach is deserted at night and you walk slowly away
From the distant light of the boardwalk to find your solitude. . .

Another lone figure is vaguely visible down the shore, her hair shimmering
In the moonlight, her form silhouetted against the horizon—
Perhaps someone you used to know, within earshot of your voice
If you would choose to call. . .

Yet, you remain silent and walk slowly, head downward, feet deliberately
Splashing the water to break the frame of your mind; your shadow concealed
By the incoming tide, your reflection taking its place in the receding water
And going out to sea, away from you and your memory. . .

The horizon brightens, turns yellow-blue, the distant waves take on different hues;
Night is ending, and morning is breaking;
And perhaps so is your heart. . .

Under the shadow of night your tears had not been visible;
You must dry them now
And face the new day with a smile. . .

You know you can do it, for you've done it many times before
With the water, the sky, and the presence
Of God. . .

Again, this time in the morning light, the white caps roll in,
Not quite so slowly this time—more forceful, less tranquil,
Presenting a challenge for you to be stronger today. . .

And somehow you know that you will be. . . because of your walk in the night.
God, thank you for the ocean. . .



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Teaching Through Music

THE essential joy of Christian faith makes music an even more important ingredient in Christian education than it is in secular education. The status of music as a universal language offers us an outstanding vehicle for the communication of any message, and more particularly, for the message of the eternal gospel. Bixler, in *How to Teach* (standard), reminds us that this universal language appeals first to the emotions and then to the intellect. The emotions serve as a doorway to the throne of the individual's mind.

"Christian education must be concerned with the whole person, that is, emotions as well as intellect. Music is important to Christian education because of its appeal to the whole person. In its appeal, it begins with the emotions of the moods and extends to the whole spirit of man."

For too long, the evangelical church has considered music as only a filler and has failed to take seriously its important responsibility in music education. Because Christian music is distinctly related to the church, it becomes part of the total task of church education to teach its constituency with respect to music. Children, youth, and adults should all be confronted with the best of Christian music. If they possess talents in the realm of music, they should be trained to use them for Christ.

Of course, this raises the question, "What is good church music?" The closing paragraph of one of the chapters in Gunner Urang's excellent book *Church Music for the Glory of God* (Church Service Foundation) is most helpful in answering this question:

"To conclude, then, church music is good not because it is of a certain time

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by
KENNETH O. GANGEL, Ph.D.

or nationality or by a certain composer or school of musicians; nor because it is contemporary and popular; nor because it measures up to secular standards; nor just because it happens to be soft, loud, slow and steady, or fast and rhythmic. Good church music is that which does its job—reinforcing and emotionalizing the message of the words. Technically such music will be singable, and it will emphasize important words. Psychologically such music will reinforce the spirit of the words through right associations."

VALUES IN TEACHING THROUGH MUSIC

Music is one of the most overt learning activities emphasizing the process of learning by doing. It is, in reality, a form of dialogue in which everyone can participate. Although some participate in greater depth in the specialization of playing instruments or singing solos, all can participate in congregational singing and the most elementary rhythmic exercises teaching simple notation and rhythmic movement in the preschool department.

Most of the methods we have been dealing with in this series have had rather severe restrictions with respect to age-group use. Teaching through music,

however, is a learning approach which knows no chronological boundaries. Rood suggests, in *The Art of Teaching Christianity* (Abingdon), that one of the great achievements of music is its ability to break over the age barriers and chop through the alleged generation gap:

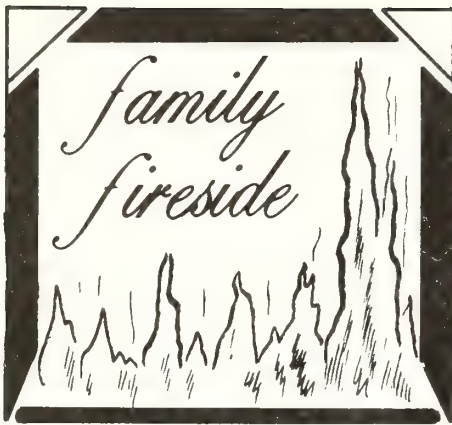
"Meeting across these barriers is a great achievement, educating both participants in the dialogue. Music, especially group singing, provides a bridge. It has often served that function in the past. The Moravian movement, as reported by Zinzendorf, used choirs as one of its chief educational and communal functions. Everyone in the community from youngest to oldest was in a choir of his own age. The choir was more than a musical organization in which songs were rehearsed and learned; it was also a Bible study unit, which is interesting to modern churchmen not so much for its blending of biblical theme and song, which was often bizarre, as for its achievement of togetherness."

HINDRANCES TO EFFECTIVE MUSIC EDUCATION

One of the most common problems we have in music education in the church is the failure of the teacher to realize that the nature of the learner's activities, summed up in mental, intellectual, and emotional involvement, is the most important issue in method. Just as in creative art, the student should be given the opportunity to express himself through music even as the teacher is attempting to impress him with the essential message of the gospel in song.

Gaulke, in *New Ways to Learn* (Concordia), suggests that we should "listen to the rhythmic chants of childhood, and (we) have a key to the what and how of teaching songs. Children often express the way they feel through these half-spoken, half-sung chants which seem to come so naturally to them."

Another common problem in church music education is the failure to employ and understand proper method. The teacher should stimulate and guide learning step by step into the opportunity for experiences in singing, listening, and creating; rhythmic and instrumental participation; and music reading. Not all of this may be the responsibility of a single teacher; neither can it all take place in a given year of the Sunday school cycle. Nevertheless, the church needs to take a broad view in music education, recognizing that—from the opening song in the nursery Sunday (continued on page fifteen)



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Scripture Reading—Exodus 33:11

THE LOVE OF FRIENDS

Man strives for glory, honor, fame,
That all the world may know his name;
Amasses wealth by brain and hand,
Becomes a power in the land.

But when he nears the end of life,
And looks back o'er the years of strife,
He finds that happiness depends
On none of these, but love of friends.

PRAYER THOUGHT

May we all work harder to be more friendly, and to have friends. It's easy! They're worth their weight in gold—real friends.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 2:8

A BOY DEFINES AN IDOL

A minister asked a Scottish laddie, "Angus, how would you define an idol?"

The boy thought for a moment and then said, "I used to think idols were what the heathen worshiped, until I had one. It was my collie dog. I loved him too much. I used to go on long tramps with him on Sundays when I was supposed to be in church. When I trusted Jesus as my Saviour, I learned that anything I love more than I love Him is an idol."—Told by Mrs. J. Shields.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How many of us have idols without even realizing them as such? Let us examine ourselves. Do we have any idols?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Scripture Reading—Psalm 144:15

WANTED: PEOPLE, NOT THINGS

A church society sent a lonely old lady a Christmas box of good things plus a tempting dinner on a decorated tray. The lady expressed her thanks for the gracious act. But she tearfully said, "Tell the kind ladies I am deeply grateful, and also tell them that I want people more than things."

PRAYER THOUGHT

It goes without saying that people want most of all from us—some of our time. Still they go on saying it.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Scripture Reading—Psalm 85:8

"JESUS, JIMMY'S HERE"

Jimmy, a Scottish lad, worked in a shipyard. At noon everyday he entered a nearby church and silently prayed.

One day the minister asked, "What do you pray about, my boy?"

Shyly Jimmy replied, "Nothing, sir. I just say, 'Jesus this is Jimmy.'"

Jimmy didn't tell Jesus what to do. He just reported to Jesus and listened to hear Jesus' voice in his heart.

Prayer isn't a monologue. It is a dialogue—our talking to God and God talking to us.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we "just talk to God"? Or is it a conversation? Maybe we should learn to listen. He does it so well, doesn't He?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:4

WE ARE GENERALS

Two boys, wearing soldiers' uniforms, were playing war.

Their father asked, "What are you doing, boys?"

They replied, "Oh, we're playing war."

"But," said the father, "I don't hear any firing of guns, nor do I see any chasing of the enemy."

"But, Dad," said the boys, "we're both generals."

In the Lord's army, too many want to be generals who occupy places of honor and ease. Too few want to be alert, active, humble soldiers.—Alice Marie Knight.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What kind of a soldier do you want to be? Do we want to have the most honored places, or are we happy to do our bit anywhere? It's all important.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

ONE DAY AT A TIME

The famed physician William Osler said, "One of my ideals is to do the day's work well and not bother about the next day. I owe whatever success I have had to settling down to the day's work and trying to do the best I can, and letting the future take care of itself."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we take one day at a time? Do we do our best everyday? Do we?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Scripture Reading—Matthew 20:28

ONLY TWO THOUGHTS

Jonathan Edwards testified, "I preach with two thoughts in mind: Every person ought to give his life to Christ; and whether or not anyone else gives Christ his life, I will give Him mine."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we go about our daily living as this

man did? It sounds like a good idea, doesn't it?

(Devotions used by permission, *Knights Illustrations for Today*, Moody Press.)

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Dead Weight

I've been a dead weight many years around the church's neck;
I've let the others carry me and always pay the check;
I've had my name upon the roll for years and years gone by;
I've criticized and grumbled, too; nothing could satisfy.
I've been a dead weight long enough upon the church's back.
Beginning now, I'm going to take a wholly different track.
I'm going to pray and pay and work and carry loads instead,
And not have others carry me as people do the dead.

—Author Unknown

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Do You Know Jesus?

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EIGHT-year-old Jenny Dawson and her nurse, Mrs. Lovett, were walking in State Park. They were looking for a quiet, shady, cool place to sit down. After walking for several minutes, Mrs. Lovett said, "Jenny, this looks like a nice cool place. You sit down and be very quiet and I'll read you a story from our new book."

As Jenny sat very still and quiet listening to the singing of the birds, the buzzing of the bees, and Mrs. Lovett's voice as she read to her, she began to get drowsy. As her eyelids began to close she jumped to her feet as she said to herself, "No, I'll not go to sleep. I'll go for a walk through the park and let Mrs. Lovett read to herself."

As she walked along the walkway, Jenny saw a park bench. Sitting on the bench she saw a young boy and girl. They seemed to be arguing. As she stood there before them, Jenny heard the young girl saying, "No, Robert, I will not change the words. You know that could not be right."

"Ah come on, Nellie," said the boy, "what harm would be done? Anyway, who would know about it?"

"No, Robert, I will not change the script. Oh! what's the use to keep try-

ing? You'll never learn your lines. I'm going home."

As Nellie jumped to her feet, Jenny heard, "Wait, Nellie, don't go. Give me one more chance. With Jesus Christ as my witness, I'll get them right this time."

Nellie and Robert were startled to hear, "Mister, do you know Jesus?"

"Say, little girl, where did you come from? How long have you been standing there?" asked Robert. "Why are you alone here in the park?"

"Sir, I'm not alone. My nurse is sitting over there. She is reading a story from my new storybook. I became tired sitting there so long, so I walked over here. I haven't been here very long," answered Jenny.

In a harsh tone of voice Robert looked at Jenny as he said, "Well, you've been there too long, so scram. Get lost."

Jenny just stood there looking at the girl and boy, as they looked at her. Finally Nellie said, "Little girl, didn't you hear what Robert said? He told you to scram . . . Get lost . . . Go away . . . We have work to do."

"I didn't see you working," said Jenny. "You were just talking."

"Little lady, that's what I mean," said Nellie. "We are working. We're trying to learn the script. It's a play for our school. Now please be a good little girl and go away."

"All right, I'll go, after you answer my question," said Jenny.

"What question?" they asked together.

"I asked this young man, if he knew Jesus," said Jenny.

"Sure, I know Jesus," said Robert. "Now get lost!"

"If you know Jesus, how did you meet Him?" asked Jenny.

"Oh, what's the use, Nellie. Come, we'll go to my house and sit on the porch where we won't be disturbed by such foolish questions," said Robert. "This brat is plain stupid. We'll never learn our lines if we keep wasting our time."

Robert and Nellie gathered up their papers and gave Jenny a harsh look as they walked away.

Slowly Jenny walked on down the pathway until she came to another bench where an old man was sitting with bowed head. She said to herself, "Poor man, he must be very tired. I believe he's asleep."

The old man lifted up his head, looked at Jenny with red, swollen, sad eyes, as he said, "Well, what are you staring

at? Haven't you ever seen a man asleep?"

"Yes, Sir, I have. But you looked so tired sitting there with your head dropped down on your chest. Are you ill? If you are, may I help you to your home?"

"No, little girl, I am not sick. No, I don't need your help. I can go home by myself. If you can call the one little room that I live in a home."

"Mister, why do you live in just one room? Have you always lived there? Don't you have a family?"

"No, I do not have a home. No, I don't have a family. I live all alone because I do not know anyone here in this community. No, I do not have friends. I just want to be left alone. So please run along with your playing."

"Mister, don't you know Jesus? He lives here in this community. He knows you and He'll be your friend."

The elderly man looked at Jenny for a few seconds, then tears came into his eyes as he said, "Little lady, how do you know that Jesus loves me? That He wants to be my friend?"

"Sir, my daddy said, 'Jesus loves everyone. That He will be our friend if we will let Him.'"

"Child, do you believe Jesus loves you?"

Jenny clasped her hands together, looked up at the old man with a radiant smile on her face, and she said, "Oh, yes Sir! I know Jesus. He is my friend. He loves me. He forgave all my sins. Now His Spirit lives in my heart."

With tears in his eyes, the old man slowly stood to his feet. He picked up his hat and cane, looked down at Jenny's radiant face and said, "A little child shall lead them. Here I sat with a heart full of hate, feeling sorry for myself, trying to hide my sorrow and despair in this bottle. I tried to shut myself away from my family, friends, God, Jesus Christ, and the church. Little girl, I thank you. I let a silly misunderstanding come between myself, wife, and my friends. I let it break up my home."

"Where is your wife now, Sir?" asked Jenny.

"I don't know. I'm going to try and find her. I'm going back home to God, the church, and my loved ones."

The elderly man walked over to the trash can. He dropped the whiskey bottle in and turned and patted Jenny on her head as he said, "Yes, child, I know Jesus. Again, I thank you for opening the eyes of a foolish old blind man and helping me to see again. I tried to

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News & Notes of **DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST**

North Carolina State Convention

The sixtieth annual session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will convene with the Black Jack church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina, Wednesday and Thursday, September 13, 14, 1972. The president, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, will preside. Serving as song leader for the convention will be the Rev. Ralph Sumner, with the Rev. Clyde Cox as pianist and Mrs. Peggy Hardee as organist. The scheduled program is as follows:

Wednesday, September 13

Morning Session

- 8:30—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
- 9:30—Convention Called to Order by the Secretary, the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr.
- Congregational Singing, Led by the Rev. Ralph Sumner
- Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Joe Gerald
- 9:50—Address of Welcome, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, Host Pastor
- Response, Mr. Rom Mallard
- 9:55—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
- Recognition of Visitors
- Appointment of Committees
- 10:05—President's Message, the Rev. C. F. Bowen
- 10:15—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
- 10:25—Report of Free Will Baptist Student Fellowships
- 10:35—Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home
- 11:05—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing
Special Music
Introductory Sermon, the Rev. C. L. Patrick
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Congregational Singing
- Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Carlton Lucas
- 1:15—Representative from the Christian Action League

1:25—Representative from the General Baptists, Dr. Glenn Spence

1:40—Report on Explo '72, Led by Miss Jean Fillingame

2:00—Business Session:

- Report on the General Conference
- Report of the State Sunday School Convention
- Report of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
- Report of the North Carolina Ministerial Association
- Report of the State League Convention
- Report of the Executive Committee Sessions
- Report of the State Mission Board
- Report of the State Superannuation Board
- Report of the Chaplains' Commission

Evening Session

7:30—Missionary Rally, Under the Direction of the Mission Board

Thursday, September 14

Morning Session

- 9:30—Congregational Singing
- Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Dwight Hawley
- 9:45—Business Session:
Final Report of the Credentials Committee
- Report of Cragmont Assembly, Inc.
- Report of the Layman's League Board
- Report of the Historical Commission
- Report of the Church Finance Association, Inc.
- 10:15—Report of Mount Olive College
- 10:45—Miscellaneous Business
- 11:10—Morning Worship:
Congregational Singing
Special Music
Convention Sermon, the Rev. James A. Evans
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Congregational Singing
- Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Charles Crisp

1:15—Business Session:

- Report of Committee on Scouting
- Report of Temperance Committee
- Report of Obituary Committee

1:35—Report of Resolutions Committee

2:00—Report of Nominating Committee

2:15—Report of Treasurer

2:20—Miscellaneous Business

3:15—Adjournment and Benediction

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Western District Youth Fellowship, Calvary Church

The Western District Youth Fellowship will meet on Saturday night, August 26 at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church corner of Woodard and Deans Street Wilson, North Carolina. A program being planned by members of the congregation. The meeting will begin 7:30 and everyone is invited and urged to attend.

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Eastwood Church Announces Revival, August 21-26

The Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina, announces revival services beginning Monday evening, August 21, and continuing through Saturday evening, August 26. The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Vance Link, pastor of Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina. The pastor of Eastwood, the Rev. Taylor Hill will assist in the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Weekend Revival at Friendly Chapel Church

A weekend revival has been scheduled (continued on page sixteen)

Coming Events . . .

- August 25, 26—Piedmont Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina (The Place to Be Announced)
- September 13, 14—North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Black Jack Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina
- September 21, 22, 23—Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association, Flatwood Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee
- October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina
- November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Fort Oaks, North Carolina

LIGHT

"O Send out thy light and thy truth."

FROM

CAMP

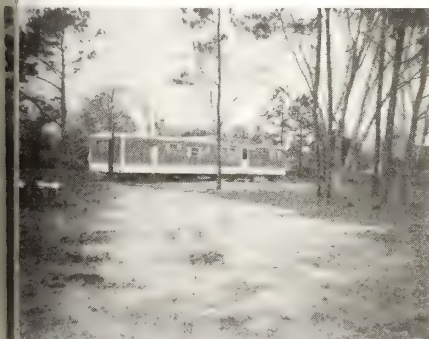
VANDEMERE

PROGRESS AT CAMP VANDEMERE



Clearing Away Underbrush

The underbrush on more than seven acres at Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina, has been cleared making preparation for construction of a new cottage unit and dining hall.



Mobile Home of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Edwards

A lot adjacent to the camp ground has been cleared for the mobile home of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Edwards who are serving as superintendents of the building and grounds.

The original house on the property has been used by several groups this summer for retreats. The house has a very nice kitchen equipped with a new restaurant range, cooler, sink, and cabinets. It has a dining area for approxi-



Original House on Property

mately thirty people, sleeping quarters for eighteen, a nice bath, office, and lounge.

Should your church group desire to use the facilities at Camp Vandemere, please contact the Rev. Ralph Sumner, business manager, Camp Vandemere, Vandemere, North Carolina.

Astronaut Borman Addressed American Bible Society Luncheon

The Bible which has been a "foundation and a cornerstone" in the laboratory of history was "never more applicable than it is today," former Astronaut Frank Borman contended at the 156th annual luncheon meeting of the American Bible Society.

Colonel Borman, an active Episcopal layman and now a senior vice-president of Eastern Airlines, told his audience of more than 500 that he has "often turned to the Bible, both for guidance and personal enrichment."

Warning that the present decade "promises to be one of the most crucial in all church history," he cited the fact that an "increasing number of laymen of every persuasion are abandoning their long-held beliefs in favor of a vague natural ethic."

Quoting author-historian Will Durant as having asserted that "today we frolic in our emancipation from theology," Colonel Borman asked:

"But, have we really developed a natural ethic—a moral code independent of religion 'that is strong enough to keep our instincts of acquisition, pugnacity, and sex from debasing our civilization into a mire of greed, crime, and promiscuity'?"

Answering in the negative the former astronaut asserted that Durant could find "no significant example of a society successfully maintaining moral life without the aid of a religion. . . ."

The Bible, Colonel Borman contended, has "laid out an ethic for mankind" which provides a means toward an expanded end, not a "series of limiting rules and conditions."

Colonel Borman told of speaking on some 30 college campuses before he joined Eastern Airlines, and of hearing "everywhere that the Bible does not relate, that it belongs to other places, other times."

"The fact is, it was never more applicable. But . . . it does demand new initiative on the part of those who would turn to it for guidance. It does ask to be met half way, and it does demand analytical study," the astronaut emphasized.

"The result of such an analytical study would be rewarding," he said. The Bible "continues to reveal truths set down for a less sophisticated generation of mankind" but "the principles engendered in those truths remain timeless."

Then referring to his own experience as the commander of Apollo 8 on "man's first physical venture beyond his earthen home," Colonel Borman said that after orbiting the moon three or four times his interest shifted back to earth, "the only planet that had any color, and gave any promise of life."

The voyage of Apollo 8 was the "final leg in my own personal religious experience," he said. "As viewed from the moon, the question of the validity of the Christian belief was utterly absurd. The question from that vantage point seemed more properly reversed" and is "best expressed in the verses of the eighth Psalm."

Then, starting from the third verse, he quoted from Psalm 8 the verses which stress the glory of God and the meaning of man. His reading reminded his listeners of that Christmas Eve in 1968 when he and his crew members read the creation story from Genesis as they orbited the moon.

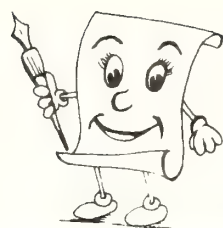
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The Most Beautiful Thing

The colored sunsets and the starry heavens, the beautiful mountains and the shining seas, the fragrant woods and the pointed bowers, are not half as beautiful as a soul that is serving Jesus out of love, in the wear and tear of common, unpoetic life.—Faber.

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It is better to live rich than to die rich.



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

I wish you were at Cragmont now for the Woman's Conference, instead of home reading this column. Last summer was my first time and I got so homesick I'll never live it down, but if nothing unforeseen has happened, that's where I'll be when you're reading this.

We women keep saying we can't leave home a week. What would our families do without us? Well, let me tell you what mine did.

They wrote to me almost everyday. I found notes in the suitcase, in shoes, the toothpaste carton, inside a dress pocket—any place they could think to hide one. Letters were delivered by mail and by people who drove up Wednesday. They painted an old cabinet I'd been planning to fix up. And I returned to find the family had increased by one bird dog. That's quite a surprise, to be greeted by floppy ears, wagging tail, love, and "He's ours. Can we keep him?" Okay. The cocker spaniel liked him, so why shouldn't I?

As for Cragmont itself, the week there is the kind of thing that, as Mrs. Lillie Mae Sasser said, "If they weren't here, you couldn't begin to tell them what they missed, so why try?"

On Monday and most of Tuesday last year, it was misty and dreary, and I was thinking, "What's so great about Cragmont?" and remembering the undone sewing and stuff I left at home for—this? Then the sun came out, I fell in love with my roommates, made other friends, and met some old ones. We began our Bible studies and it was like a revival. People helped each other with real concern for the other's welfare. If we had the same fellowship and love in our churches that we had there, it would be a glorious world.

You really don't know what you missed! Why don't you plan to go next year and find out?

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The Sunday-morning church bell tolls the spiritual death of the member who does not come.



NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTIST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

(Treasurer's Report—End of First Quarter—July 31, 1972)

Balance in Bank April 30, 1972 \$2,336.2

| Receipts | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Interest | \$ 19.89 |
| General Fund | 398.40 |
| Promotional (CSF) | 126.08 |
| Denominational Enterprises | 4,533.73 |
| Total Receipts | 5,078.1 |
| Total to Account For | \$7,414.3 |

| Disbursements | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Convention Expenses and Allocations | \$ 637.90 |
| Denominational Enterprises | 4,533.73 |
| Total Disbursements | 5,171.6 |
| Balance in Bank July 31, 1972 | \$2,242.7 |

Summary of Bank Account Balances

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|---|------------------|
| General Fund | \$1,916.7 |
| Interest | 325.9 |
| Total | \$2,242.7 |
| Branch Banking and Trust Company, Wilson, North Carolina: | |
| Checking Account | \$1,416.7 |
| Savings | 825.9 |
| Total | \$2,242.7 |

| | Denominational Enterprises | Report Itemize | Received | Disburse |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Home Missions | | \$ | \$ 615.07 | \$ 615.0 |
| Foreign Missions | | | 348.70 | 348.7 |
| Missions Designated: | | | | |
| Timmons | | 51.45 | | |
| Mexican Missionary Salary | | 135.00 | | |
| Mexico | | 25.00 | 211.45 | 211.4 |
| Central Conference Missions | | | 104.00 | 104.0 |
| Harold Jones Fund | | | 466.92 | 466.9 |
| Faye Barrow Fund | | | 214.54 | 214.5 |
| Mount Olive College: | | | | |
| General Fund | | 86.03 | | |
| Alice E. Lupton Scholarship | | 27.50 | | |
| Memorial Organ | | 216.38 | | |
| Books | | 30.00 | 359.91 | 359.9 |
| Free Will Baptist Children's Home: | | | | |
| General Fund | | 348.23 | | |
| Clothing | | 160.00 | | |

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|---------------------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| Van | 339.85 | | |
| Allowance | 26.00 | | |
| Bed Springs | 33.00 | | |
| Mother's Day | 282.25 | 1,189.33 | 1,189.33 |
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| Superannuation: | | | |
| General Fund | 98.00 | | |
| Adopted Widows and Ministers | 22.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
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| Cragmont Assembly, Inc.: | | | |
| General Fund | 253.48 | | |
| Bathroom | 20.00 | | |
| Improvement | 20.00 | | |
| Building Fund | 10.00 | 303.48 | 303.48 |
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| Life Membership Fees (Cragmont) | | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Anna Phillips Loan Fund | | 6.00 | 6.00 |
| General Conference | | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Camp Vandemere | | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| ECU Fellowship | | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| *Christian Service Fund: | | | |
| Mount Olive College | 126.08 | | |
| Missions | 126.08 | | |
| Children's Home | 94.56 | | |
| Cragmont Assembly | 94.56 | | |
| Superannuation | 63.05 | 504.33 | 504.33 |
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| Total Receipts | | \$4,533.73 | \$4,533.73 |

*20% Christian Service Fund retained for Promotional—see receipts, \$126.08.

(Note: The total receipts in this report include the convention offerings, registration fees, and per capita dues. The total disbursements include the allocations made by the convention and the convention offerings. For an itemized list see the Finance Committee's report in the convention's minutes.—Mrs. Raymond T. Sasser, treasurer.)

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Fall Semester Just Around the Corner

The fall semester of the 1972-73 year at Mount Olive College will begin with the arrival of freshman students on Wednesday, August 23. Students who have not yet made college plans still have time to complete their application and enroll at Mount Olive College.

Financial aid including scholarships based on merit and need, education loans, and part-time employment are still available for qualified students.

Friends of the College are invited to attend the annual Fall Convocation which

will be held on Sunday, August 27, at 4 p. m., in the auditorium on the downtown campus. President W. Burkette Raper will be the speaker on this occasion.

THERE'S A GOD FOR YOU AND ME

When lonely nights come and go
And life seems not worthwhile,
Tears begin to drench our cheek
And we just can't force a smile;
But even in the darkest night
A star is shining there;

As we gaze in the heavenly bodies,
We know there's a God somewhere.

The beauty of the stars
As the beauty of His love
Makes that night a little brighter
In the heavens up above;
And if by faith we look to Him,
The light we too can see;
For in this great big universe
There's a God for you and me.

And as He sits upon His throne,
The world He watches o'er;
And in the miracle of God's plan
Our lives He has in store;
Then may the darkness seem to fade
And life take on anew;
For by the greatness of His love
That God will see you through.

Venitia Thorne
1972 Summer Dormitory Director
Mount Olive College

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OTHER LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We appreciated very much a letter from the Rev. Homer E. Willis, General Director, Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee, which reads in part: "... enjoy reading your editorials and look forward to them with each issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. ... Thank you. ... for this ministry. ..."

The Rev. Melvin K. Everington, pastor of the Deep Run, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, wrote the following letter, which was also greatly appreciated: "... I have just read the editorial in the August 9 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST. I think this is one of the best editorials that I have read in recent months. I just had to let you know how much the writing meant to me. Thank you for the challenge to do more little things that will help others. It has helped to make my day. ..."

"Thanks" seems to be a little word and perhaps an overused response, but it's the best one we know.—Ed.

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Two Suns

A man scoffingly asked, "What advantage has a religious man over anyone like myself? Does not the sun shine on me as on him, this fine day?" "Yes," replied his companion, "but the religious man has two suns shining on him at once—one on his body, and the other on his soul."—C. H. Spurgeon.

Do You Know Jesus?

(continued from page five)

blame God for all my troubles and I tried to drown them in that bottle. Never again—that is the last one! I'm on my way back home to God."

Jenny watched the old man as he slowly walked down the parkway, then on down the street. She saw him as he disappeared inside the church door. She said to herself, "Why did he thank me? What did I do?"

Jenny walked over to the goldfish pond. As she stood watching the fish, suddenly she was knocked to the ground by a large boy. The boy tried to catch a ball that was too high for him. As Jenny sat on the ground the boy said to her, "You foolish, stupid girl. Why didn't you watch where you are walking? Look, what you did! You made me miss the ball. I ought to belt you one right in your eyes."

"I wasn't walking," said Jenny. "I was standing here looking at the fish and you ran into me. You should look where you are going."

"Listen, little girl, I walk or run anywhere I choose, and there's not a thing you can do about it."

As Jenny stood to her feet, brushing the trash from her dress, she said to the boy, "Young man, don't you know that Jesus doesn't want you to be mean and ugly to other children? You should treat others as you wish to be treated. That is the 'Golden Rule.'"

"Jesus, who is He?" asked the boy as he picked up his ball.

"Boy, you don't know Jesus?"

"No, who is He?"

With a bright smile on her face, Jenny said, "Jesus is God's Son."

"Hey, Tom," called Carl, "you and Jack come over here and listen to this little brat talk as she tries to explain to us about God and His Son, Jesus. She said 'He has a Golden Rule for us to live by,' and we are to obey His rules."

"Come on, Carl, let's go to the ball park," said Tom. "Why waste our time listening to her silly talk? I want to play catch. Anyway, I don't believe there is a God or Jesus Christ. My Dad said, 'People were silly and stupid to believe in such nonsense. We are more enlightened in these days. People don't believe all this talk about God, Jesus Christ, Satan, hell, or heaven. We make our own rules to live by.' Jack, do you know this Jesus Man?"

"No, Tom, I've never met the Gentleman. When I grow up and have the

time, I may try to meet Him. Come on, let's go. I want to play ball too."

Jenny watched the boys as they ran towards the ball park. As she turned to walk up the pathway, she saw walking towards her, a nurse pushing a wheel chair. In the chair sat a little old lady with a bright shining face. Jenny heard the little lady as she said to her nurse, "Miss Rubin, this place will be just fine, here by the goldfish pool. I love to watch them as they swim around in the water. Now you go to the refreshment building and get us a nice cold cup of lemonade. Don't forget the peanuts for the squirrels. Please don't worry, I'll be just fine right here by the pool until you return."

As the nurse walked away, Miss Warren began to look about her. When she saw Jenny, she said, "Good afternoon, little lady. I did not see you standing there until this second. My name is Pearl Warren. What is your name, and where do you live?"

"How do you do, Miss Warren? My name is Jenny Dawson, and I live on Cherry Avenue."

"Jenny—Jenny Dawson. I like that name, and you are a pretty little girl. My, my, just smell this nice, clean, fresh air! Just look at all the pretty flowers! I believe this park is the most beautiful place on earth. It makes me want to hurry and go to heaven, God's city, to live."

"Miss Warren, do you know Jesus?"

"Yes, Jenny, I do."

"Do you love Him?"

"Yes, my child. I love Jesus with all my heart."

"Did you know and love Jesus when you were a little girl, like me?"

With a faraway look in her eyes, Miss Warren said, "No, Jenny, to my sorrow, I did not."

"Why not?" asked Jenny.

"Little lady, there were many reasons why I didn't know Jesus. A few of them you wouldn't understand. This is the main reason, or I should say, a poor excuse for not accepting the saving grace of Christ. When I was a little girl, like you, both of my parents were good Christians. My father was a minister of the gospel."

"You mean, he was a preacher, the pastor of a church?"

"Yes, Jenny, he was the pastor of our church, and he was a good speaker. He preached Jesus to the people. He taught us that God is a good Father and loves all the people; also that He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. My father often read to me from the

Bible about heaven, the beautiful city God has prepared for His children. In this beautiful city, the walls are made of jasper, and the streets are pure gold. There are many mansions and a pretty river in the midst of the city. The water of the river is as clear as crystal. He said, 'We may go to this city to live if we would accept the pardon, forgiveness of God, and the saving grace of His Son, Jesus Christ.'"

"Didn't you believe him, when he talked to you about God, Jesus Christ, and heaven?"

"Yes and no. Yes, I thought he knew what he was preaching to the people. But as I grew older, I rebelled against my parents. I thought they were old-fashioned in their teachings; that they didn't want me to be popular and have a good time. I thought they were too strict in their discipline, because they would not allow me to do some of the things I wanted to do. Then I met Paul. He was tall, dark, and handsome, and he drove a pretty new car. I soon began to go to places with him that I knew my parents wouldn't approve of. Yes, I thought I was having a lot of fun, lying and deceiving them."

"You should not have told untruths. It is a great sin to tell a lie."

"You are right, Jenny. I had to learn the hard way. To tell a lie is a great sin. I was a foolish, young teen-ager that thought my parents were wrong. Anyway, one night Paul invited four of his friends to go with us to a party across town. While there, the boys began to drink whiskey. On the way home Paul was driving too fast to go around a sharp curve."

"Wasn't you afraid for him to drive so fast? He could wreck the car."

"Yes, Jenny, we were frightened. Paul did have a bad wreck. We were all in the hospital for several weeks. I was left paralyzed from my waist down. Of course, I became bitter in my heart and felt sorry for myself. I grew sullen, hateful, and mean. I asked myself, 'Why did God let this happen to me?' Then one day, as I listened to a sermon on the radio about how good God is to us, I began to look at myself."

"Miss Warren, how could you look at yourself?"

"I leaned my head back on my pillow, closed my eyes, and let my mind go back over my past life. I sure did not like what I saw. I saw myself with a dark, sinful heart. My heart was filled with hateful, evil sins. I lifted up my arms towards heaven, with tears in my eyes,

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" (Mark 13:32), so as to harmonize with Christ's duty.

Answer: Since the Bible is God's revelation to man and was given to us to help clarify the facts hidden to man through all the ages past, which he needed that he might through repentance and faith return to God and in this way become identified with Him in the forgiveness of his sins, coming into the fellowship that was lost when man first sinned; it does not pretend to solve all mysteries for us while here on earth. This will come only when we have a new body like Christ's glorified body. The law is presented to us as a schoolmaster to return us to God.

In Psalm 119 the whole of the Word is represented as a lamp to our feet and light to our path, etc. Nowhere does the Bible represent itself as the means to clarify all mysteries to us while we are here in these sinful bodies, but it does tell us that we may know Christ through it. (See and compare, Psalm 119:105, 129, 130; Hebrews 4:12; Romans 1:16-20; 11:33; Colossians 1:12-23; 2:3-20.)

In Romans 11:25 God tells us something of the mystery in His dealing with Jews and Gentiles. I do not know all that was a mystery concerning the difference between how in the Old Testament times He dealt with Jews and Gentiles, but I know some that was a mystery then because God tells me here in the New Testament. "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory" (1 Corinthians 2:7). (Read the remaining verses of this chapter.) This teaches that we who are born again may, by staying in fellowship with Christ, speak the mysteries of God. But other Scriptures teach that we may neither know, speak, or experience all that is prepared for us.

"For now we see through a glass,

darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:12); compare, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10); "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:12, 13); "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2, 3).

When we, who are born-again Christians, find ourselves glorified together with Christ and standing before Him in the kind of body He now has, all mysteries will have passed away. We then will understand.

The Bible says of Christ, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8). Jesus, in order to become the menial servant as the Bible presents Him, took upon Himself our sinful likeness so as to bear our sins away.

"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you"

(John 15:15). Luke says of Him, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

Even though the fullness of the God-head dwelt in Him in His incarnate state, yet He temporarily limited Himself so as to be one of us, probably laying aside certain knowledge that in being perfectly obedient to God not having any sin whatsoever to retard Him in the acquisition of knowledge, he grew more rapidly in this capacity than any has; so that at the age of twelve years He could ask and answer questions of the most learned of His time in perfect accuracy.

Dr. Louis T. Talbot, in his book, **Bible Questions Explained**, gives the following on Page 38:

"Modernists have used this verse in a futile attempt to prove that Jesus is not eternal God. Our Lord here seems to disclaim omniscience, but the reference is perfectly clear when one bears in mind the purpose of Mark's Gospel—to portray Jesus as the faithful Servant of Jehovah. Christ says in John 15:15, 'The servant knoweth **not** what his lord doeth.' How significant that Mark, who presents Jesus as the perfect Servant, should record this statement about the hour of His return as King of kings and Lord of lords. (Matthew also makes a similar statement in Matthew 24:36; likewise, Luke, in Acts 1:7.)

"In the aspect of His ministry as a **Servant**, our Lord made a **voluntary** surrender of certain knowledge, in order that He might walk the walk of faith, and thus be an object-lesson to all believers. While He ever remained the eternal Son of God, coequal and coeternal with the Father; yet as a Servant, He chose a limitation of His knowledge, bounded by the Father's will.

"In like manner, we may trust God with perfect confidence, however dark and mysterious the way may be."

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Not the Shady Side

An old man who had lived a long life of fellowship with and service for his Lord was asked, "You are on the shady side of seventy, I suppose?" "No," he replied, "I am on the sunny side, for I am on the side nearest glory."—Sunday School Times.

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The image of Christ shall never be effaced. It shall be painted in the hearts of men.

STORIES

for our youth



THE CASE OF THE MISSING MARBLES

by RAMONA HARKNESS

DONALD sat on the steps of the wooden porch, his chin resting in his hands. He glared at the house next door. The new people had moved in the week before, and it surely was a fine thing to have a thief for a neighbor! He saw the new boy who lived there come to the window and look in his direction. Donald quickly turned his head the other way. He tried to act as if he had been watching a bushy-tailed squirrel running across the branches of the big oak tree that stood by the corner of his house.

His black cat, Snoops, lay curled up next to him. Donald rubbed the soft fur between Snoops' ears. "What a cat!" said Donald. "You do nothing but sleep and eat all day." At the sound of Donald's voice, Snoops straightened his ears and stretched out into a more comfortable position on the gray porch.

Donald looked around the big front porch with the old-fashioned railing and was glad that their house was different from the rest. Every other house on the block had little cement blocks for porches. Where was a kid to play when it rained or when the yard was too muddy? Why, even yesterday, while it was raining, Joe, one of the boys from school, had come over, and they had played marbles on the porch and hadn't got a bit wet. Donald's sister, Kelly, had played jacks at the other side, too.

This morning was the first time that he'd begun to suspect the boy next door of stealing. He had left his marbles lined up against the railing on the porch, and they were gone when he had come out to get them. Later, he had seen the

new boy in his backyard playing with some marbles. So that was where they had gone! It was a fine thing when a fellow couldn't leave his things on his own property.

Donald sat on the steps, wondering how he could get his marbles back. When the screen door slammed, he looked up to see Kelly come out and look around curiously.

"Have you seen my jack ball?" asked Kelly.

"Don't tell me he stole that, too!" exclaimed Donald.

"Who do you mean?" Kelly asked. She sat down beside Snoops and scratched the cat's neck slowly.

"Oh, that boy next door. My marbles are gone, too, and I saw him playing with some today."

"Now, you'd better be sure that he stole them before you say anything to anybody. You know that Mother says we should see something with our own eyes before we accuse anyone."

"I just know it was him. That's all there is to it!" said Donald stubbornly.

Just then Mother interrupted their conversation with a call for supper. While they were eating, Donald's mother made a suggestion. "I think it would be nice if you asked the new boy next door to come to Sunday school with you this Sunday, Donald."

Donald almost choked swallowing his food. He knew better than to tell Mother what he thought of the new boy, for she would ask him what real proof he had. Maybe if the new boy did go to Sunday school with him, he would find out it was wrong to steal. Then he might get his marbles back. "All right, Mother, I'll ask him."

Donald went back outside and saw that the new boy was in his backyard again. Donald went over to him. "Hi, my name is Donald."

"Hi. That's funny, my name is Donald, too!"

"Well, what do you know," laughed Donald. "We're almost like twins. How will people know who they're talking about?"

"Oh, that's easy. Everybody has always called me Donnie; so that problem's solved."

"I guess it is," agreed Donald. Donnie was such a nice kid that it was hard to be angry with him for stealing marbles. "Say, I would like you to come with me to Sunday school this Sunday if you can."

"I'm sure I can. In the other town where we lived, our whole family went to Sunday school and church. My parents are looking for a church to go to here; so maybe you can tell them how to get there before Sunday."

"Swell. I will, but now I have to go pull weeds for my dad. Do you want to come over and watch?" Donald was surprised to find that Donnie went to Sunday school. Could he be wrong about Donnie's stealing the marbles?

"Sure. I'll help you. I love to pull weeds and work in the yard. It always looks so neat and clean afterward."

The boys went over to Donald's house, and before long they had a huge pile of weeds. As they were finishing, Donnie exclaimed, "Donald, look, under these weeds!" Donald came over and bent down to see better. There, hidden by the weeds, were all his marbles and Kelly's jack ball.

"How do you think they got there?" asked Donald, scratching his head, a puzzled expression on his face. Just then he looked up to see Snoops' black paw batting the air through a small opening in the porch railing.

"Did you ever leave some of your marbles on the porch?" Donnie asked. "You know how cats are. They bat around anything that rolls. Maybe your cat did it."

"He must have!" exclaimed Donald. "I remember now that I left them right next to this opening. I'm surely glad to find out that Snoops was the guilty one." From now on, he decided, I'm going to pray that I find out the facts before think wrongly about anyone.—Gospel Herald.

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"Thousands of church mothers need to be told in plain terms that no Sunday dinner is as important as their presence in church school, with their children."—Harbinger.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Note: The August 2 issue of the "Baptist" carried an editorial in regards to roadside meeting the editor experienced while on a recent visit to Harkers Island, North Carolina, a place he had never visited before. There have been several comments concerning this particular editorial, "Heavenly Music—on earth?" and the one preceding it, "An Island Experience." Needless to emphasize, we are gratified that others are able to relate to these experiences and are able to share what the editor attempted to describe.)

The following letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Nelson who are residents of Harkers Island. The letter is self-explanatory and much appreciated by the editor.

"... The article on 'Heavenly Music—on Earth?' is very dear to us. We are from Harkers Island and had the privilege of taking part in that roadside meeting that you described so effectively.

"That was our first roadside meeting with new converts. For sentimental reasons we would greatly appreciate it if you would send us about 15 copies of that edition of 'The Free Will Baptist.'"

—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Nelson

The copies were sent, of course!

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NOTICE PLEASE!

We received a check for a subscription to THE FREE WILL BAPTIST from a Mr. Lauren Davis Sr. The check was written to The Bank of New Bern, North Carolina, but we have no address on Mr. Davis. We checked our drop file thinking that perhaps the subscription had expired and Mr. Davis was renewing; however, we were unable to find any record of his address. And, as there was no return address on the envelope, we are unable to contact Mr. Davis. If anyone knows his address, we would appreciate your contacting us so we will be able to process his subscription.

—the Editor.

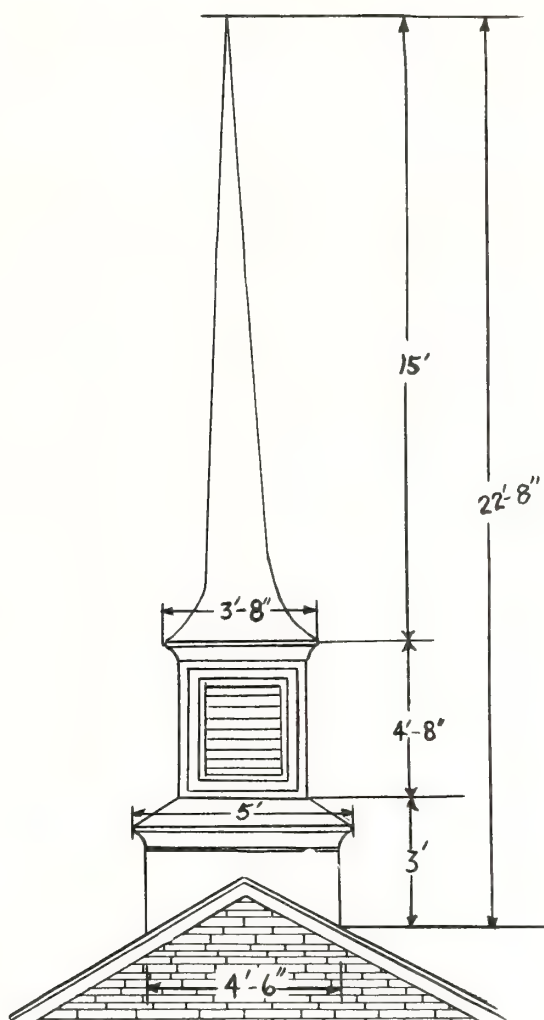
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Patrick Henry's Regret

Patrick Henry, near death, said: "Here is a Book, the Bible, worth more than all others than were ever printed; yet it is my misfortune never to have found time to read it."—Prairie Overcomer.

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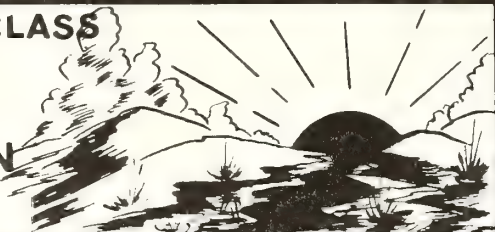
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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR AUGUST 27



Sharing Through Witness

Lesson Text: Acts 4:13-21

Memory Verse: Acts 4:20

I. INTRODUCTION

When Christ ascended to heaven after His resurrection He left the Great Commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every person we could reach. He could have sent angels down from heaven to do this job, and they would gladly have done it. He could have stayed here Himself and done the job, and He would have done so had the Father told Him. He could have created another race of human beings who would move as robots to go forth with the message of salvation, and they would have obeyed because they were programmed to do so. But He did none of these things.

Jesus told His disciples to witness for Him. Those who heard them would then witness for Him, and so on until our day. The obligation has not lessened with the centuries; on the contrary, the obligation has grown greater because there are far more people on the earth today than 2,000 years ago. If the gospel story is told we will have to do it. We may fail and leave the task for another generation to come. If they fail the task will be left undone and judgment will fall upon the earth.

We cannot help but believe Jesus is coming soon. The world is desperate. Men are looking for Him in teeming thousands. Great signs and wonders are taking place in the lives of believers. The Holy Spirit and His unusual powers are sweeping the earth in what has been called the charismatic revival—the revival of the gifts of the Spirit, including the gift of speaking in other tongues. If we are going to start witnessing we had better get about the job now.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Define a witness, and distinguish between witnessing and soul winning.
 2. Give the story of the lame man being healed as recorded in Acts 3.
 3. Give a brief outline of chapter four.
- B. The Irritation of the Authorities (Acts 4:13-17)
1. They were irritated at the miracle performed by the apostles.
 2. They were irritated by the effect this miracle was having on the public.
 3. They were irritated at the boldness and courage of these unlearned and ignorant men.

C. The Command to Keep Silent (Acts 4:18-21)

1. The council asked the apostles to wait outside.
2. They then discussed their dilemma or what they would do with them.
3. Their conclusion was that they would turn them loose, but charge them to keep quiet.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. "Were you ever called up in court as a witness? Were you asked to sit in the witness box while questions were fired at you? Perhaps you tried to give your opinion and were sternly told by the judge not to do that, but merely to tell what you saw and heard. That's what a witness is: one who has seen and experienced something and is willing to talk about it.

"An essential part of the Christian life is that of witnessing. We are to tell our friends, our neighbors, and our acquaintances what Christ has done for us. This witnessing need not be polished or erudite. We do not have to imagine ourselves to be attorneys. Our job is a simple one. Once we were lost in trespasses and sins: we were helpless and hopeless. Then we met Christ. He changed our lives completely, and we owe everything we have to Him. That's witnessing.

"In fact, the whole plan of God for

the propagation of the Gospel is based on witnessing. Someone tells you the glorious facts of the Gospel. You tell someone else, he tells another, and so the glad story spreads to the ends of the earth.

"Witnessing can be done anywhere. At home is a good place to begin. Then there are school, office, factory, street corner, church, social gatherings—anywhere, everywhere. It can be done at any time: morning, noon, night, midnight. There is no barrier of education, color, creed, position in life. It is God's master-stroke.

"There are many ways. Most witness by word of mouth but there are tracts and booklets one can give away. There are the radio, billboards, magazines, and newspapers. The area for witnessing is just about as wide as life itself.

"I must be honest with you. No Christian can beg off from witnessing. This is the responsibility and privilege of everyone who has found Christ. But it's not like bitter medicine. It's glorious adventure. It's peaches and cream. It's the frosting on the cake. It's wonderful. Best of all, the ones to whom you witness accept Christ and become witnesses as well. There is no joy comparable to that of leading someone to the Lord, for you start a chain reaction that will never end.

"Pray this: Dear Lord Jesus: Give me the privilege this day of being a faithful witness to Thy saving and keeping power."—Top of the Morning.

B. When the owner of the new restaurant opened for business, he put up a small sign a mile down the highway. It took little material to make and needed only a post in the ground to hold it erect. But this sign attracted comparatively few motorists, so he erected a huge billboard. One post in the ground would not hold this sign against the elements. It had to be very firmly attached to many supports. But it was a sign that all could see, and the business began to grow.

Christians must tell others about Christ and show them how to find life in Him. Our ability to reach others, however, depends in a large measure upon how firmly we are grounded in the truth. Too many of us are like this little sign board. We desire to witness for Christ, but because we have little strength in our convictions our witness for Him cannot be great. Because of our shallow faith we have little knowledge with which to answer the questions of others regarding spiritual matters. But

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Teaching Through Music

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school worship time to the sophisticated cantata presented by the chancel choir—it is teaching Christian music.

A difficulty which many teachers face is that they seem to have no musical ability and yet are called upon to handle this phase of the teaching process because of the self-contained classroom. For them there is today an arsenal of easily used helps such as record players with sing-along records, accompaniment tapes available in cassette or reel, and other similar items to make music education possible, even when there is no piano or pianist in the room. Of course, it is good procedure for a Sunday school to assign a musically inclined teacher to every department so that accompaniment and musical leadership needs can be taken care of properly.

PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE MUSIC EDUCATION

1. Remember that music should fit the child, rather than the child fit the music. Simple, spontaneous, "made-up" songs will be very appropriate and useful at the preschool level.

2. Utilize the simplest instruments from the earliest time to encourage participation and build interest in music. These include sand blocks, rhythm sticks, jingle sticks, bells, triangles, the tonette or flutophone, song bells, and tambourines.

3. Teach the unknown by appealing to the known. Taking into consideration the child's past experience, begin with familiar songs and connect the new songs to them. This is simply an application of the old principle of apperception.

4. Spend time in listening activities. Let the children sit quietly while the song is sung or played and use effective recordings in the classroom.

5. Be positive and encouraging and create a joyful atmosphere at all times. There is no reason why the music time should be a forced situation and one which the student looks forward to with hesitation or fear.

6. Use effective groupings. Try to place experienced singers near less experienced singers so that they may offer help. Teach children the harmonic structures and part-singing as soon as possible.

Stress variety in your approaches to music education. Don't use a fifteen-minute "chorus time" in which you

simply rehash "Everybody Ought to Know" and "God Can Do Anything but Fail" week after week. Introduce new songs in the folk style, use songbooks at times, visualize the song with printed materials or chalk drawings, and introduce hymn stories to teach the context out of which the song has arisen.

The joyful task of church music education is more the process of listening to learn than that of learning to listen. Shakespeare said of the virtues of song: "If music be the food of love, play on." Well, music can be the food of love—God's love in Christ. Along with our verbal teaching, we can communicate the gospel and theology in depth through the medium of music. Christian music is always music with a message.—Gospel Herald.

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Do You Know Jesus?

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I humbly confessed my sins to God and asked for His pardon and forgiveness, in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ."

"Did God hear you?"

"Yes, Jenny, He did. I've never known such joy as I experienced that day when Jesus forgave and washed my sins away. The peace of God's love still abides in my heart. Yes, my child, I know who Jesus is."

"You sound just like my daddy when he preaches to the people at church. He tells us how great, kind, and good God is. I hear my nurse calling me and I must go. It has been nice talking to you about God and His love. I too know who Jesus is," said Jenny as she ran down the pathway. Soon she stopped running as she listened to several birds calling to each other in loud, exciting calls. She said to herself, "Now, what is wrong with those birds? They sound so excited."

She slowly walked to the place where the birds were flying low over the ground. And there she saw two baby sparrows that had fallen from the nest. She said, "Don't be frightened, little birds. I'll put you back in your nest home. Our heavenly Father tells us in His Word that He sees the little sparrows if they fall to the ground. Don't be frightened, little parents, I won't harm your babies."

She gently picked up the little birds. "Now, where is your home?" she thought. "Oh, there it is away up high on a limb. I believe I can climb this tree." Slow, very slowly, she made her

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Ray Harrison Jr. announces that he will be available for pastoral duties each first and third Sunday, beginning with the third Sunday in August, 1972. Any church desiring his services may contact him by writing Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, North Carolina 28530; or by telephoning 524-5186.

way up the tree and out on the large limb to the nest. As she placed the birds in the nest, she heard, "Jenny, what are you doing up in that tree? You know I have forbidden you to climb trees."

"I'm very sorry to disobey you, Mrs. Lovett, but these two little birds would have died if I had left them down there on the ground. God saw them on the ground and He knew they were cold. I'm sure He wanted me to take them back to their nest home."

"Oh, you and your great big, kind heart. Just be careful, and come down slow," said Mrs. Lovett.

Soon Jenny reached the ground. She took Mrs. Lovett by her hand as she said, "Let's hurry home, I'm hungry."

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Sunday School Lesson

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God wants us all to be like this huge billboard, a large and competent witness for Him. To be such a witness we must be firmly grounded in the faith. Then the life that we live and the words that we speak will be a sign to all that Christ rules in our lives.

Peter and John were competent witnesses both in the testimony of their faithful lives and in the messages they brought. Are you?—Standard Lesson Commentary.

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The thing most needed in the United States is united notions.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Effie B. Parnell

The death angel came and called my grandmother, Mrs. Effie B. Parnell, to her heavenly home on July 6, 1972. She was a member of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Pikeville, North Carolina, and a member of the woman's auxiliary of the church.

At the time of her death she was 77 years old. She leaves to mourn their loss two sons, Clifton and Alton of Goldsboro, North Carolina; two daughters, Mrs. Myrtie Ivers of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Mrs. Edna Howell of Plymouth, North Carolina; fourteen grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Grandmother's rocking chair is now vacant and looks as if it is waiting for her return. I remember how we used to sit and talk with her while eating ice cream each night. When people came to see her, you should have seen how her face would light up. She was always so full of joy and happiness. She was very thankful for the little things done for her.

Grandmother read many books, but her favorite book was the Bible. You could always find her reading from God's Word. I know she loved the Lord for it showed in the many things she did for others. I know we will miss her and her rocking chair and the many happy times we had around her knees.

We know that God is taking care of her in her heavenly home, and when we stop and think, we know that that is what she wanted, for up there she is again with Granddaddy.

We all loved her very much, but God loved her best. We will always remember and love you, Grandmother.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Parnell

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Mrs. Sally Ann Taylor

On Sunday, August 6, 1972, Mrs. Sally Ann Taylor (better known as Aunt Sal) departed from us. She was eighty-five years old and lived at Gales Creek, North Carolina. She departed this life to be

with the Lord in a home of everlasting life.

She left behind to mourn their loss three daughters, Mrs. Glen Adams, Mrs. William Piner, and Mrs. Fannie Hall; four sons, Mr. Wylie, Jim, Tom, and Harry Taylor; thirty-one grandchildren; sixty-six great-grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends.

Her funeral was conducted on August 8 in the Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina, by the Revs. Clifton Styron, Jerry Rowe, and Harold Anderson.

Her absence will be missed, but we feel that it will be heaven's gain.

Aunt Sal was a good neighbor and a friend to all. No matter how bad you might feel she would always say, "There's a bright day coming bye and bye." Her bright day was Sunday when she could be in the house of her Lord.

She was the oldest member of Sound View church and the oldest person in the neighborhood.

I would like to sum up her last few years on earth with these words:

Her hands were old and shaky,
Her feet were very slow;
But all her deeds and errors,
With love are set aglow.

Oh surely you will love her,
And went along to stay;
Oh surely you will miss her
When she has passed away.

—Author Unknown.

I, as well as others, will truly miss her, but her smile will always remain with us.

Submitted by,
Mrs. Geneva Pelletier
A Good Friend of Aunt Sal

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Practice What You Preach

It's easier to preach than to practice,
It's easier to say than to do;
Most sermons are heard by the many
But taken to heart by the few.

It's easier to cheer than to battle;
It's easier to stay than to go;
To drift you but lay down the oars
To go up the stream you must row.

—Ben L. Byer.

NEWS NOTES

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for August 18, 19, 20, at the Friendly Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina. The guest evangelist will be the Rev. Joseph Lyrly of Rockingham, North Carolina. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. John Kivette. Everyone is invited to attend each of these three nights.

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Cragmont Assembly Treasurer's Report for July, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., Black Mountain, North Carolina, reports as follows for the month of July, 1972:

Balance July 1, 1972 \$3,063.45

Receipts

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| Churches | \$1,078.31 |
| Sunday Schools | 222.20 |
| Leagues | 115.00 |
| Gifts | 100.00 |
| Cadets Conference | 39.69 |
| Unions | 25.00 |

Total Receipts 1,694.20

Total to Account For 4,757.65

Disbursements

Operating Expenses 47.00

Balance August 1, 1972

(Checking Account) \$4,710.65

Savings Account (Earmarked) 2,339.34

Grand Total \$7,049.99

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If you become an outstanding VIP in the field of politics, you can get your picture in Monday's papers by attending church services on Sunday.—Charles Vincent Mathis.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:

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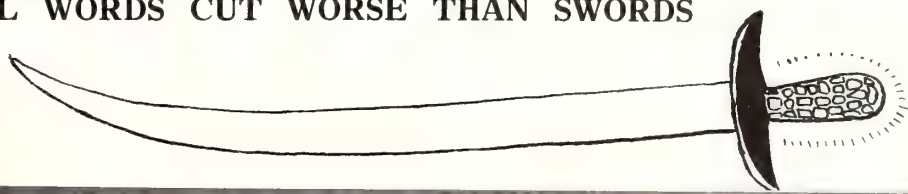
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EVIL WORDS CUT WORSE THAN SWORDS



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Once spoken, words can never be unsaid—even if “taken back.”

Many people have cringed under the slap of a harsh word and have been hurt severely.

An untimely remark can be responsible for discouraging a child and could account for his near failure in later life.

A screaming abuse can tear up the nerves, upset the stomach, and bring on a flood of tears.

A sarcastic remark, however gentle, can cut to the core and destroy confidence.

An “I love you” with one breath and “Now, go on and leave me alone” with the other can cause utter frustration.

A glaring “No” with the eyes, and spoken through clenched teeth can be the cause of a child’s never asking a favor of a parent again.

A sweet word, unmeant and insincere, is often undiscerned by those who are not capable of uttering such themselves; but when discovered, it causes a great wound.

Flattering remarks can soothe no pain when that hurt has been established by former words.

Falling upon aged ears, cross, ill words of intolerance at some annoying habit can make the elderly person feel unwanted, in the way, or possibly crave a premature death.

A loose tongue like an unbridled stallion is a wild thing, uncontrollable and dangerous, potentially destroying or havoc-causing.

The tongue, as we are told in His Word, is a little member—but how great a fire it kindleth!

The next time you feel led to raise your voice, to air your cantankerous disposition, to lash out at another person with a profuse spraying of verbal assaults, remember that the next time you might be on the receiving end—and that the “stinger” often becomes the “stingee.” In the case of the honeybee, when he stings he dies. Dare you allow your tongue to be the cause of your death?

Farfetched? Perhaps—but we have read of accounts where one unfavored remark has led to arguments and to fights where one of the parties involved suffered grave injury or death.

As we consider the fact that the Lord exhorted us to be **holy** in all manner of conversation (life), we are urged by rational thinking to be meek in our communication with one another.

Surely, if we are considerate people, we will not want to harm another.

And, if we are sensible at all, we will not want to be remembered for our abusive language.

After all, we wouldn’t purposely thrust a sword in anyone’s heart, would we?

We may very well have done worse than that if we have ever attacked anyone with angry words.

Have you raised your voice at anyone today—for any reason?

If so, consider this if you will: Evil words cut worse than swords. . .

And, swords cut very deep. . .

But words cut deeper. . . and hurt worse.



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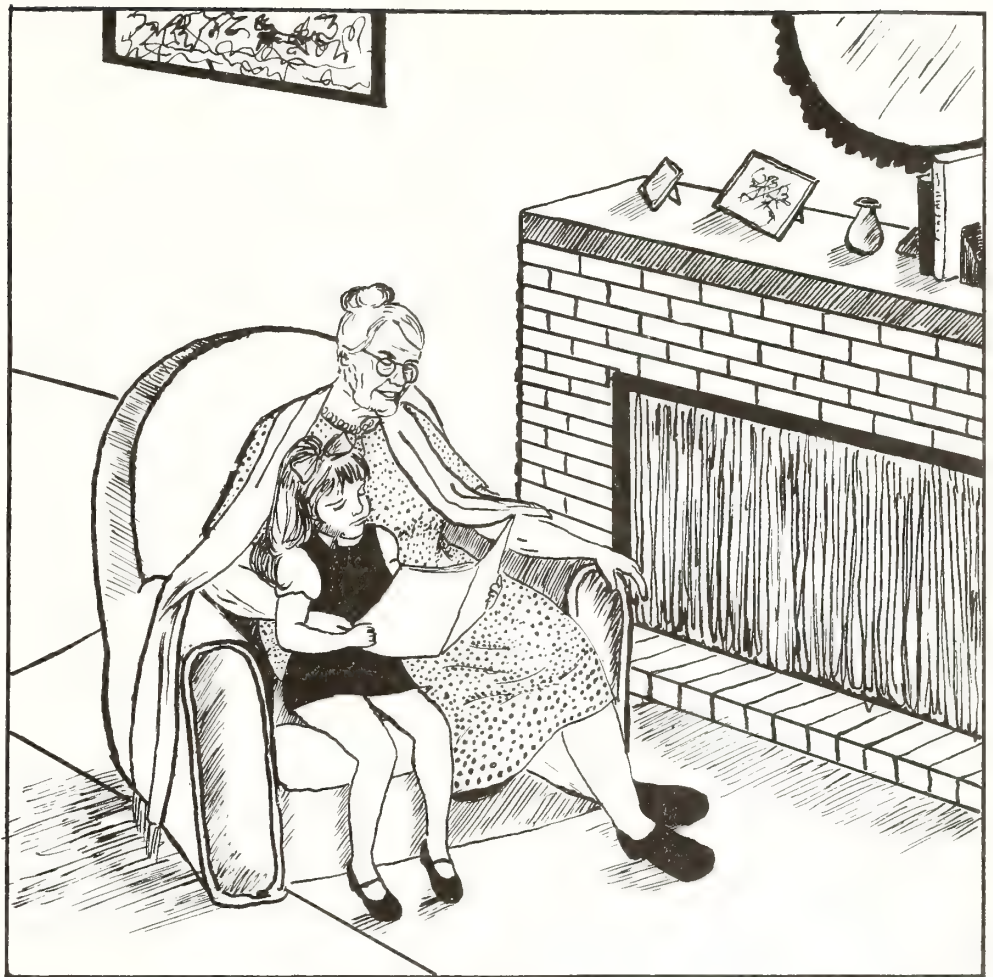
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A Trip Away

by

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She is the great-granddaughter of Celia Hart Garriss of Ayden, for whose family the Hart Dormitory at Mount Olive College was named.

and kiss. "Don't you know Evelyn knows you're coming?"

Mommy and Grandmommy rose, coming toward Elaine with smiles and nods. "Go get your things," Mommy said, "and Granddaddy will put them in the car for you." Then, with a hint of something in her dark brown eyes and a catch in her voice, Mommy turned to her mother. "I'm going to miss her," she said. Bending down, she spoke softly to Elaine, "The house will be awfully quiet, little girl. Do you think you can mind Grandmommy and Granddaddy?"

Elaine looked solemnly at her grandparents, who now were giving all attention to her. Her face crinkled into a tiny grin, and she tucked her head down and to the side without answering. "I

guess so," she replied softly. Then, turning away, she ran quickly out of the room. The elders heard her little shoes beat against the stairs as Elaine went up to get her suitcase.

"She'll be all right," Grandmommy said, comforting her daughter. "We'll tell her stories and take her to Sunday school and be so busy she won't have time to miss Pinetree Forest."

Later, on the road winding down east, Elaine was strangely quiet. The purr of the motor and Granddaddy's occasional cough were the only noises punctuating the silence. "How much farther is it now?" Elaine asked, a pleading tone in her voice.

"Is my little girl getting hungry?" Granddaddy wanted to know. A shake of the head from Elaine was the wordless answer. "Sleepy?" No.

"Ah," Grandmommy interjected with a gentle tone. "missing Mommy, are you, honey?"

"Yes," Elaine answered quietly, snuggling up next to Grandmommy.

Grandmommy started rocking her back and forth as she intoned softly, "Granny will be waiting at the back door, and she'll hug you and be so glad to see you.

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SHADOWS lengthened across the floor as Elaine listened from her playroom to the steady hum-hum of her mommy and grandmommy, talking in the oak-paneled den about whatever grown-ups find to talk about. The old grandfather clock in the front hall played its chimes or half past four, then four forty-five, and finally, just before time for the donging of the hour, Granddaddy walked in.

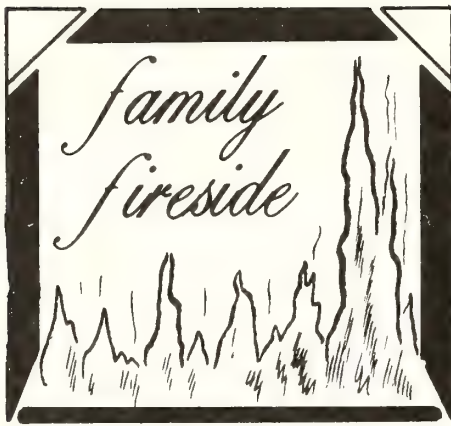
"Time to go, Harriet." His firm tones, speaking to his wife, left no room for argument. Elaine skipped happily toward the den, stopping on the way to grin brightly at her grandfather.

"Ready to go, honey?" he asked, the once firm tones now softened by the kindness only granddaddies can show for little granddaughters.

Elaine hesitated. Yes, her suitcase was packed, waiting upstairs for her to drag, clippity-clop down the spiraling staircase. And yes, she was bursting with excitement at the prospect of visiting alone with Grandmommy and Granddaddy, not to mention Granny and Evelyn. But what about Mommy? Shy-ess crept into her brave demeanor.

"Yes, Granddaddy," Elaine answered bediently. Then, more excitedly, "Do you think Evelyn will have chocolate pudding?"

Granddaddy chuckled softly. "I expect so," he said, grabbing his seven-year-old granddaughter for a quick hug



SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Scripture Reading—Revelation 2:10

OUR VERY BEST

While fighting his last battle and rallying from his second operation in seventeen days, the old warrior General Douglas MacArthur said, "I am going to do the very best I can."

The words epitomized his life throughout. He was faithfully and totally dedicated to duty, honor, and country, and he was a Christian.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Throughout our lives, that is what God wants us to do—the best we can. Is that too much to ask of a Christian? Is it?

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Scripture Reading—Matthew 23:8

ALL EQUAL BEFORE GOD

After a meeting one night in London, Dr. Harry A. Ironside walked home with the Marquess of Aberdeen and the Lord Bishop of Norwich. Being an American and unaccustomed to titles, Dr. Ironside felt embarrassed, not knowing how to address men of their rank. He expressed his perplexity to the Marquess, who said, "My dear brother, just address us as your brethren in Christ. We have no higher honor than that."

PRAYER THOUGHT

How many of us, if we had important titles, would relinquish those in preference to the most important one of all? Which would you choose?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Scripture Reading—Acts 10:34

"WAS JESUS A BLACK MAN?"

A little African boy asked a missionary, "Was Jesus a black Man?" "No, my boy," said the missionary.

A look of disappointment clouded the little boy's face. As he turned away, he said sadly, "The white people have all the good things!"

Then the missionary said, "Jesus lived in the Middle East. He probably had a complexion between yours and mine."

A smile lit up the boy's face as he joy-

fully said, "Then Jesus belongs to both of us, doesn't He?"

"That's right," said the missionary, "Jesus belongs to all people. All around the world there are those who love Him and serve Him. The Bible says, 'God is no respecter of persons.'"

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a comforting thought—just knowing He belongs to all of us just for the taking! Can't we be really happy knowing that?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Scripture Reading—1 John 5:14

YOU DON'T TELL GOD—YOU ASK HIM

A little boy and his sister were playing "doctor." The "patient" was the little girl's doll. "Your child will not get well," said the little boy to his sister.

She replied, "You aren't a good doctor. I'm going to get another doctor."

The little boy said, "There isn't any other doctor. So what will you do now?"

The little girl thought and said, "I'll tell God to make her well."

"All right, lady," said the little boy, "but you don't tell God. You ask Him."—Told by Alice Marie Knight.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Wouldn't we feel more like asking for things that we want and need, rather than telling God or people? It makes a far better relationship for everyone, doesn't it?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 15:19

"IF IN THIS LIFE ONLY"

William James said, "The great use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it."

Count Bismarck stated, "Without the hope of eternal life, this life is not worth the effort of getting dressed in the morning."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we feel this way about life? Are we spending our days here on earth for something even better than this? What a challenge!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 18:21

A FALSE REPORT WRECKS A HOME

A woman, weeping uncontrollably, went to her pastor. She was filled with remorse and regret. She had spoken untruthfully about a young woman whom she disliked, and caused a home to be wrecked and a marital tie to be broken. "Oh," she lamented, "I didn't dream that havoc! Now it is too late to undo the terrible thing I have done!"

Of the unkind, unbridled tongue the Bible says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Is there one among us who could say "not guilty"? If we have been, we can be forgiven and not do it again. How wonderful!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Scripture Reading—Job 22:21

PEACE

Thomas Kempis said, "All men desire peace, but very few desire those things that make for peace."

PRAYER THOUGHT

How many of us know real peace and tranquility? How hard do we work toward finding it?

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What Is Success?

O subject seems to be stirring the minds of young people today so much as what really constitutes success. A young woman in Ohio who reads "The Farmer's WIFE Magazine," writes ask: "What shall I do to succeed? I have a good education, and am trying to make good in the humble position that I have, but I would like to succeed."

I do not know this estimable young lady, or the circumstances under which she is working, but I should say offhand, that if she keeps on as her letter indicates, she may well claim to be making success of her life.

We are so constituted and so trained that we have a partially false idea of values, that we naturally think of success as some glittering thing that can be weighed on scales, or measured by a tapeline. Externals get us, and we forget that they are merely the trappings of something real and eternal: the human soul.

I have often tried to dig out the meaning of Jesus' parable of the pounds. The man whose pounds had gained other ten was not commended above the five pound man who had gained other five pounds. Size had nothing to do with the truth Jesus was picturing. The one pound man was rebuked, not because of his little pound, but because he was a "frier" filled with fear, not making the best of what he had. He was an inside failure.

The race of life is not a foot race where the one winner gets all the glory, but a contest in which everyone who really tries, triumphs, even though he may grace the last place. Since we cannot know the size of the "TRY" in another, we are in no position to estimate his success.

Do not get the idea that you must watch the outward success of another to be a success yourself. Some of this world's greatest failures ride in the circus painted van, and many of its greatest successes are pushing wheelbarrows. They would not depreciate the public suc-

cesses of the First Lady of our Land: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. One cannot but honor her for the way she carried on in her conspicuous way. I am thinking that there are thousands of women—widows, for instance, who are trying to hold fatherless families together and give them adequate education, who exercise more courage and hope day by day, than does the wife of our President. She would probably agree with this statement.

I like the homely philosophy well expressed by some unknown writer: "If you can't be a tree, be a shrub; if you can't be a shrub, be a bush. If you can't sing like a nightingale, chirp merrily like a sparrow. If you can't be a sunflower, be a violet. Glory consists in being what you are supposed to be at the tiptoe of your being."

If you can lay hands upon a book of thirty years ago, "The Widow O'Callahan's Boys," by all means read it. The widow was left with a heritage of seven boys, the youngest being little Tim. Tim had his ideas of greatness. He was just large enough to herd a few geese, the only livestock the widow possessed. He had to drive the geese to a little stagnant pond not far away. Timmy felt that he was important enough to drive the geese to the river farther away. Anyway, he thought that the geese should have running water. His mother said, "Timmy, them as hasn't runnin' water must be content with standin'."

Whoever and wherever you are—if you are doing with the finest possible motives the tasks that come to your hands, no matter what the superficial world might say, you are a success.

Then, we are so likely to applaud some person as a success, no matter how he may have gotten to the front, or climbed to the top. Thousands of people have cashed in on their moral principles, and denied their God, just for gold or a temporary honor. No failure is quite so pathetic as the success gained by selling out. Judas sold out a million dollar

friendship for thirty pieces of silver. It has been done many times for less.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox write:

RIGHT LIVING

"What is right living? Just do your best When the worst seems easier. To bear the ills Of daily life with patient cheerfulness, Nor waste time recounting them. To talk of hopeful things when doubt is in the air; To count your blessings often, giving thanks, And accept your sorrows silently, The whole of life as one perfected plan, And welcome each event as part of it. To work, and love your work; to trust, to pray For larger usefulness and clearer in God's eyes, Though you be heathen, Jew, or Christian."

(Note: The above article is a reprint from "The Farmer's WIFE Magazine," dated August, 1938. The article is by a Dr. Holland and was sent to us by Mrs. A. D. McLawhorn Sr. of Winterville, North Carolina.)

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Rudy Shepard to Hold
Belhaven Revival, Homecoming Follows



The Rev. Rudy Shepard, pastor of the Winter Green Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for a series of revival services to be held at the Belhaven, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist, the time being 7:30 p. m. each evening. Mr. Shepard will be assisted in the services by the pastor, the Rev. Ed Fordham.

Homecoming services will be observed Sunday, August 27, at the Belhaven church, with the pastor delivering the homecoming message. All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are invited to be present.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Spring Branch Church Announces Revival Services



The Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina, announces revival services for the week of September 4-9. The Rev. N. Bruce Barrow Sr. of Snow Hill, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris. The services will begin nightly at 7:45, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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Corinth Church Announces Revival

Revival services are scheduled for the week of September 4-9 at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Jamesville, North Carolina. The guest evangelist for this series of services will be the Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Belvoir, North Carolina.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30, with the pastor of the church, the Rev. Earl Menchew, assisting. The church membership wishes to extend a cordial invitation to the public to be in attendance. Special music will be welcomed.

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Never Tiresome

An Indian student said to a missionary, "We sometimes get tired of hearing about Christ, Christ, Christ. But, sir, we never get tired of seeing Christ in a Christlike person."

OTHER WORLD NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Robert G. Torbet, executive director of the Division of Cooperative Christianity of the American Baptist Convention, has been elected a ministerial member of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society. He has been appointed to serve on the promotion committee, of which the Rev. Dr. Bryant M. Kirkland of New York is chairman.

Dr. Torbet, who is the ecumenical officer of his denomination, has his office in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, the headquarters of the American Baptist Convention which will become the American Baptist Churches of the U. S. A. on January 1, 1973.

Born in Spokane, Washington, Dr. Torbet received an A.B. degree from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in 1934; an A.M. degree from the University of Pennsylvania; and a B.D. from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, both in 1937. In 1944 he received a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Torbet was ordained at the First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, in

Coming Events . . .

August 25, 26—Piedmont Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina (The Place to Be Announced)

September 13, 14—North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Black Jack Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina

September 21, 22, 23—Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association, Flatwood Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina

September, 1936, on the recommendation of the Twin City Baptist Association of the American Baptist Convention.

From 1934 to 1941 Dr. Torbet was professor in the College Division and in 1941-50 a professor of church history at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He became editor of the Uniform Lesson Series of his denomination's Board of Education and Publication in June, 1950, where he served until September, 1955, when he became director of Educational Services of the Board. He was dean of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary from July, 1958, until December, 1966. He assumed his present position in January, 1967.

He is the author of a number of books including "A History of the Baptists" printed in 1950 and revised in 1963; also "The Baptist Story," "The Protestant Reformation," "Ecumenism: A Free Church Dilemma," "Venture of Faith: History of the American Baptist Foreign Mission," and is coauthor with Henry Bowler "Reuben E. Nelson: Free Churchman," and with Samuel S. Hill Jr. of "Baptists North and South."

Dr. Torbet is a member of the American Society of Church History. He is a former member of the Board of Managers of the American Historical Society, of the Board of Education and Publication, and a former member of the General Council of the American Baptist Convention.

Other newly elected ministerial members of the board include: The Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Fry, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Summit, New Jersey; the Rev. Dr. James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida; and the Rev. Dr. Gildo Sanchez, pastor of Iglesia Evangelical Espanola, the Bronx, New York.

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"I Kissed the Free Soil!"

A contingent of Cubans, arriving in Miami, knelt and prayed tearfully, thanking God for their new home.

Sixty-year-old Felipa Moya said, "I am so happy to be here that I kissed the free soil!"

Renato Rodriguez states, "I feel like I'm getting out of jail!"

Few of us are sufficiently grateful to God for the numberless blessings which He has showered upon us as a nation.

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A parking lot in downtown Los Angeles has a special section for small cars. They call it "The Nursery."

Prayers That Prevail

by DAVID MCCARTHY

H, WHAT peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!" Amen, brother!

Is any truth better known and less practiced? We seldom pray for ourselves and even less often for others; meanwhile, our excuses multiply. Isaiah's observation is still appropriate: "There is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee" (Isaiah 64:7).

Showers of blessing would fall on many parched churches if Christians understood the value of intercession. Look at the prayers of Moses recorded in Exodus 32-34. This remarkable man shouldered heavy responsibilities but still took time for prayer.

Moses prayed in Exodus 32 three months after Israel's deliverance from Pharaoh at the Red Sea. It was while receiving a divine blueprint for the tabernacle that God's man learned that His people were worshiping a golden calf. The Lord threatened to destroy the rebellious nation and offered to rebuild His program of redemption around Moses.

Moses' prayer in Exodus 32:11-14 suggests the first principle of intercession.

1. Identify yourself with the people for whom you pray. Moses could not stand quietly aside while the Lord destroyed Israel. Instinctively he prayed for God's mercy. His destiny would stand or fall with the people of his birth.

Before the Christian can pray effectively for others, he must identify himself with them. He must feel their burden, share their sorrows, and be touched by their infirmities.

A few days ago, a pastor talked frankly about the tensions of serving in the ghetto. He had been cursed and stoned while going to his office. The neighborhood near his home was riddled with vice and violence. His house had been ransacked twice within six weeks, and his seven-year-old son had been beaten numerous times by toughs. For the first time, I looked at the world through his eyes and identified with his feelings. Now that I understand, my intercessory prayers for his work are no longer the same.

Moses identified himself with his people so completely that he offered himself for their sins (Exodus 32:30-32). A self-sacrificed burden is the hallmark of real intercessory prayer.

The Christians in the early church carried a burden when they interceded for Peter. The phrase "without ceasing" (Acts 1:5) is a translation of the same Greek word used to describe the Lord's prayer in Gethsemane. Weymouth renders the term "long and fervent prayer."

Paul carried the same burden when he wished himself "cursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Romans 9:3).

John Knox felt the pain of his people when he prayed, "Give me Scotland, or I die!"

Ask yourself, If no one on earth prayed for the salvation of sinners more fervently than I, how many would be converted through intercessory prayer?

2. Claim God's promises. When God threatened to destroy the people, Moses claimed this promise: "Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever" (Exodus 32:13).

But how are we to use God's promises? Is it always right to insist that the Lord act in a certain way?

Early in his Christian life, R. A. Torrey read, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

Torrey began his prayers by asking for something, and then he forced himself to believe that he would receive it. He often failed to get his answer. Later, he learned to search the Scriptures to see whether some promise covered his specific need. Then he went to God to claim this newfound promise. He trusted in that promise, knowing that God would hear and answer. Torrey was never disappointed.

George Muller never prayed for something just because it was greatly needed in God's work. Instead he searched the Word for a promise to cover the case. Sometimes he searched the Bible for days before presenting a petition to God. Once he found a promise, he prayed with his fingers resting on the verse. Hence, he always prayed with an open Bible and with a promise from the Lord at his fingertips.

Are your prayers backed by specific promises from Scripture?

3. Rejoice in God's presence. The Lord promised to forgive Israel's sin but announced that He was sending an angel before the people to fight against their enemies. The pillar and cloud would be removed. No longer would God journey with the people in a visible manifestation.

Moses knew that an angelic substitute would not do. God himself must go with the people. Again Moses became an intercessor (Exodus 33:12-17).

Moses received God's answer: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14). For the next forty years, the symbols of divine glory led Israel toward the Promised Land.

The presence that God promised Moses accompanies every believer. We need not fear evil, for we can say with the psalmist, "Thou art with me" (Psalm 23:4).—Gospel Herald.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

COLLEGE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES BIG BEQUEST



Trust officer J. D. Adams, center, presents a \$10,000 check to Mount Olive College President W. Burkette Raper. Dr. I. R. Swords, academic dean, stands at left with books written by the donor.

The English Department of Mount Olive College is the recipient of a bequest from the estate of Victor R. Small, M. D. The former Clinton physician has directed that the College will periodically receive a \$10,000 gratuity.

Dr. Small was a writer of both prose and poetry. His works included "The Feel of the Earth," "Over My Shoulder," "Down Coharia River," and "Crossed by the Wind and Sun." He was a member of the North Carolina Poetry Club and his writings were largely about his experiences while living in Sampson County, North Carolina.

In his will, he specified that the recipient college should use the gratuity to benefit the Department of English, "with the further purpose of inculcating in the minds of the students an appreciation of the classics and other worthwhile literature, with a special emphasis on English and American literature,

French literature, and prerevolutionary Russian literature."

Professor Sidney Johnson, chairman of the English Department, stated, "The stipulations of this generous gift are consistent with our philosophy that teaching, even at the college level, should be student centered. We therefore accept this bequest as a challenge to create more effective ways of meeting the needs of our individual students and helping them develop a finer appreciation of the literary arts."

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Judge Not

In men whom men condemn as ill
I find so much of goodness still,
In men whom men pronounce divine
I find so much of sin and blot,
Between the two, where God has not.

—Joaquin Miller.

Religious Life Program at Mount Olive College

by Frank R. Harrison, Chaplain

On August 12 ministerial students will plan to attend Mount Olive College this year met for orientation and discussion concerning the religious life program at the College. More than twenty ministerial students and others preparing for full-time church vocations are expected to enroll for the fall semester which begins August 23.

Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Department of Religion, explained the church-related vocation curriculum. Three specific objectives were listed that were relevant to all ministerial and other church-related vocation students: (1) self-discipline that must come from within oneself as a part of his commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord; (2) to gain a knowledge of one's cultural and spiritual heritage; (3) learn skills suited to the minister's calling, including academic, practical, and spiritual growth.

Dr. Pelt also explained the Church College Scholarship, whereby the College will match a scholarship of \$125 per semester from the student's local church. Under this program a student can receive \$500 per year (\$250 from his church and \$250 from the College). In addition students who participate in the supervised work program are eligible for an additional \$125 per semester. Under this program, a student is assigned to part-time work in a local church or denominational institution under the supervision of the pastor and a member of the Department of Religion. Upon satisfactory completion of the semester's work the scholarship is applied toward his college expenses. Through this program, the student gains practical pastoral experience on the field that cannot be taught in the classroom.

Mr. Sheldon Howard presented the work and purpose of the Kappa Chi Fellowship, stating the main objectives are to provide opportunities for personal and religious development, and practical opportunities for personal and religious development, and practical experience for members as they pursue academic preparation for the work in which they are interested. Some excellent ideas for community projects were suggested by the students for the coming year.

Several ideas were discussed as to how the College can best meet the need

of students going into the Christian ministry and other church-related vocations. Chapel and other worship opportunities were discussed with a variety of suggestions given whereby these services may be more effective. There was unanimous agreement among the students present for involvement in Christian ministry and witness programs beyond the college campus.

A prayer room was proposed to be set up in the men's dorm which would serve for private prayer and meditation as well as group worship. Prayer groups in the dorm were felt to be vital as the students seek to deepen and enrich their spiritual life and experience.

A weekly Bible study was discussed and will begin immediately as the semester gets under way. The periods of Bible study would not only serve to deepen personal knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures, but would be a true spiritual enrichment in prayer and discussion of life and the ethical implications of the Christian faith.

Through organizations such as the Free Will Baptist Fellowship and other religious organizations on campus, various activities will be scheduled to enrich and enhance Christian life and commitment on campus. A Religious Life Retreat will be scheduled for the early part of the fall semester.

In summary, what we are seeking to do at Mount Olive College for all our students, and especially those who are going into the Christian ministry, is to provide a climate and context of disciplined learning and spiritual growth that will enable each person to be a thinking person who knows Jesus Christ as Lord, who searches for truth and wisdom wherever it may be found, and who is a responsible citizen in society under God. To this end we dedicate ourselves and ask your prayers.

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Your Cross Is Heavy

An American tourist had just seen the Passion Play at Oberammergau. He asked Mr. Lang, who played the part of Christ, "May I lift the cross and be photographed with you?"

"You may," said Mr. Lang.

The tourist stooped to lift the cross, but he couldn't. Then he exerted all his energy, but he still could not lift it. He said to Mr. Lang, "Your cross is surely heavy?"

Mr. Lang replied, "Sir, I cannot represent Christ with a light cross."—Told by Alan Redpath.

Hospital to Show Love, Says American Evangelist

DR. STAN MOONEYHAM, in Cambodia to conduct three days of special meetings, has announced that World Vision is planning to go ahead with the construction of a new Christian hospital here next November.

The tall, graying American evangelist said that Christians around the world were contributing to the new hospital because, "We love you and care for you in your hour of need."

"Through the hospital, we are going to show you our love day after day," he remarked as he was interrupted several times by applause from his audience of 1,200 in a local auditorium with another 4,000 people listening in overflow crowds outside.

Thousands have been turned away from the special meetings held by Dr. Mooneyham, and several hundred Cambodians have come forward in each meeting to accept Christ as "Saviour." Dr. Mooneyham is generally considered to be the most influential Christian leader in Asia and is a popular speaker.

"The Jesus people revolution has come to Cambodia," declared Dr. Mooneyham as he tried to explain the enormous response to his message. If all the young men—mostly students—who have "walked the sawdust trail" here actually join the tiny local church, it will more than double its total present membership. The figure 600 refers to the total Protestant church membership for this entire nation of 7,000,000 people. More than 1,000 signed Christian commitment cards during the crusade.

The new hospital, which will be for civilians, is jointly sponsored by the local Mission Evangelique and World Vision. Dr. Mooneyham is president of World Vision and the principal force behind the new hospital.

"We are concerned about the needs and suffering of the Khmer people at this time," he told the crowd when he made the announcement. "I believe in you and I believe in your cause." The 46-year-old Christian leader has visited Cambodia several times over the last two years and signed an agreement earlier this year with the Ministry of Health to build the hospital.

Plans now call for a 112-bed unit to be constructed on U.S.S.R. Boulevard across from the University of Phnom Penh in

downtown Phnom Penh. The hospital will be staffed with six doctors and 15 nurses from the Christian and Missionary Alliance—a New York-based organization which has been closely associated with World Vision in Vietnam and Laos.

The plans for the structure, designed by local architect Uk Someth, have already been drawn. Dr. Roger Natwick, a 38-year-old Wisconsin surgeon with the C & M A, has been named hospital administrator. During a survey trip here last year, he lectured at local medical schools and discussed proposals with Ministry of Health officials to start a training program for nurses in conjunction with the hospital.

American staff members will be arriving before construction is underway to start language study and begin treating the thousands of war victims which are overcrowding wards of Phnom Penh's limited hospital facilities as the fighting intensifies in the surrounding countryside.

Also joining Dr. Natwick will be Dr. Dean Crow, formerly a missionary with the C & M A in the Congo.

Local church leaders are delighted with the new hospital plans and Merle Graven, local representative of World Vision, said that he feels the hospital will be "a tremendous boost to the ministry to both the spiritual and physical needs of the people. It is urgently needed at this time."

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A Harder Question

A man once asked Dr. Joseph Parker, "Why did Jesus choose Judas Iscariot to be His disciple?"

"I do not know," replied Dr. Parker, "but I have a harder question—Why did Jesus choose me?"

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A TRIP AWAY

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We can't be sad now. Would you like for her to read the story from THE FREE WILL BAPTIST before you go to bed?" Elaine's eyes brightened ever so slightly and she nodded her head vigorously up and down. Then she settled down while Grandmommy continued to rock her gently back and forth.

As the car turned into the driveway, lights were already on in the house. Grandmommy shook Elaine very gently, saying in a soft southern drawl, "Wake up, honey. Granny's waiting."

"We're here?" Elaine questioned, her voice suddenly gay and excited.

Grandmommy laughed. There was no trace of homesickness in her little granddaughter now. Her dimples were showing and her eyes fairly shouted anticipation.

For an answer Grandmommy opened the car door and gently deposited Elaine, feet down, on the driveway. "Let's hurry," Elaine pleaded quickly. "I want to see Granny."

From the house came a loud shout of welcome. "Where's my child? Where are you keeping her?" The voice was rich and husky and well-remembered by Elaine. "Here I am, Evelyn," Elaine responded in a shrill little voice.

"Why, child, my, how you've grown. You think your mama can keep you in dresses? Don't know whether we can afford to let you have any chocolate pudding or not."

Elaine giggled, sure now that her favorite dessert would be waiting on the stove top. Now Evelyn came swooping down in a run from the porch, reaching for the back of Elaine's head. The gurgling sounds of a generous kiss were heard. "There's my spot," Evelyn exclaimed, "right there waiting for me. You haven't let anybody else get my place, have you, child?"

Elaine shook her head, her face spread wide with a smile that erased all traces of sadness at leaving Mommy. It was awfully good to see Evelyn, and there on the porch was **Granny!**

Arms spread wide, Elaine raced wildly toward her waiting great-grandmother. Granny smiled calmly, eyes twinkling, her face displaying less emotion than she felt at seeing her namesake for the first time in some weeks. "I love you, honey," she whispered, letting her undertone suggest some of the conspiratorial privacy the two liked to enjoy. Arm in arm, the two Elaine's walked into

the house, into little Elaine's favorite room, the one at the back with the assortment of furniture collected over the years. The dim lighting made shadows on the wall, reminding Elaine of another favorite reason for visiting Grandmommy: playing moving shadows with the hand positions Grandmommy would show her. A goose, a duck, a talking parrot, all could come to life for her under Grandmommy's directions.

Once inside, Granny steered Elaine to the kitchen. There on the table in the center of the room was a welcome meal to warm the heart of any little girl. And, yes, on the stove sat a monstrous mound of meringue, lightly browned, with a rich dark pudding underneath. Granddaddy, spying Elaine's eyes lighting up in the direction of the stove, laughed heartily, but admonished in an ever-so-lightly stern voice, "No, no—must wait 'til after your vegetables."

The other adults laughed in agreement, but Granny smiled sweetly, in her way, and said, "There'll be plenty for you, Elaine; don't you worry. Evelyn wouldn't forget our little girl."

In the hustle and bustle of arriving, Elaine soon forgot her sadness at leaving Mommy. The food was good, and four adults busied themselves to make a little girl feel right at home. But as the meal drew to a close, Elaine's little face slowly became long and solemn. Her eyes lost their sparkle, and she grew quiet and inactive. Elaine thought of home at Pinetree Forest. Mommy would cuddle her up tight and all the sadness would go away. If Mommy could be here, too.

The elders around the table moved quickly to fill in Elaine's melancholy moments.

"Let me tell you about my fishing trip," Granddaddy chimed in. "Mr. Anderson and Mr. Finch and I are going to get up **early** tomorrow while you're still asleep and go down to Belhaven. Then Evelyn can fix us a nice fried fish supper. How does that sound to you?" Granddaddy was obviously trying hard. His brow furrowed deeply as he leaned across the table toward his granddaughter.

Elaine tilted her head up slightly over her plate. Her mashed potatoes were half-eaten and the turnip salad looked untouched. "Good, Granddaddy," she replied, in a very small voice.

Grandmommy frowned, but ready to try to enliven Elaine, she too leaned over the table. "Try some celery with pimento, honey. It tastes good. See." With that she took a big bite from the

chunk of celery she held between her fingers.

Elaine looked up, a little interested in this new prospect. "Here's some," Grandmommy said, and gave Elaine a small slice with a little pimento spread on it. The little girl took the piece gingerly in her fingers and bit off a tiny fragment. The next bite was larger. "Good, Grandmommy," she exclaimed, far more brightly than before.

"Fine, honey," her grandmommy returned, "but you have to finish your meal, too."

The plate looked larger and larger to Elaine. Somehow she managed, somewhat sadly, to finish the mashed potatoes. The chicken was half-eaten, and the greens not begun, but out of leniency and understanding, Grandmommy let Elaine leave the table.

Wandering around in the back parlor, Elaine looked over her grandmother's favorite items: the clock high on the shelf that had belonged to her great-grandfather, the brass footstool that proclaimed "Home Sweet Home" in letters two inches high, the eagle on the wall that stood for old-fashioned patriotism. Elaine's glance struck a little battered table and chairs leaning against the woodwork. She sighed wistfully, remembering Mommy and the times that she had told her of playing with that little furniture. The noise of clanging silverware and pleasant voices rose from the kitchen. Obviously forgotten, or so she thought, a trickle of tears ran slowly down Elaine's left cheek. She blinked, and another drop rolled from her other eye. Slowly, lethargically, she walked over to her favorite overstuffed chair, the red one with the frayed pillows in back, and curled up, head cradled in her arms. The clatter from the kitchen continued.

Suddenly, a bright light flashed on, rousing Elaine from uncertain slumber. Elaine felt warm arms lifting her up, up, high in the air. "Oh, oh, sweet little thing sound asleep," the honey-toned voice purred. "Did you think we had forgotten little Elaine?"

Elaine moaned softly, soothed by Granddaddy's soft words. She blinked in the light, then grinned broadly when she saw Granny peeping from behind Granddaddy's elbow. "Ready for me to read to you, sweetheart?" Granny asked, her voice low and melodious with the southern tones that all the household used. Elaine aroused quickly, turning about in Granddaddy's arms.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Was God pleased with the vow, that to me a modern man seems senseless, made by Jephthah as seen in Judges 11:30-40?

Answer: The Bible fails to comment concerning God's attitude toward the whole incident. Jephthah, however, is set forth in the Book of Hebrews as one of the heroes. Certainly this would distinguish him as a worshiper of Jehovah even though apparently the vow incident seems to have been influenced by a heathen practice of that day.

Here is what we find in Hebrews: "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets" (Hebrews 11:32). This verse places him in a category with Samuel and David, the ideal prophet and judge and the king that God describes as being a man after His own heart, beside other men of renown. So indeed he must have had fellowship with God or else his name should have been found somewhere else than among these saints of God in the role the Bible gives them.

Fausset's Commentary gives us the idea that Jephthah did not actually offer his daughter, as an animal would have been offered in sacrifice; but sacrificed her in that she was committed to a life of seclusion. Being a virgin, she was never allowed to marry and give birth to children, which according to the Hebrew thinking of that day would be as severe as taking the life of such a maiden. Fausset and others think that had he slain her he would have been guilty of murder. It is well known that the heathen in Palestine did offer human sacrifices to their god during this period, but the Bible nowhere condones it; but rather speaks out against it in a definite way, making the penalty for such a sin death.

Fausset, with others that hold this view, take the words, "... I will offer it up for a burnt offering" (v. 31) to have a spiritual meaning rather than a literal. I am not inclined to assume the

liberty of thus interpreting these plain words, and so far as I can see, the original does not suggest this interpretation. Talbot suggests that whether or not Jephthah actually took the life of this daughter or not, that even though it was a heathen vow, what he did was an act of faith and that even though he acted foolishly he showed great faith, and that God honored him for the faith. Just as God forgave David for some of his terrible sins, He forgave Jephthah for this cruel act and honored him for the faith. With me and with several diligent students there is to be seen here mystery—something we may not find the final solution for in this life—but will fully understand when we appear before Christ.

We do understand God's precepts sufficiently to find Christ as our personal Saviour and to personally appropriate Him in obedience to the commandments He has given in the Bible. This is the main thing. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11); "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2).

Question: Does the Bible tell us how Peter died?

Answer: No, not after he was dead. Christ told Peter something concerning the way he should be treated which seems to include his death. "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walk-

edst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me" (John 21:18, 19). According to tradition he was at his own request crucified with his head down. According to tradition he learned that he was to be executed by crucifixion, so not feeling worthy to die as his Lord, he made the request to be crucified head down and it was granted. Having denied his Lord on the night of His arrest by the Sanhedrin, he felt that it would be mockery to be crucified as Christ was. This, however, is tradition, but some scholars think it to be correct. Some think this is an invention of the Roman church.

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Habits

How habits cling to us! The word habit comes from a Latin word which indicates that habits have us, instead of our having them. Instead of saying to a person, "He has a bad habit," we might well say, "A bad habit has him." How necessary then it is to form right habits!

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THERE IS A TIME

by ROBERTA STROTKAMP

BUT I can play baseball as good as half those boys!"

"As well, dear. That's not the point. A boy must be ten years old to play on this team. You even have to show your birth certificate. That's how strict they are!"

"Oh, good grief!" Chuck could think of a dozen stronger words that he'd like to have said, but decided he'd better use that silly "good grief" instead. A nine-year-old couldn't even say what he wanted! It seemed to Chuck that all he ever heard these days was, "No," you're not old enough." He couldn't have a gun, he couldn't hike in the hills with Roy's gang, and he couldn't quit Sunday school!

"Chuck, come here and sit down a minute. I want to read something to you."

"Oh, Mom, not now!"

"Yes, now."

Chuck flopped on the couch, as his mother took the well-used Bible from the bookcase. "Straighten up, Chuck, and listen."

"Good grief," he muttered under his breath. "Another lecture."

She smiled at him. "Not quite, just something to think about. And not from me." She opened the book and read, "'To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones to-

gether; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace' (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)."

Chuck tried not to listen; but the words were interesting, and they made sense. You didn't play football during baseball season. Any kid knew that! But what did all this have to do with him? He slid off the couch as his mother closed the Bible. "OK. Can I go out now?"

He wandered three houses down the street and found Roy and four of his friends. Roy was thirteen, and so were most of his friends.

"Hi, kid, what's new?" Roy said.

"Nothing. Are you guys going for a hike?" Chuck asked.

"Yeah, if John ever shows up."

"Where you going?"

"Devil's Punchbowl."

"Boy!" Chuck exclaimed. He had been there once with his father. It was a huge crater in the hills with steep, brush-covered sides. No one knew how it happened to be, and the kids had dozens of stories of boys who had been bitten by rattlesnakes there or who had broken bones by sliding down the crater's sides. It was a challenge and a dare. Chuck felt that he just had to go. "Sounds good. Can I go?" he asked eagerly.

"Did you ask your mother?" Roy questioned.

Just then the boys spotted John. "Good grief, you took long enough!" "Where have you been?" "Let's go!" The blast of remarks kept Chuck from having to answer Roy.

They started out with Roy and John in front and Chuck walking along in back with Jimmie, hoping Roy wouldn't notice him and ask the question again. When he got back, Chuck decided, he'd tell his mother where he'd been. If he had a

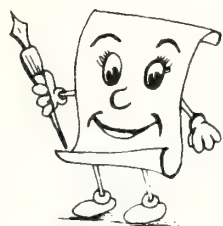
punishment coming, it would be worth it. And as soon as they reached the hills, Chuck forgot everything else in the joyous drudgery of the hike.

One hour later Chuck wasn't so sure of the fun. As he scrambled up the steep slopes, the older boys were getting farther ahead. He yelled to them once, but Roy simply yelled back that if he couldn't keep up he shouldn't have come. The loose stones rolled down toward Chuck, and every time he stopped to dodge them he lost more time. He was sweating, and the brush that looked so insignificant from a distance was thick. Much of the sage was almost as high as his head.

Chuck reached a spot between shrubs and stood up to see whether he could spot the boys. They were completely out of sight. Just then a small avalanche of rocks tumbled down toward him. He heard the rocks coming, but they bounced so crazily that he couldn't avoid them all. One that was larger than the rest caught Chuck squarely on one shin. "Ouch!" He felt silly as he heard the word ring out. He dropped to the ground, gripping his painful leg. For a moment he sat there, gritting his teeth, and finally the sharp pain slowly went away, leaving a dull ache.

Well, that was enough of that, Chuck thought, as he moved to his right about ten feet. Over here the rocks would miss him. He started up the hill again, but the going was slow with his sore leg. Chuck could still hear the rocks rolling down, and suddenly he had a new thought. If there were any rattlesnakes around, the rocks would have frightened them out of where he had been, but what about over here? He tried to watch the ground, but half the time he couldn't even see it through all the small undergrowth. He was hot and discouraged—and now he was scared, too. He could almost feel the fear spreading through him. He gasped and tried climbing faster. And then, directly behind him, he heard a sound like a rattle!

Chuck sprang sideways in one frantic jump. The loose rocks rolled under his feet, and he twisted one ankle sharply; but he kept going until he was about where he'd been before—where the kids had gone on above. He slumped down again to catch his breath and to take the weight off his sharply painful ankle. As he sat there, he realized that the sound like a rattle had been merely a single, small stone rolling away from under him. He'd panicked like a baby over nothing! Tears came to his eyes (continued on page fifteen)



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

We do things "backwards" in our auxiliary, and use the circle programs at the monthly meeting because they are short- and allow more time for the business meeting. Some other churches do that too, I'm told.

Our program-prayer chairman is a persuasive lady with lots of good ideas who shows how to get people involved and interested. So she seldom does a program herself. She assigns each program one of our three circles.

When it's "our turn," we plan the program at the circle meeting. There's a scramble to volunteer to read the Scripture, someone volunteers for the prayer, and a mighty hush descends over the "discussion"! No one wants to do that.

In February four of us took one section each. Two got sick, so they doubled the parts and discovered an outstanding new speaker. Everyone was thrilled.

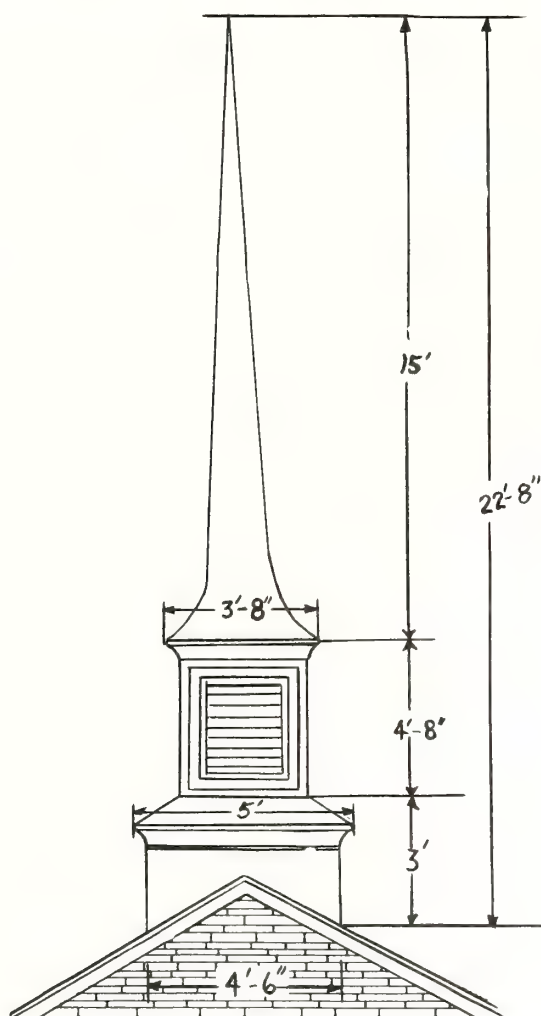
So thrilled, in fact, that in August, she did the whole "discussion" part alone. It was an inspiration to listen to her tell about Philip as a soul winner, and relate opportunities women have to serve in their everyday routines without specializing anywhere or getting any specialized training. She also read one of the loveliest poems I've ever heard.

And this was just after four days in bed with an inner ear infection!

Through these programs we have found new speakers, new methods, or special music from people who don't usually sing; and the friendly rivalry has been lifting. Along with this, the president counts the number present from each circle, and in December the two losing circles will entertain the winner with a play, skit, guest speaker, or refreshments: whatever the losers want to do. So far, it's been an interesting year.

If you haven't tried this, you might like to. Send me some good ideas from your own meetings. Let's make this column a place to share ideas. What do you consider "the same old stuff" might be new to someone else.

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Lesson Text: Joshua 1:1-9; Isaiah 40:6-8; John 8:12

Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:8

I. INTRODUCTION

The long trek to the promised land was over. Moses, the great deliverer, was dead. Joshua, the son of Nun, had taken Moses' place, and the Children of Israel were waiting for the signal of their new leader to go over the Jordan River into the land they had waited for for forty years.

God knew that His people faced many new conditions in Canaan, conditions and circumstances about which they knew very little. This would be an entirely new life for them. They would find heathen who never heard of Jehovah, and would also find the temptation to adopt their way of life. God's people had received orders to enter the land and drive out the pagans and establish the land as their home; but God knew they needed guidance.

That guidance would come through His Word as Joshua and the priests taught it to them. The Bible, or the Scriptures, as they knew them, would be the guiding light for them in every circumstance. Theirs would be a changing world and they would need the changeless Word.

The lessons this quarter are given to help us "discover the relevance of biblical teachings and principles to problems growing out of the changing world of science and technology, interpersonal relationships, and national and international relations." It is the prayer of the writer that we may find the Word of God indispensable to these purposes.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. People in different areas and different ages have different cultures, but their basic human problems are the same.

2. This means that the Bible is relevant to the human problems of today.

3. God is timeless; therefore, His Word is timeless.

B. The Call of Joshua (Joshua 1:1, 2)

1. Moses was not indispensable; there are no indispensable people.
2. God calls those who are to lead His people.
3. God called Joshua and gave him the specific task he was to do.

C. The Land Promised (Joshua 1:3, 4)

1. God had promised the land to Abraham and his descendants. He now promises it to Joshua as the leader of Abraham's descendants.
2. The law of appropriation is here. God promised the land, but they must possess it.
3. God set the exact boundaries for the land.

D. Divine Assurances (Joshua 1:5-9)

1. God gave Joshua the assurance that He would be with him.
2. God gave Joshua the assurance that he would be victorious over his enemies.
3. God gave the law of success to Joshua—keep the law and meditate on it day and night.
4. God admonishes Joshua to be strong and courageous.

E. God's Word Endures (Isaiah 40:6-8)

1. Human life is a frail thing, like the grass of the field.
2. The Word of God endures; it cannot be destroyed.

F. Christ Is the World's Light (John 8:12).

1. Jesus said that He was the Light of the world.
2. Jesus said that those who follow Him would not walk in darkness.
3. Jesus also said that those who follow Him would have the light of life.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

- A. Man has always used the heavens to guide his travels here on earth.

Unaware of the orbit of the earth around the sun, men thought the sun moved across the sky. Yet, men could tell time by the sun's position, and gave them reference points for finding north and south.

Every boy scout knows that moss grows heavier on the north side of trees in our latitude because of our relation to the sun.

On a chalkboard we could draw dots representing the stars in the "Big Dipper," connecting these dots with lines. What do you think these dots would represent? These dots represent the stars in the constellation, Ursa Major or the Big Dipper. This star formation is one of the most important known to us. Why? Because these two stars point to Polaris. We usually call it the North Star.

If we can find the Big Dipper we can find the North Star. These guideposts, the sun and the North Star, have guided countless explorers through centuries past.

The Vikings navigated using these celestial beacons. Columbus came across the Atlantic Ocean to these shores by relying upon them.

God has sent us another reference point from heaven, the Bible. This divine beacon is given to provide directions for us as we journey through life.

If we follow this unchanging guidebook, it will lead us to heaven and to God.—Adapted from Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. "With radio, television, and other entertainment so high in young people's schedules today, reading is almost a forgotten art. We have put aside reading as something to do in school, not something to do as a pastime or pleasure.

"With Christian youth book clubs (such as the Young Ambassadors Book Club), Christian young people need to train themselves to read again. There is excellent material to be had through our libraries, our schools, our churches, and Christian book clubs.

"Christian magazines and periodicals help us in our spiritual lives too. But above all, there is one book we must never neglect, regardless of how busy we may be. It may even be necessary to set aside other reading materials in order to find time to read God's Book.

"If you never find time to read any other book, you should always find time to read THE BOOK. In it are helps, suggestions, commandments, encouragements, instructions—all messages from God.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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he sat there, holding tightly to his stick and wondering how he could walk on it. And now something else was different. For a minute Chuck blinked at his tears and tried to think. It was too quiet; that was it. The boys must have reached the top and started over the hill. Rocks no longer rolled down; they really had gone on and left him!

The tears were gone now, and the picnic was gone. Chuck was just plain miserable. The words from the Bible came to him: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Was that ever right! He and his friends were OK, but they had no interest in some smaller kid tagging along. If he'd waited to hike up the hill as he should have, none of this would have happened. And now he had to go back alone with one sore shin and a sprained ankle. It wouldn't be fun. Chuck was able to stand, but he had to grit his teeth against the pain. Thank goodness the path was downhill!

Four hours later Chuck was sitting in his room, fresh from a bath, with his sprained ankle packed in ice. His father had come home just minutes before Chuck had hobbled in, and he'd had to explain the whole mess to both parents, who had glared sternly at him. They'd denied his punishment at no privileges for two weeks, and Chuck secretly felt that he had got off lightly. His ankle still hurt, but he was so glad to be safe at home that he could hardly keep from grinning.

"Mom," Chuck called, "would you bring me the Bible and show me where it says that there is a time for everything? I'd like to read it for myself."—*ospel Herald.*

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Sunday School Lesson

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"Some books we read will only entertain us, others will spur us on to live differently; but God's Book, the Bible, shows us life. It shows us Christ; it shows us how to walk as Christians.

"But God's Word, the Bible, also shows us what will happen if we neglect His Word; what will happen if we do not follow His commandments; and what will happen if we do not take His salvation.

"Your Bible may have a genuine leather cover, or it may only have a paper cover; but either way, it is still God's

NO DIVISION IN HEAVEN

by Mrs. Ora Barnhill
Richmond Home for Boys
Richmond, Virginia

There will be no division in heaven
We all will be happy and free;
We will be one happy family,
No heartaches or pain to see.

There will be no confusion in heaven,
That beautiful home up above;
Everything will be so peaceful
And filled with His divine love.

The orphan will not be lonely in heaven;
The widow will never be sad;
Their hearts will be so contented
With the things they've never had.

There will be no poor folks in heaven,
Every need will be supplied;
Everything will be so perfect
When we reach the other side.

We will never be scorned in heaven
Or rejected or turned away;
For Jesus will welcome us gladly
In that beautiful city someday.

Word. The printing may be on the best or the cheapest paper. It's not the paper or the cover that is important; it's what you find inside.

"Read God's Word. Memorize it. Learn it. Hide it in your heart, that through it you may find eternal life through Jesus Christ, the Lord."—*Devotions for Early Teens* by Ruth I. Johnson.

C. During World War II, a young Belgian parachutist was dropped into his country to work with the underground movement against the Germans. He was captured by the Gestapo and placed in solitary confinement. In the next cell, separated by a stone wall, was a Belgian pastor, likewise accused of espionage. The two men discovered that they could communicate with each other by tapping on the wall in Morse code. On one occasion the parachutist tapped, "It is hell to be alone with oneself in this darkness."

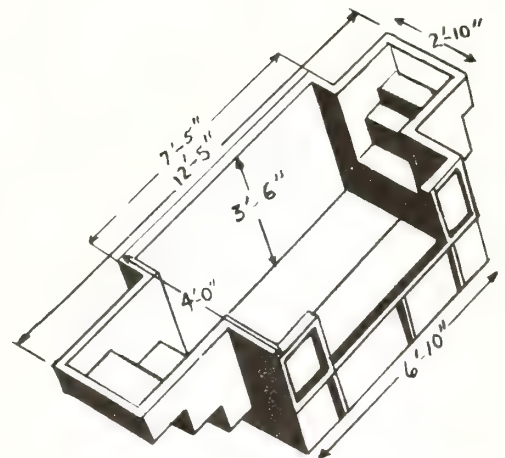
To this the pastor replied, "It is heaven to be alone with one's Lord, walking in His light. In Him there is no darkness."—*Ray O. Jones.*

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"I cannot refrain from asking for space in **The Free Will Baptist** for a few comments upon something I find in the letter you published in the number for August 9, 1972, from Karen Register of Kinston. The quotation I wish to comment upon reads: 'The same happens to young people . . . when they go to Cragmont. They come back and talk about "finding the Lord"—as though He were hiding under a rock or something! And they speak of the terrific Christian fellowship, but won't have anything to do with anyone outside their group.'

"Since the year of 1953 I have worked as director, supervisor, or instructor with two or more groups of young people each year at our assembly. At the same time, I have pastored churches, from everyone of which one or more groups have gone to youth camps at Cragmont. Many of those going from my churches have made their profession at Cragmont. I recall that a few years ago we had a 'revival' in the church the week before the conference, with one of the best ministers in our denomination. Not much happened, to our deep sorrow. The next week four of our young people went to Cragmont. One was already a Christian; the others were unsaved. The three unsaved ones accepted Christ as Saviour during the week. On the Sunday after our return these three new Christians were asked to give their testimony. A real revival broke out that day. The mother of one of the girls was saved, as were two or three young people. I didn't get to preach! These three young people have been faithful and active Christians ever since. They all went on to get college educations, and today all three are occupying places of usefulness in our society. They are only samples of hundreds of others, saved at Cragmont. Some of the early ones are now pastors, some are superintendents of Sunday schools, and several are missionaries.

"Why were these young people saved at Cragmont instead of in their home churches? Well, I am sure they did not find Christ 'hiding under a rock!' I do think however that one reason it seems so much easier to find Christ at Cragmont is that to every youth conference

a number of dedicated, already Christian young people go, and the unsaved young people see Christ in these devoted Christians, coming from many churches, but united in a common fellowship of witnessing at Cragmont, which creates an atmosphere not found in many of our churches. The unsaved young people do not have to look for Christ 'under a rock,' when He is seen so clearly and so attractively in the Christian young people who go to Cragmont!

"More than twenty-five groups have gone to Cragmont from churches I have pastored, and not one single group has returned with the kind of spirit or disposition indicated by this letter writer. On the contrary, they have always wanted to share the blessings they received at Cragmont with the local young people who had not had the privilege of going. If a group went from the church attended by the writer of the letter we have mentioned, and returned with that kind of a spirit, I am truly sorry for that group! They may have found something at Cragmont; but they did not find the Christ who has transformed the lives of the hundreds of young people I know who found Christ at Cragmont and took Him back to their home churches and on and on and on unto the uttermost parts of the earth!"

L. E. ("Pa") Ballard
Greenville, North Carolina

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A TRIP AWAY

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"Let's read the stories in **THE FREE WILL BAPTIST**, Granny," she begged.

Cuddled up beside Granny, hugging her often, Elaine relaxed to the calm tones of her great-grandmother as she read the stories of other little boys and girls who loved their families, too. They, too, knew sad moments, but with the love of God showered upon them by their elders, the sadness would dissipate and joy fill its place. Elaine moved contentedly, snuggling closer to Granny as the stories warmed her heart.

"Happy, honey?" Granny wanted to know.

Elaine's silent smile and nod were all the answer.

Time Management Seminar Announced For Church Leaders

A special seminar designed to help ministers and pastors manage their most important resource—time—has been announced by the Missions Advanced Research and Communications Center (MARC) of World Vision International.

Entitled "Managing Your Time," the two-day seminar will take place in various cities to give local church leaders the opportunity to attend the seminar at a minimum cost. Seminars are scheduled during September at the following locations:

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For additional information and registration write: Edward L. Gruman, World Vision International, 919 West Huntington Drive, Monrovia, California 91016.

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Sunday school teacher: Why did God create this beautiful world for men?

Student: Because there was no one else who could do it.

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COPERNICUS HAS NOTHING ON THE BIBLE

COPERNICUS HAS NOTHING ON THE BIBLE

Copernicus was a sixteenth century astronomer of German and Polish descent who is credited with theorizing and founding the accepted truth of present-day astronomy that our earth is a moving planet. Copernicus did not agree with the well-believed view of Ptolemy (expressed 1400 years earlier) that the earth was the center of the universe and had no motion of its own.

Doubting Ptolemy's theory, Copernicus skillfully applied his personal belief that the earth hurtles rapidly through space, that man does not see this motion because he travels with the earth, and that what man sees in the heavens is affected by the earth's motion. He expounded on this in the development of his masterpiece, "Concerning the Revolution of Celestial Spheres" in 1543. Because of their impressiveness and apparent validity, his theories laid the foundations for the telescopic discoveries of Galileo as well as planetary laws of Johannes Kepler and the gravitational principles of the "weighted" Sir Isaac Newton.

So, Nicolaus Copernicus, born in Thorn (Torun), Poland, who was considered a little radical in his ideas, nevertheless proved demonstratively that the sun, not the earth, is the center of the solar system. He showed that the planets of the solar system, including our own dear earth, keep revolving around the sun and that there is virtually no chance that this setup can be altered.

Another Copernicus is in the news now—not an astronomer as such, but an inanimate reincarnation of the first: a new, shiny, metal and wire and electronic high-velocity machine, a vehicular device called a spaceship. Spaceships don't raise many eyebrows nowadays since they are fairly common; but, this conveyance is rather elaborately equipped with a thirty-two inch telescope, the biggest ever sent into space. Its purpose: to find out (if possible) how the stars were formed!

Isn't that a fine "How-do-you-do"? As far as this writer is concerned there is no mystery there. Many wide-awake individuals, with more spiritual sense than scientific, have known for centuries how the stars were formed (or at least by whom), and have accepted certain beliefs as truths to many other "more learned" individuals' consternation.

We are made to wonder: Can't astronomers read? Don't they have Bibles at their fingertips? Why in Genesis 1:16, in the creation account, it reads plainly: "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also." Notice please: "**He made the stars also.**"

Astronomical study has revealed that our sun and other stars (our sun is a star) are composed of intense, hot gases that burn at millions and millions of degrees and send out unbelievable light. Chemically the sun (and other stars) is a combination of hydrogen, helium, calcium, sodium, magnesium, and iron. We know all this because of scientific findings, trial-and-error, repeated tests, and arrived-at conclusions.

Now, back to something we mentioned earlier: The Bible has never been disproved, scientifically or otherwise—and though our knowledge of astronomy is limited, we have every reason to believe that if old Copernicus travels close enough to some star somewhere out there, he'll just get a confirmation of what the Bible has already affirmed.

The first Copernicus was wise in that he theorized a great truth and perpetuated it for astronomy and its adherents. The second Copernicus (the spaceship) is wise only as it is manipulated by human reason and might and brain. We who rest and wait under its findings and hoped-for achievements must discern the value of it all and trust that what will be found will only add to our already-established faith.

Our spiritual eyes will become keener, our awe more inspired, as messages are beeped back miles from out of space that **He did indeed make the stars.** From where we sit, though we have no quarrel to raise with scientific purpose, it seems a little unnecessary to send Copernicus to find out something we already know.

Technology will profit, to be sure, as Copernicus soars by and records computerized information about the twinkling lights above, below, and around us. Perhaps the fact that stars are unsolid masses of chemicals that burn extensively without extinguishing themselves rapidly will be reaffirmed. Perhaps their chemical composition will be established unequivocally. Man must have proof before he will believe. This in itself is not bad, but isn't it logical that some things should be accepted without "probing" the truth out of them?

Regardless of how wise the first Copernicus was and regardless of how much knowledge he imbued into astronomical science; and regardless of how much reaffirmation of the accepted and discovery of the new are performed by the second Copernicus, one thing is for certain: Neither the ancient Copernicus nor the modern-day one has anything on the Bible. We believe that **He made the stars also**—just as the Book says.

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When Jesus Comes

by
PEARL BRANHAM

rs. John Gardner
13 25th Street
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y darling wife,

As I sit here in this prison cell, shut
by these four walls, I look out of the
tle window on a free world. As I let
y mind drift back over the past years
d the life I lived—the life of a bum
d alcoholic—I can see the hell, tor-
ents, pain, and fear that we live in.
hen I took my first drink of whiskey,
never dreamed I would become an al-
holic.

As you will remember, I told you a lit-
e about my home. I was reared in the
ums on 25th Street here in this city.
finished high school and got a good
o, making fair wages. I lived a quiet
oral life. Of course, I would take a
ink with the boys down at the bar-
om. I knew I would not get drunk,
cause I could carry my whiskey well,
d knew when to stop drinking. That
one way Satan fools us.

When I took my first drink, I planted
e seed of alcohol in my body. If I had
ver taken another drink, the seed
ould have died. As long as I drank,
e seed grew and grew until it was the
aster of me. Soon, I reached the place
at all I wanted was another drink. I

knew that I didn't act like a human be-
ing; I was like a wild, hungry beast out
for the kill. When we reach this step,
we'll rob, steal, and kill just to get an-
other drink.

Mary, you may wonder why I am writ-
ing this letter to you. I wanted to be
sure before I wrote. My life has chang-
ed so very much now that Jesus has
come into my heart. As I write, I am
thinking about the first time I met you.
It was a cold windy night in December.
I watched you as you stood on the street
trying to sell flowers to the few people
that passed by. You were dressed in a
brown faded skirt, pink sweater, and
black shoes. The clothes were much too
large for you as you shivered with the
cold. I watched you for a long time and
then walked over to you and said, "Hi
there baby, how about a date?"

You looked up at me with the largest
blue eyes I had ever seen. I saw fear
spread over your pretty doll-like face as
the tears came into those pretty eyes.
I knew right then you were the one for
me. The love bug had bitten me hard.
I said to you, "Please don't be frighten-
ed; I like you very much."

Before you could answer me, an old
woman staggered up to you and said,
"Mary, you good-for-nothing, lazy gal,
why haven't you sold all the flowers?
This is not enough money to get a decent
drink. Take that and that," and she
struck you across your face. Then she
said, "You lazy gal! You better not go
home until you've sold all the flowers.
And mind you, you better not spend one
cent of the money."

Then I heard your voice as you said,
"Aunt Liz, I'm hungry. All I've had to
eat today is one thin slice of bread. It
is night and I am tired and cold. The
few people on the street don't want to
buy these flowers. Please let me go
home."

"No, Mary. You'll not go home 'til
you've sold all the flowers. Hungry, you
say? Eat is all you think about—not one
penny, you hear! Not one penny!" She
screamed as she staggered away to the
bar.

Then you said, "I hate her. Oh, how
I hate her! I wish she were dead."

I took you by your arm as I said,
"Please, come to the cafe with me and
let me buy you a sandwich and coffee."
You looked up at me with tears in your
eyes as you said, "The flowers . . . What
shall I do with the flowers? If I don't
sell them, Aunt Liz will beat me with
the belt."

I paid you for the flowers and threw

them in the gutter, as I led you away
to the cafe. As we ate our dinner, I
asked you your name and what kin was
Aunt Liz to you. You said that your
name was Mary Green and Aunt Liz was
your great-aunt. She was all the family
you had. You were left alone when
your father and mother died in a car
wreck. Then you were sent to live with
Aunt Liz, where you had a pleasant life
until her ne'er-do-well son came home.
He made his mother hand over to him
all the money that belonged to you. He
soon spent it all on whiskey and beer.
At times he would beat and cuff you
about until you learned to run and hide
when you saw him coming home. One
night he was very drunk. While trying
to get home, he staggered in front of a
train. After Sam died, life was much
better for you and Aunt Liz, until she
began to drink and get drunk. She
would spend all her little check on
drinks. Then she sold all your pretty
clothes and used the money to buy beer.
Soon she stopped you from school to
sell papers, peanuts, and flowers on the
streets. She took the money and gave
you very little for food and clothes.

As you grew older you would get jobs
working in cafes. On pay days, before
you could get home, Aunt Liz would go
to the cafe to make you give her your
pay check. If you refused, she would
scream and curse until the manager
would fire you to get rid of her. This
happened several times. Soon you
couldn't get a job, so you sold flowers
on the streets.

You were seventeen years old the
night we sat in the cafe. Soon you said,
"Mr. Gardner, I thank you so very much;
you have been most kind. I must be
home when Aunt Liz gets there."

I gave you my phone number and ask-
ed, "When may I see you again?"

Later that same night, as Aunt Liz
tried to get home, she was so drunk she
fell and broke her hip. It was several
hours before anyone found her. When
you were called, you took her to the hos-
pital. There the doctor told you, "Miss
Green, I am sorry, I cannot give you any
hope. Your aunt is very old and she has
a very bad case of pneumonia."

She died three days later. One week
after the funeral we were married. I
don't believe any family could have been
happier than we were. I had a pretty
wife and two wonderful children—a son,
three years old, and a daughter, who was
just one year old. I was very happy.
But then life changed for us. An old

(continued on page ten)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Scripture Reading—Colossians 4:6

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A friend spoke thus of an aged minister: "The older he grew, the less he spoke and the more he said."

As a minister stood to speak, he ineptly said, "Before I begin to preach, I want to say something."

Someone has given this advice to young ministers: "Stand up; speak up; and shut up."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Unless we really have something to say, wouldn't it be better if we could remain silent? Could we?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Scripture Reading—John 16:32

UNSEEN ONES PRESENT

A church in a small community voted to discontinue the midweek prayer service. There was one woman who had never failed to attend the prayer meeting, and she said, "I will continue to come at the usual time for the prayer service."

The following Wednesday night she sat alone in the prayer room. Next day, a church member jestingly asked her, "Did you have a prayer meeting last night?"

She replied cheerfully, "That we did."

"How many were present?"

She replied, "Four."

"Four?" the inquirer asked in astonishment. "I heard that you were there all alone."

"No, no," protested the brave woman. "I was the only one visibly present. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were invisibly present, and we all were agreed in prayer."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Is there one among us who would do as this woman did? After all, she really was not alone, was she?

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Scripture Reading—Matthew 7:12

GIVE SOMEBODY ELSE A CHANCE

A socially prominent, self-important woman said to Abraham Lincoln: "Mr. President, you must give my son a colonel's

commission. I request it, not as a favor, but as a right."

Proudly she continued, "My grandfather fought at Lexington, my uncle was the only soldier who did not run at Blandesberg, and my husband was killed at Monterey."

After a moment's silence, Lincoln said softly, "Perhaps, Madam, your family has done enough for our country. It is time to give somebody else a chance."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Maybe we could profit by reading the above. Being boastful is not one of the finer virtues, is it?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Scripture Reading—Psalm 87:5

"IF I COULD BE BORN AGAIN"

A friend of a minister's wife came to her deeply disturbed. After relating her story of failure and frustration, she tearfully said, "If only I could be born again!"

The new birth, thank God, can be realized by anyone who will penitently turn from sin to the Saviour, and thus become a new creature in Christ.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We can be born again! Do we have to wait until we have to turn in desperation to become aware of it?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—Acts 13:43

RELIGION IS NOT ENOUGH

A minister pleaded with a young man to accept Christ. The young man said, "I've tried religion for the past five years. It hasn't worked and I've given it up."

To the astonishment of the young man, the minister said, "I tried religion for fifteen years, and it did nothing for me. Discouraged, I gave it up."

"Then why are you a minister?" the young man asked.

The minister replied, "After dismally failing with mere religion, I tried Christ. He fully met my spiritual yearnings. Now I can testify, 'For me to live is Christ.'"—*Told by Henrietta Mears.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

We all know that the only way to live is to live in Christ. May we strive to live closer to Him everyday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Philemon 20

IF I HAD A THOUSAND LIVES

Richard Cameron was martyred by some infuriated, demon-propelled natives. As he died, he said, "If I had a thousand lives, I would willingly lay them all down, one after the other, for Christ."

PRAYER THOUGHT

We need to keep in mind that we only have one life. What we do in this life will prepare us for eternity. What a challenge!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 17:17

AMONG GREATEST BLESSINGS

Charles Kingsley said, "It is a blessing to have a friend—one who knows the best and worst about us, and who loves in spite of our faults; one who will speak honestly to us, while others flatter us; one who will give counsel and reproof; one who will give comfort and courage in the day of prosperity, and comfort and courage in the day of difficulty and sorrow."

A friend never gets in our way unless we are on the way down.

PRAYER THOUGHT

To have a friend is to be one. Are you taking the time to be friends—one with another? There's nothing like them—the real ones.

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Faith becomes sight, and hope fades into reality; but love abides forever.

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Planning Sessions for the 1972 Mount Olive College Dinners

For the tenth consecutive year Mount Olive College will hold a series of dinners this fall throughout Eastern North Carolina for Free Will Baptist churches and friends. These dinners have two purposes:

1. To provide the College an opportunity to report and to share with Free Will Baptists its ministry of Christian higher education; and
2. To provide an opportunity for churches and friends to present their gifts to the College.

In 1963, when the first dinners were held, the College was housed in an abandoned elementary school building with total assets of \$250,000. Today the College is developing a new 110-acre campus with assets of more than \$5 million—an increase of tenfold in ten years. Indeed, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Through these dinners alone the College has received nearly one-half million dollars during the past nine years, but equally important, these dinners have brought the College and Free Will Baptists closer together.

Schedule of Meetings

Below is a schedule of the planning sessions at which decisions will be made regarding the date and place for each dinner. At these sessions literature will be distributed and instructions given to those who will be working on behalf of the College. Each church is encouraged to have at least five people attend the planning session for their county.

"We have the greatest story in the history of the College to tell this year," President W. Burkette Raper declared, "and we believe that participation at the planning sessions will enable each church to be more highly inspired in its work for the College."

Johnston-Wake Counties: Tuesday, Sep-

tember 5, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield.

Wilson County: Thursday, September 7, 8 p. m., Daniels Chapel church.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties: Friday, September 8, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro.

Wayne County: Saturday, September 9, 8 p. m., Moye Library, Mount Olive College.

Greene County: Sunday, September 10, 3:30 p. m., Hull Road church.

Jones County: Friday, September 15, 8 p. m., King's Restaurant, Kinston.

Craven County: Sunday, September 17, 3:30 p. m., Saint Mary's church, New Bern.

Pitt County: Monday, September 18, 8 p. m., Reedy Branch church.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties: Tuesday, September 19, 8 p. m., Oak Grove church.

Carteret County: Friday, September 22, 8 p. m., Crab Point church.

Pamlico County: Sunday, September 24, 3:30 p. m., Mount Zion church.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties: Monday, September 25, 8 p. m., Mount Tabor church. (Tentative)

Beaufort County: Tuesday, September 26, 8 p. m., Memorial church.

Nash County: Wednesday, September 27, 8 p. m., Free Union church.

Duplin County: Thursday, September 28, 8 p. m., Beulaville church.

Onslow - New Hanover Counties: Friday, September 29, 8 p. m., Folkstone church.

Lenoir County: Saturday, September 30, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston.

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Please Take Note

This is to inform the public that Carey Cheshire is no longer associated with the Free Will Baptist denomination as a minister.

College Offers Night Courses In Bible

Pastors, Sunday school teachers, and other interested persons are invited to enroll in "Religion of the Bible" at Mount Olive College. The Rev. Sheldon Howard will teach the course each Thursday from 7-9:50 p. m., beginning August 31 and continuing through December 7. It will meet in the Henderson Building and may be taken for three semester hours of college credit or audited without credit.

For those who do not wish college credit, high school graduation is not required for admission and only a \$10 fee for the entire course will be charged.

Those who wish college credit will register as a part-time student but will be charged only one half the regular tuition rate or \$37.50. If the student has not previously enrolled at the college he will also pay a \$10 application fee.

"Because of our desire to assure that every Free Will Baptist is given an opportunity to prepare himself for effective Christian service, the College will give a partial or full tuition scholarship to any student who wishes to take this course if he needs financial assistance," President W. Burkette Raper has announced. All a student has to do to enroll is to report to class at 7 p. m. on August 31, and application for both admission to the College and for a scholarship can be made at this time.

"Religion in the Bible" is an introduction to the Old and New Testaments and is designed to introduce students to the major events, ideas, personalities, and practices contained in the biblical record and to their significance for our times.

Other Courses

Mount Olive College will be glad to offer other religion courses on any subjects of interest either on or off campus. Interested persons should contact the Rev. Frank Harrison, Director of Denominational Services, phone 658-2502, Mount Olive.

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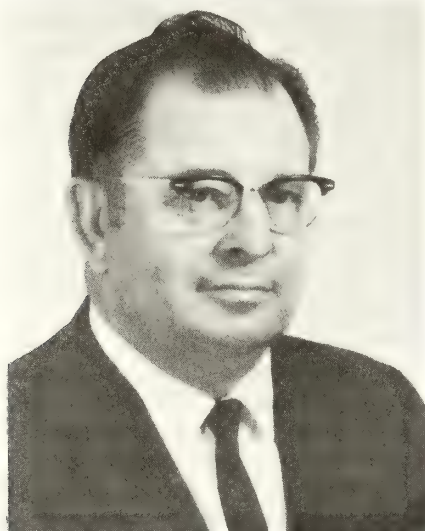
Mount Olive College To Be on WITN-TV

Mount Olive College will be featured on WITN-TV, Channel 7, Washington, North Carolina, on Sunday, September 10, at 11:30 a.m. Friends of the College are cordially invited to view the program, "Tempo," which is allocating approximately one-half hour to the College.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Smyrna Church Announces Revival Services

Revival services will begin Monday evening, September 4, at the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, Blounts Creek, North Carolina, with the Rev. Elbert E.



Edwards, pastor of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Vandemere, North Carolina, as the guest speaker. The services will continue throughout the week, beginning each evening at 7:45. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Special Youth for Christ Meeting

Saturday, September 2, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a special "Youth for Christ" meeting held at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina. The meeting is for all the young people of the entire Albemarle Conference.

It will be a time of good gospel singing by the young people of the conference and visitors as well. The Assembly Quartet from Windsor, North Carolina, will be the highlight of the gospel singing. It will also be a time to testify to the saving grace of God's love.

The Rev. Charlie Overton states, "The purpose of such a meeting is to give our young people an opportunity to work for the Lord and to let them know that they

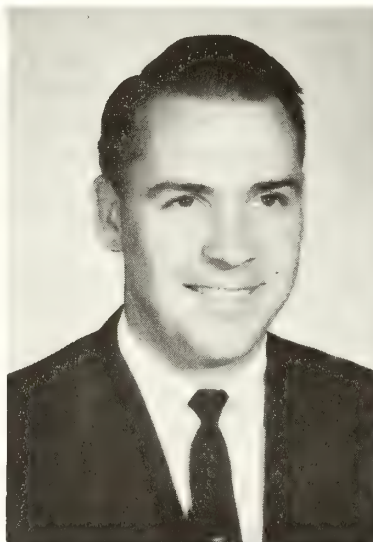
are appreciated and that God needs them to work in His vineyard."

The public, the young and the old, are cordially invited to attend.

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Revival and Homecoming At Free Union Church

Revival services will be held at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Spring Hope, North Carolina, the week of September 4-9, beginning each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Cedric D.



Pierce Jr., pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor of Free Union, the Rev. Lester Duncan.

On Sunday, September 10, Free Union church will observe its annual homecoming. Following the morning worship, a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend both the revival and homecoming and join together in worship and Christian fellowship.

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Harmony Quartet to Be At Pleasant Hill

The Harmony Quartet, a gospel singing group from Kinston, North Carolina, will make a guest appearance at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Grimesland, North Carolina (lo-

cated on N. C. 43), Sunday night, September 3, at 7 p. m. The program will feature a service of religious music and personal testimonies, rendered by Bett and Leonard Taylor, Carol and Lee Han and Craig Ham (bass guitarist). All members of the group hail from Kinston.

The pastor of Pleasant Hill, the Rev. W. H. Willis, and the church membership issue a warm invitation to the public to be in attendance for what promises to be an inspirational time of Christian fellowship.

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Homecoming at Sweet Gum Grove Church, September 3

The Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Stokes, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming of Sunday, September 3. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed with the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. At 2 p.m. an afternoon service of singing will be rendered by the Hart Family.

The pastor, the Rev. Philip Jones, and the church membership invite all former members, pastors, and friends to come and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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A man is never a worm until some chicken gets hold of him.

Coming Events . . .

September 13, 14—North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Black Jack Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina

September 21, 22, 23—Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association, Flatwood Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

October 11, 12—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Selma Church, Selma, North Carolina

October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina

November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

Cragmont Assembly News



THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Cragmont: We Need It Needs Us

by Mrs. Clarence Bunn
Route 2, Box 195
Pikeville, North Carolina

Through the medium of "The Free Will Baptist" I wish to express my thanks to a group of hard working, dedicated people. Also, I wish to tell all Free Will Baptist people about the great work these people are doing for us. Too, I wish to tell Free Will Baptists how much we need "attitude" and financial support for Cragmont.

First, thanks to Mesdames Dola Dudley, Lillie Mae Sasser, Alma Dale, and Anna Grace Register for a well-planned spiritual and inspirational program for our Woman's Conference at Cragmont, August 14-19, this year. The program was graciously carried out to the enjoyment and spiritual fulfillment of all present.

After a week there with the tasty and nourishing food prepared and served by Mrs. Pluma Sullivan and her staff, who could not say a big "Thank you" to these hard working people? I was especially impressed by the efficiency of the service and gracious way in which the young helpers there conducted themselves. The organized efforts of the Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Barrow were most noteworthy as they moved among the guests to see that everything was done to make our stay at Cragmont enjoyable. The overall appearance of the grounds, buildings, and sleeping facilities, along with the organization of the "team" working together, speak out as a tribute to the Barrows. They too deserve a big "Thank you." They could have done much less, but they didn't. It was great!

Now to the support of Cragmont with our attitude and money. What is your attitude toward Cragmont when it is mentioned or brought up in a church meeting? Is it favorable and optimistic, or is it one of caution and defeatism? Just by our attitude and reaction to the

Cragmont program we can help or hinder. I feel that Free Will Baptists are some of the best people in the world. We deserve just as good as anyone in our spiritual retreat (Cragmont). As we go up into the mountains and look with admiration on church camps of other denominations, we let our old attitude of defeat come out. We are prone to say, "We are small and a poor people"; "We can't do these things." That is why we are small and poor. That is our thinking. Aren't we poorer in spirit than in finances? "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: . . ." (Proverbs 23:7).

The work at Cragmont, for better facilities, is progressing now so much more than in the past. For this I am thankful. But the planners here (the board) can do no more than we will allow them in our giving. The progress is good, but we can make it better. The older women who go each year and aren't able to walk from the motel or cottages to the main building, along with the workers, need so much to have better living accommodations than they have in the main building.

Please, we that have been to Cragmont and those that haven't, let's get behind this building program at Cragmont and at the earliest possible date see that the main building is renovated from the basement up with the kind of facilities we need and deserve. Let's put enough money there that it will not have to be done in bits and pieces, but a whole complete job.

If you have money and the right attitude I know you will respond in the right way. If you do not have a lot of money, maybe your attitude can influence the person who does have to step forward and see that Cragmont blossoms into what it should be and can be.

A parson wrote to his bishop, asking him to come and hold a "quiet day." The bishop declined, saying, "Your parish does not need a quiet day; it needs an earthquake."

Ballard Joins Staff of Columbia Bible College

Jerry P. Ballard, who for the past two years has served as Director of Communications for World Vision International, will join the staff of the Graduate School of Bible and Missions of Columbia Bible College at Columbia, South Carolina, in September. He will head the Department of Communications of this well-known Christian training institution.

Mr. Ballard, who is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Greenville, North Carolina, holds a B.B.E. degree from Columbia Bible College, and an M.A. degree from Syracuse University. Over the years he has studied also at North Carolina State College, Vanderbilt University, and the University of South Carolina. He is now in process of completing work for his Ph.D.

During the past several years, Mr. Ballard has traveled extensively, and has produced Christian films on every continent except Australia. He was one of the founders of Impact Publications and the Mission Film Associates, with which he still maintains a relationship. He is the author of a number of books, outstanding among which is "Never Say Can't"; the biography of the late missionary, Thomas Willey; and a book on China, which he coauthored with Dr. Stan Mooneyham. He brings to the Columbia Bible College the benefits of a wide experience gained from travel, study, and association with many outstanding people throughout the world. His course in "Effective Communication" will be part of the training offered prospective missionaries who attend the Graduate School of Missions.

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WHAT CHRIST IS

What the hand is to the lute,
What the breath is to the flute,
What the fragrance to the smell,
What the spring is to the well,
What the flower is to the bee,
That is Jesus Christ to me.

What the mother is to the child,
What the guide in pathless wild,
What is oil to troubled wave,
What is ransom to the slave,
What is water to the sea,
That is Jesus Christ to me.

—Charles H. Spurgeon.

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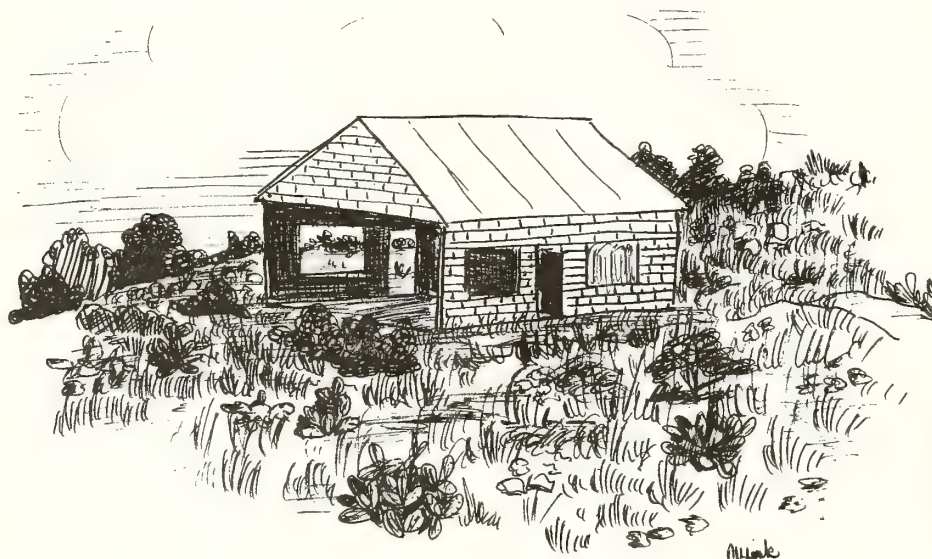
"The Church at Piedras Negras"
(June 13)

Mrs. Vance Link
Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

We were unable to meet with the children for child evangelism classes during the daytime. That was a problem we had not considered. They were still in school! In Mexico the children go home

from the flash card book of "The Life of Christ," I taught a Bible lesson and Mrs. Timmons interpreted for me. She was very good and used a lot of expression. The children, as well as the adults, listened well. When we gave the invitation, four precious little children came forward and prayed, asking God to save them.

The regular service was held inside



Church on Hill at Piedras Negras

for lunch and siesta from about 12:30-3:30 p.m. each day. They return to school and get out later at 6:30 in the afternoon. School is not out until the end of June.

In Mexico, the people can't be rushed. Church won't begin until dark. On Tuesday, June 13, we all went back to the church on the hill in Piedras Negras. This time, we were going to have child evangelism classes. It was so cool and pleasant out in the unfinished half of the church, that we decided to have our service there. We taught two visual aid songs, "Stop, and Let Me Tell You" and "What Can Wash Away My Sins." (I spent all afternoon trying to learn the songs in Spanish and still couldn't sing them.) Our visual aids were written in Spanish. Using one of the lessons the church like the previous night. When we first began this work I was a little

nervous about Americans speaking in the Mexican churches. Just before service on this night, Mr. Timmons was outside getting one more good breath of fresh air, when suddenly a policeman drove up! Brother Timmons thought, "Well, this is it—he's coming to ask us to leave!" The policeman was in his uniform, but he didn't get out. He was merely bringing his wife to church! Thank the Lord!

Vance preached and Mr. Timmons interpreted for him. The people listened and God brought three adults into the harvest that night. We learned later that several people had been saved on Monday night also. Piedras Negras, a city of 70 thousand souls! How many will ever reach heaven? Who will go for the Lord, and tell them His message? We must **pray**, that God will give us laborers!

PRISON WORK AT SANTA LUCIA

by Harold Jones

One of the most rewarding phases of our work here in the Philippines is the work among the prisoners at Santa Lucia and Bagong Buhay Penal Colonies. We were granted permission by the prison officials to conduct religious work among the prisoners. This work is usually on Sunday when the prisoners are free from their labors. We conduct two religious services for the inmates and Brother Perocillo is holding a Bible study for some prison officials. We have had great results. Around 100 men have been led to the Lord in the short time we have been there. We are going to have a baptism for the men as soon as permission is granted. We had it scheduled for last Sunday, but the Catholic priest had gone to the superintendent and accused us of proselyting. They have wired Manila to see if we can get through with this. We are praising the Lord for this, for when there is opposition there is surely a moving of the Lord. We have not been proselyting. We have only preached the Word and the men have accepted Christ. We are sure we will be allowed to continue for people have the freedom of religion.



Approaching the Prison

The first Sunday I preached there some rather humorous things happened. One for example, I had finished preaching and Brother Perocillo was giving the invitation. He said, "All who would like to receive Christ raise your hand." The chief guard for the prison at the meeting immediately gave the order for all men to raise their hands, which they all did. Brother Perocillo immediately told the guard that this was a personal decision and then asked the guard not to command the men. He then told all the men to put their hands down. Brother Perocillo then explained what receiving Christ meant again and asked for the upraised hand as a sign of their acceptance. There were 56 decisions that day. These men have been given literature,

and Bibles have been made available for them to purchase. We have seen the spirit of the Lord move like this everywhere we have been.



Mrs. Perocillo Leading Singing Among Prisoners

Each Sunday we have singing, testimonies, and a Bible lesson. We only have the service at each place, trying to keep it informal and to get the men established in the Word. Many of the men that have been brought to the Lord are in prison for life—some for murder. It brings joy to one's heart to see the changed life of these men. Please pray that the Lord will keep its door open.

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POWER

A new organ, so the story goes, had been installed in a New York City church. A rare and costly instrument was. The first Sunday it was used, the electric current required to operate the console went off at a moment early in the hour. A hurried call for help brought a mechanic. Soon a note was sent up to the organist. The note said, "After the prayer, the power will be on!" That mechanic did not realize the truth suggested in those simple words." Copied.

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The Wives Know

Dr. George B. Duncan said, "One said with a touch of cynicism that it might be a good thing if, instead of the preacher standing on the platform and preaching, the preachers' wives were invited to stand and tell how it works out in their home."

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IF I COULD SEE A CHRISTIAN

A Hindu student said to Billy Graham in Madras, "I would become a Christian if I could see one!"

Later Graham said, "And when he said that, he was looking at me! That was one of the greatest sermons ever preached to me!"

Christian Leader Urges Use TV to Tell Need Of World's Children

Dr. Stan Mooneyham, in Vietnam to appear in a new TV film called "A Billion and Three" for World Vision International, said here that he believes the time has come to use television to show how Christians are helping a world in need. The new film, hosted by Art Linkletter, will be shown over 200 selected TV stations in the U. S. as well as in Canada and Australia.

"What we want to do," said Dr. Mooneyham when interviewed on location for the film, "is put the average American family inside the skin of these Asian kids and let them feel with us what it is like to be born in the developing world."

Citing statistics, Dr. Mooneyham went on, "One hundred babies are born every 30 seconds in the developing nations of the world. Twenty of them will die before they're a year old. Sixty out of the eighty that remain will suffer malnutrition during the first five years of their lives to a point that could cause permanent mental or physical damage. An equal number will never have an opportunity for education beyond the primary grades.

"I have nightmares about that—I cannot live with that statistic. I believe that if the average American can see this in flesh and blood, he'll have the same feeling I do and he'll have to do something."

"A Billion and Three" tells the documentary story of three children growing up in the developing world. It will be ready for release, according to executive producer, Russ Reid, late this year.

Reid remarked that he felt the film would enlist the additional support of thousands of people who want to show Christian concern for the underprivileged children of the world. "World Vision," explained Reid, "is a vehicle that stands between Christian concern and human need."

"There is no way," added Dr. Mooneyham, "that we can remain isolated from the blighted hopes of these children in the developing world.

"I believe the western world—especially Christians—has a responsibility not only to become aware of the needs of developing countries but to share in their blighted hopes and shattered dreams as well."

Dr. Mooneyham concluded by saying that he felt such a concept is not just

WORLD NEWS OF INTEREST

Scriptures for the Jesus People, for Key 73, and for United Presbyterian Women are among the new publications of the American Bible Society.

"The Life and Teachings of Jesus," the publication aimed at the Jesus Movement and religiously conscious members of the counter-culture, offers texts from the Gospels in Today's English Version which relate to Jesus' life and teachings. Printed in tabloid newspaper form with two-color illustrations, it may be ordered from the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, New York 10023, for 5 cents a copy plus five percent handling charge (minimum 25 cents).

Two paperbound editions are being published by the Society for Key 73, the massive evangelism program planned for 1973 by more than 100 denominations in the United States.

A special edition of "Good News for Modern Man," the Society's New Testament in Today's English Version, has a four-color cover with the word "Hope" and a stylized drawing of a dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, on front and back. The back cover also bears the insignia of Key 73 and the words "Calling Our Continent to Christ."

"Touched by the Fire," the other paperback for Key 73, is also printed with a four-color cover. It contains Luke and Acts from Today's English Version New Testament. These New Testament books form the Bible study and distribution emphasis planned for Phase 2 of the evangelism program.

Both publications contain line drawings by Annie Vallotton, noted Swiss-born artist who illustrated the Today's English Version New Testament. Prices are 25 cents for the New Testament and 10 cents for "Touched by the Fire," plus handling charges.

"Wonder and Be Astounded," a paperback, offers Habakkuk and Acts in the text of the Revised Standard Version, and bears the imprint of the United Presbyterian Church Women. Published in large type with a two-color cover, this item in small book form is being promoted by United Presbyterian Women to accompany their Bible exploration guide, and may be ordered from the Society at 8 cents a copy plus handling charges.

humanistic, but decidedly Christian in motivation, because "God is not only interested in the 'sweet bye and bye' but also in the nasty here and now."

WHEN JESUS COMES

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buddy of mine came back to town. He got a job at the plant where I worked and a room on the same street.

Life went on as usual for us until I began stopping with Jim at the barroom to have a beer before we went home. Soon, one beer was not enough—I had to have three or four. Then I bought a few bottles to take home with me. It was not long before beer was not strong enough, I had to have whiskey. I would get a drink at the bar, then take a bottle home with me. Soon we had to move to cheaper rooms because I could not pay the rent. We had very little money for clothes and food because I had to have it to buy whiskey.

Mary, as I sit here in this prison cell, all these things seem to march before my face like marching soldiers. This is what I would like to forget. One night I came home more drunken than usual. I wanted someone to drink with me, so I handed the bottle to you and told you to take a drink. Of course, you refused; that made me angry. I slapped your pretty face, and again handed the bottle of whiskey to you and ordered you to take a drink. I saw fear come into your face and tears into your blue eyes. You remembered all the beatings and torture you had taken from Sam and Aunt Liz. With hands that trembled, you took the bottle, tasted the whiskey, then handed it back to me. I said, "Take a big drink." Then I slapped you again. I made you take drink after drink until you were too drunk to drink anymore; then you passed out.

I made you take your first drink. I would take whiskey home with me and make you drink each day. Soon you were waiting for me to get home; you wanted a drink. Before many months, you could not wait for me to get home; you would be waiting for me down at the barroom. We would get a few drinks at the bar, then buy a bottle to take home with us. Soon we were staying at the barroom until late at night, leaving little Junior to care for our little girl. Several months later, we stopped Junior from his first year at school to sell papers and peanuts on the streets. He would take Sadia, his little sister, with him, because her mother was too drunk to care for her.

Life went from bad to worse for us. I soon lost my job because I stayed too drunk to work. I would sober up just

long enough to find another job, then get drunk again.

Mary, this is another picture I would like to forget. When we were first married, I thought I had the most beautiful wife in the world. But later, instead of a wife with pretty blond curls, blue eyes, and a doll face, I had a wife with a red swollen face, sad eyes, and stringy hair. The house was unkempt and filthy. Our children roamed the streets cold and hungry. Each time I lost my job, I knew I should not drink; but it seemed as if someone was sitting on my shoulder saying, "John, old boy, what you need is a big drink. Go get a drink." So, I would get drunk again.

One night while we were down at the barroom someone made me angry, so I started a fight. Soon the police were there. I fought one of them and wounded him so badly he was taken to the hospital. I was carried to jail, then sent here to this prison.

Now, you may wonder why I changed my mind and wrote this letter to you, after I promised I would never let you hear from me again, but this is what happened:

You remember the man that would come into the barroom to play a record on the talking machine. The song on the record was, "When Jesus Comes." He would play the record over and over several times, then with tears in his eyes he would run from the room. One night, as he played the record, I decided to speak to him. I walked over and offered him a drink; he took it. After several drinks he began to talk. He said that his name was Fred Harrison. He lived alone. His wife and little girl were dead and he blamed himself for their deaths. He told me this story.

"One night my wife and daughter wanted to go to church, but did not want to go alone. My wife begged me to take them, so in anger, I decided to go. On the way I stopped at a drive-in bar to get a drink. One drink was not enough! I had to have several. Then I was really angry and drove too fast. I didn't see the train on the crossing until it was too late. By some miracle, I was not hurt, but my wife was killed instantly. My little girl's back was broken and she would never be able to walk again. From that time, until she died, each night as I put her to bed and kissed her good night, she would put her little arms around my neck and say, 'Daddy, don't worry. Everything will be all right when Jesus comes.'"

I offered him another drink. He look-

ed up at me with sad, tear-dimmed eyes as he said, "No," and ran from the room. I never saw Fred again until six months ago.

The day was Sunday and the guard made me go to chapel for church. I didn't want to go, so I just sat there not listening to the speaker, until I heard the voice. Mary, it was Fred Harrison preaching. He told the story about how his wife and little girl died. He told us about the night I gave the white key to him in the barroom; how he ran from the room and down the street. As he ran down the street, he felt so ashamed for the life he was living that he planned to kill himself. Then I heard someone singing, "When Jesus Comes." He stopped running and looked up. He saw that he was standing before a mission door where services were being held. He walked inside and sat down. The evangelist was saying, "Everything will be all right when Jesus comes into our hearts." Fred said that Jesus came into his heart that night and changed his life for him. Now, instead of going down to the barroom to get drunk to drown his sorrow, he goes to church and prays. He read a story from a book he called the Bible. He read "An angel came down from heaven and told a pretty young lady that God, the great Father, was sending her His Son Jesus Christ, to die for the people. That they may be saved from their sins, they would accept Him." Mr. Harrison told how he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, how He forgave him his sins, and how He changed his life.

Mary, I thought to myself: If Jesus Christ can change a man like Mr. Harrison, I wanted Him to come into my heart and change my life for me. Mary, He did forgive all my sins and came into my heart to live! I know that it is real.

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BIBLE

Questions & Answers

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Question: Please explain, "And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7:60); "And Jeroboam kept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son signed in his stead" (2 Kings 14:29). Could these with other passages of Scripture on the same subject, such as Job 3:13 and John 11:11-14, teach that the time between the death of the body and its resurrection the person is in an active state such as that we experience while we are asleep?

Answer: No! I do not think we may be consistent in so interpreting these and similar passages of Scripture. One of the rules in biblical hermeneutics requires that in order for one to correctly interpret a biblical passage or thought correctly, it must be so interpreted as to not conflict with any other Bible truth or passage of Scripture. Such an interpretation as your question suggests could be in direct conflict with several passages; such as, "Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return to God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7); "And it came to pass, that the tanner died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. And Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they

pass to us, that would come from thence" (Luke 16:22-26). I infer that in the latter passage Jesus was using a historic event to illustrate a vital truth. His audience needed to know for the Scriptures indicate that in His day as in ours many false rumors were current and that false teachers claiming to be well versed in such knowledge, but were completely ignorant.

Jesus said of some such teachers in His day, that they were blind and trying to lead the blind, therefore both would fall in the ditch. How sad that in this, as was the case in Christ's day, the majority of religious teachers that taught on this vital subject concerning life after the body is dead are false teachers. The cults, the modernists, the heathen teaching such as, Buddhism, Confucianism, Christian Science, etc.—most of these have much to say about the intermediate state of man, while many orthodox preachers and teachers say little on the subject.

The Bible teaches that even though Moses and Elijah had been dead for hundreds of years when Christ was here on earth, they both appeared with Him on the Mount of Transfiguration and they both were seen by Peter, James, and John, as well as being seen and talked to by Jesus. "And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart. And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him" (Matthew 17:1-3). (See and compare Revelation 6:9, 10; 1 Peter 3:18-20; Isaiah 14:9.)

John W. Haley's, **Alleged Discrepancies of the Bible**, Pages 191, 192 has the following:

"The language which represents death as a 'sleep' is figurative, and is founded upon a certain resemblance of external phenomena. But this application of the term does not necessitate the unconsciousness of the 'sleeper'; for, as even

Whately concedes, 'The mind, certainly for the most part, and probably always, continues active during sleep, though in a different manner.' A high authority, **Dunglison's Medical Dictionary**, defines 'sleep' as 'temporary interruption of our relations with external objects.' It is this interruption, with the attendant inaction, the insensibility to external material objects, and the repose, which makes sleep the 'image of death.' In neither case have we proof that the mind ceases to act, becomes unconscious, or extinct.

"The citation from Isaiah represents the dead as awake and conscious. DeLitzsch: 'All hades is overwhelmed with excitement and wonder, now that the king of Babel, that invincible ruler of the world, who, if not unexpected altogether, was not expected so soon, is actually approaching.'

"On the next quotation Alford says: 'With the great majority of commentators, ancient and modern, I understand these words to say that our Lord, in his disembodied state, did go to the place of detention, preach salvation in fact, to the disembodied spirits of those who refused to obey the voice of God when the judgment of the flood was hanging over them.' Prof. Taylor Lewis: 'We are taught that there was a work of Christ in hades. He descended into hades; he makes proclamation "ekkeruxen" in hades to those who are there "in ward."' This interpretation, which was almost universally adopted by the early Christian church, and which is far more tenable than any other, involves, of course, the consciousness of departed souls.

"The text from Revelation is very explicit, representing the souls of those who had suffered martyrdom, not as insensible, but as awake in the place of rest."

Dr. William Evans', **Great Doctrines of the Bible**, has the following on Pages 265, 266:

"John 8:51—"Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." John 11:25, 26—"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

"What Jesus means here is not that the believer shall not pass through the experience that we call death, but that in reality it is not death, at least, not in the sense in which it is death to the unbeliever. Jesus has taken the sting out of death. How sharply the contrast be-

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STORIES

for our youth



THROWING STONES QUICKLY

ROY B. JUSSELL

THE two boys walked along the black-top road of the mountain town. They were there with their parents on vacation. Roger stopped in his tracks to exclaim, "Alan! Look at that boy. He's throwing stones at that pretty bird on his lawn."

"It looks bad," Alan agreed.

In Alan's hands were rods and reels. Roger was carrying the basketlike creel in which were four trout. Because they were already late for supper, they were hurrying back to the white cabins their parents had rented.

"Just look at that boy!" Roger repeated disgustedly. "That's cruelty to animals." He picked up a stone beside the road, meaning to throw it at the boy, but waited. The bird had a yellow belly. It also had a bright scarlet crown and throat, and black upper parts with white markings.

"Don't throw that rock at him," Alan advised. "We don't want to get into a fight."

Wherever the bird lighted on the big lawn, the boy angrily threw a stone. "I don't want to watch," Alan said sadly. "Let's go."

Roger said, "We don't have that kind of bird in the city, do we?" Alan agreed. Then Roger said, "There probably isn't a Humane Society in this little town." He then cupped his hands to his mouth and shouted, "Stop throwing stones at that bird!"

The boy looked up, stared, but said nothing.

Roger picked up his creel, and the two walked away, troubled and angry at

the boy who was throwing stones. They had admired the low yellow house and the big lawn with trees and flowers around it. The other homes were plain and small, with only small lawns.

"It's too bad that a boy like that lives in this town we like so much," Alan said.

"I'm sure he doesn't go to Sunday school, nor are his parents Christians, like ours," Roger insisted. "You can tell what people are by what you see them doing, like that cruel boy."

Alan did not answer as they reached their white cabins under the pine trees. Their parents and sisters were seated on redwood benches.

"We're starved!" Roger announced.

The boys' mothers hurried indoors to prepare food. After the boys had eaten, they joined their families under the pine trees.

Roger said, "We saw a real mean boy throwing stones at a pretty bird."

"Yes," Alan said, "what do you think of such a thing?"

Alan's younger sister spoke quickly. "He ought to be spanked. He's one of those delinquents!"

"Yes, why didn't you spank him?" Roger's little sister asked excitedly.

"Now wait a minute, girls," Alan's mother spoke calmly. "That's no way for Sunday school children to talk."

"You're so right," the other mother agreed. "There's too much fighting already."

Alan lay down on the grass, and Roger joined him.

"Dad," Alan said, "when we go by that yellow house to fish tomorrow, shouldn't we tell the boy he should stop throwing stones at that bird?"

"That depends," his father observed.

"In a nice way, you might," Roger's mother advised. "Only don't start a fight."

Alan and Roger exchanged glances. They hadn't liked the long stare that the boy had given them, and he hadn't talked when Roger had shouted to stop throwing stones at that bird.

When Alan and Roger went toward the river the next day, they saw the boy standing on a ladder, partly hidden in the branches of a tree. "Maybe he's destroying that bird's nest," Roger suggested.

When they turned homeward from the river without even one fish, they approached the boy's home and saw him sitting beside a flower bed of white petunias.

"He's resting his throwing arm," Roger laughed.

Alan suggested, "Let's go in and see what he's doing. But there'll be no fighting, Roger. We'd better pray to keep our tempers."

As they neared the boy, he slowly rose to his feet, his face sober.

"Hi," Alan said quietly and forced a grin. "My name is Alan, and my friend is Roger. We are on vacation."

"That's what I figured," the boy said. "I'm Rodney Weathers. How's fishing?"

"So-so," Roger answered. "Ah—we saw a bird here yesterday—"

"Yes, we—we wondered," Alan said.

Rodney's face turned troubled. "The bird is a sapsucker, a member of the woodpecker family. They peck a ring around certain trees, and the trees die."

Neither boy said a word for a minute. Then Alan said, "Oh, they draw the sap out."

"Yes, and our apple tree is ruined," Rodney explained. "I'm treating it with paint. We hope it will live." He added with a grin, "You saw me throwing stones and—"

Sheepishly the boys dropped their heads. As they turned to go, Roger said, "Hope your tree lives."

When they were out of earshot, the boys exchanged glances of relief.

"Were we ever wrong!" Roger breathed. "Rodney sure had a right to drive the bird off." Then Roger laughed and added, "A pretty bird, huh? We'd better not judge from looks."

"Sapsuckers are like bad men who steal," Alan said. "They steal the very life out of the trees."

Back at the cabins, the boys told their parents all about it.

Alan's father said, "Boys, you can throw invisible stones, stones thrown by thinking wrongly about people. You can be too quick to judge, without knowing the facts."

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WHEN JESUS COMES

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or He has changed my life. I have a peace in my heart I never knew before.

My dear wife, here is five dollars. It is all the money I have. I want you to go to a store, where a Bible is sold, and buy one. I want you to read the story about the children about Jesus and His love—how everything will be all right when Jesus comes into our hearts to live, if they will accept Him and believe His word. He will forgive their sins and save them. I am praying each day that Jesus will come into your heart to live. My time will soon be over here. I want to come back home, get a job, and make a home for you and the children. May God bless you.

Your husband,
John

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State Prison
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My dear husband,

I guess you thought I would not answer your nice letter. I, too, had to wait until I was sure my life was changed. Now I do know, when Jesus comes into our hearts to live, our lives will be changed.

John, when little Sadia brought your letter to me, I was right where you left me—down at the barroom almost drunk. As I read the letter, I cried. I had spent all the money the children had made selling papers, peanuts, flowers, and mending shoes. I borrowed or begged nickels, dimes, or pennies from anyone that would give or lend me money. I seemed to always be at the place where I just had to have another drink. When I saw the money to buy the Bible, I thought to myself, "Now I can get a big bottle of whiskey that will last me for a long time." Then I said, "No, I just cannot spend this money for whiskey." John, there always seemed to be someone standing by my side talking to me, saying, "Mary, Mary, you need a drink; get a drink."

Instead of buying a drink, I ran from the room saying to myself, "No, I shall not buy a drink. If Jesus can make a new man out of John and change his life, surely He can help me, too."

I ran staggering home, if you could call the dirty, filthy, place where I stayed part of the time a home. When I arrived at the filthy place, I fell down across the bed and cried. After the

tears stopped falling, I lay on my back looking up at the ceiling. John, my life seemed to pass before me, like a moving picture on a screen. I saw my home, when I was a little girl. My daddy and mother would go to Sunday school with me, and we were very happy. Then like a bad dream, my parents were gone and I was sent to live with Aunt Liz; where I met and married you. The four years that you've been away, is like a bad dream that never happened.

After you were sent away to prison, I tried to stop drinking and go straight. I had a good job working in a garment factory, where I worked for several weeks. Everything seemed to be fine, until one day some of my work was brought back to me. I became very nervous and all shaky inside. The voice on my shoulder seemed to say, "Mary, what you need is just one little drink. Your nerves will be more settled, then you will be able to do good work."

Each time this happened, I would say, "No! I don't ever intend to take another drink." Then one day I did get a drink. That was the end. I stayed drunk for days and I lost my job. Soon I was able to get another one. The same thing happened there. I said to myself, "What is the use to keep trying, I just can't stop drinking?" I stopped the children from school to work on the streets. I must have money to buy whiskey and beer. If they didn't bring home as much as I needed, I would scream, curse, and beat them until they would go back out to the streets again. While I was still lying on the dirty bed, the children came into the room. When they saw me, I heard Junior saying to little Sadia, "Be very quiet. We'll try not to wake her. Maybe she won't beat us this time."

I turned on my side and called them to me. With fear on their faces and tears in their eyes, they came to me. Junior pushed little Sadia behind him as he said, "Mother, this is all the money we have. Please don't whip Sadia, she worked as much as she could, she is so tired." This he said as he held out a few pennies to me in his dirty little hand. I reached out and pulled them close to me and said, "My darlings, my poor little children. I shall never beat you again. Everything will be all right now that Jesus has come." Little Junior asked, "Who is Jesus, Mother? When did He get here? Where is He now? Will He be good to us? He won't beat us, will He, Mother?"

I made up my mind right then and there to go buy the book you called the

Bible. I wanted to know Jesus and tell the children about His love.

The next morning I got up early and took a hot bath. I washed my filthy stringy hair, then dressed in the best rags I owned. I slipped out of the house to go look for the bookstore. As I walked down the street I had to walk right by the barroom door. As I walked by, I smelled the strong odor of whiskey and beer. It seemed as if every fiber and nerve in my body were crying for a drink. I was trembling so hard and felt so weak, that I could hardly stand on my feet. Some of the people that hang out at the barroom saw me and called, "Hi there, Mary. What is wrong? Can't you see? You walked right by the door."

I knew if I stopped I was gone. I held the money tight in my hand and walked as fast as I could. I didn't know how to pray, I just looked up at the pretty blue sky and said, "Dear Jesus, you have helped my husband to believe on you. I want to believe, too. Will you please help me now?"

Soon I found the bookstore and slipped in the side door. John, I was afraid the people would call the police to take me to jail for being in the nice store dressed in my rags. As I stood just inside the door, looking at the pretty books, I heard a kind, soft voice saying to me, "May I help you, Ma'am?"

I looked up into a kind sweet face and said, "Yes, you may." I finally got the words out: "Is this the place where I may buy the book called the Bible . . . The one that tells the story about Jesus and how everything will be all right when He comes into our hearts to live?"

John, I gave her your letter and told her to read it, then she would know what kind of book I was trying to buy. There were tears in her eyes as she handed the letter back to me and said, "Yes, Mrs. Gardner, we do have just the right Bible for you. Here is a black one for your son, a white one for your little girl, and a large white one for you."

John, I asked the kind lady, "Will there be enough money to pay for all three Bibles?"

"Yes, Mrs. Gardner," she said, "there is enough money to pay for all three Bibles. Mary, you don't mind if I call you Mary, do you. My husband has a dry cleaning plant; he needs someone to do the mending. Do you sew? If you do, I'm sure he would give you the job, if you would like to have it."

John, the children and I moved that day to a little house near the dry clean-

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 10



Man's Dominion in God's World

Lesson Text: Genesis 1:26-28; Psalm 8

Memory Verse: Psalm 8:6

I. INTRODUCTION

Though scientific discoveries have served to show that the universe is much larger and more intricate than we had hitherto supposed it to be, this information does not in the least detract from the fact that it was created by God and that God still exercises control over it. In fact, all scientific investigation is motivated by the belief that order exists in the entire universe, else it would be vain for man to make any assumption. If the heavenly bodies moved in an erratic and aimless course through the heavens, then men might be justified in maintaining that no control was being exercised over them; but when all observation and discoveries serve to demonstrate that their movements are along a predictable course that has been determined for them by what some would term "natural law," then we can know that there is an Ordainer who has established and still maintains this order which prevails throughout the far stretches of the physical universe.

God not only created the physical universe and all that it contains; He also upholds and sustains it and exercises absolute dominion and lordship over it. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, we can well believe that the most immense of the galaxies moves in the predestined orbit which He has set for its path.

Our lesson text for today is composed of a selection from Genesis and one from the Psalms. The selection from Genesis deals with the creation of man and of the work which God assigned him to perform; the selection from Psalms speaks of the excellency of God's glory and of His providential care which God exercises over all of His creation.

The purpose of today's study is to show that God still exercises dominion

over all creation.—The Teen-Age Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The only way that a sinner can achieve the image of God is to be in the Lord Jesus Christ (cf. Genesis 1:26; John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Colossians 3:10, 11).

B. Although sin has caused man's failure in exercising dominion, complete dominion will be attained in Christ (cf. Genesis 1:26; Hebrews 2:8).

C. The means of success and fulfillment is through the blessing of God (Genesis 1:28; 1 Chronicles 29:12).

D. When man is in a right relationship to God, he not only recognizes Him as Lord but also is aware of His glory in the world (Psalm 8:1).

E. God is able to use the weak things of the world to silence His enemies (Psalm 8:2; Matthew 21:16; 1 Corinthians 1:26-28).

F. When man considers himself and his power in relation to the creation of God, he should recognize that he is small and insignificant (Psalms 8:3-5; 19:1; Job 38:1-5).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Each spring, man begins to look at his world with renewed interest. The grass is green again and the spring flowers are carpeting the woodlands. Man stands in awe and wonder at the beautiful world in which he lives. And if by chance one is not overwhelmed by the wonders of the earth, he has but to look up into the heavens. There the majesty of God can be seen in the surpassing beauty of the sunrise and the sunset, in the whirling planets and silent stars. In view of the magnitude of God's creation man must ask himself, "Who am I?" The psalmist had the answer. What is man? He is the creation of God made "a little lower than the angels," and crowned "with glory and honour" (Psalm 8:5).

Man alone was created as a personal being in God's own image. He is greater than all the animal kingdom. Then why

did God place him here on the earth? Again the psalmist answers that man was given dominion over all. Man alone has the distinct responsibility of caring for the lower order of creation.

Overwhelmed by the magnitude of the universe and his own feelings of insecurity and inadequacy in the face of this fast moving world, man asks "Where am I going?" The answer depends on how well man recognizes who he is and why he is here. If he is an obedient child of God, then a home in heaven awaits at the end of life's road. Do you know who you are, why you are here, and where you are going?—Standard Lesson Commentary.

B. Following James McDivitt's walk in space, the astronaut answered questions for school children. One girl wanted to know if McDivitt had felt any closer to God during the four-day orbit.

"Not really," he said, "but let me tell you there is nothing to make you feel so infinitesimal and insignificant as to see the earth pass below you, so you can see a continent at a time. Everything is so vast and you are so small."

The astronaut cannot see man on the earth; he cannot even see a city or perhaps a state, but God sees all men—you and me. He loves His highest creation on earth, and we should love Him the best we can.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. "In recent years the thrilling story of Pitcairn Island and the mutiny of the *Bounty* has been retold and popularized in newspaper articles and books. There is one incident in the story which, indeed, is worth retelling. The mutineers sank their ship and landed with their native women on the lonely island named Pitcairn. There were nine white sailors, six natives, ten women, and a girl of fifteen. One of the sailors discovered a method of distilling alcohol, and the island colony was debauched with drunkenness and vice.

"After a time only one of the white sailors who had landed survived, surrounded by native women and half-breed children. The sailor, Alexander Smith, found in one of the chests that had been taken from the *Bounty* a copy of the Bible. He began to teach his fellow exiles its principles, with the result that his own life was changed, and finally the life of that island colony.

"In 1808 the United States' ship *Topaz* visited the island and found a thriving and prosperous community, without whiskey, without a jail, without crime,

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Questions & Answers

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between death and the experience through which the believer passes is presented in Thessalonians 4:13, 14—"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Jesus 'died'—He tasted the fullness of death; the believer in Him falls asleep.' Cf. John 11:11—"Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." We have no ground in these words for the modern doctrine of soul-sleeping. Christ did not mean to say that the soul is unconscious between the time of death and the resurrection. For, when the disciples did not understand His figurative language, He told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead' (John 11:15). What Jesus meant was that death is something like that which takes place when we go to sleep. What takes place when we go to sleep? Surely the current of life does not cease, but flows on, and when we awake we feel better and stronger than before. There is a cutting out of all the scenes of the world and time. Just so it is in the case of the believer's death. Three ideas are contained in the word 'sleep': continued existence—for the mind is active even though the body is still; repose—we lose our hold on and forget the things of the world; waking—we always think of sleep as followed by awakening.

"The word 'see' in John 8:51 means that the believer shall not gaze at death distractedly, steadily, exhaustively. Death is not the objective of his gaze. The believer's outlook is that of life not death. The death of the body is to be reckoned no more as death than the life of the body is life (1 Timothy 5:6). The believer's back is turned upon death; he ceases and gazes upon life. The temporary separation of the soul and body does not even interrupt, much less impair, the eternal life given by Jesus."

To make a more thorough study of the subject one might use a reference Bible in concordance and seek out the passages of Scripture dealing with human death and read the context as well as the verses in which the word death occurs. In this way one may see that in many cases the person is represented as living alive and active after the natural body has ceased to function. Then in the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians we are assured that all human bodies are

to be raised as glorified bodies and united to the person they belonged to before death took place. Paul says, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Alan heard his mother quote from the Bible, "Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matthew 7:1).

Roger and Alan would remember after this.—My Pleasure.

Sunday School Lesson

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and without an insane asylum. The Bible had changed the life of that island community.

"So it has been from age to age: 'The entrance of thy words giveth light' (Psalm 119:130)."—Selected.

WHEN JESUS COMES

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ing plant. The children are very happy. They go to school and I go to night classes. We all go to church each Sunday. The manager of the plant has a good job waiting for you when you come home. The children and I are looking for your soon return. We have truly learned what it means when we say, "Everything will be all right when Jesus comes into our hearts to live."

Your wife,
Mary

AN OPEN LETTER

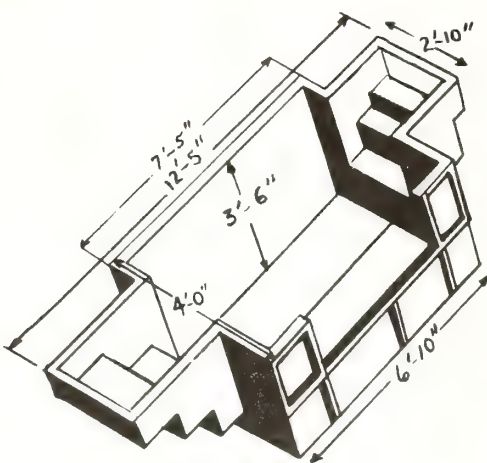
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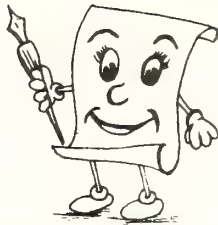
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GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Labor Day was initiated in 1882 by the Knights of Labor when they held a parade in New York City in connection with their general assembly. In 1884 they passed a resolution to hold it on the first Monday in September, and other labor organizations throughout the country began action to have it declared a legal holiday by their state legislators. Congress voted it a legal holiday in 1894.

The Noble Order of the Knights of Labor began as a secret fraternal order, and was the first organization advocating the inclusion of all workers in the country in one union. Its ideal was a society based on cooperative industrial and agricultural enterprises owned and operated by workers, farmers, clerks, and technicians. Workers in all trades were eligible for membership except doctors, lawyers, politicians, and liquor dealers. After a few years the society abandoned its secret ritual, and large numbers of workmen joined during the economic depression of the 1870's, hoping to improve their situation.

It played an important part in the strikes of the coal miners and railroad workers in 1877. By 1878 it had become the nation's leading labor organization, and after 1881 it functioned solely as a labor union.

At its first general assembly in Reading, Pennsylvania, in 1878, its purpose was declared "to make industrial and moral worth, and not wealth, the true standard of national and individual greatness," and it also projected a number of sweeping reforms, including institution of the eight-hour workday; abolition of convict labor and employment of children less than fifteen years old; and equal opportunity and wages for women in industry. Its policies included all

workers, regardless of race, creed, craft, trade, or degree of skill.

Between 1881 and 1886 the society won improvements in working conditions in many fields, and its membership grew to more than 700,000. However, following dissension among its members and the organization of other labor unions, the Knights of Labor began to decline, and was formally dissolved in 1917.

It seems strange that some of the labor reforms instituted about a hundred years ago are still prevalent in today's news. For most of us, Labor Day is just another day to work and we hardly realize the improvements that have occurred during the last century.

Neither do we realize in our work for God that improved transportation, printing systems, heating, air-conditioning, and communications have made our tasks easier. Perhaps, if we had a special day to remember great Christian servants who worked and suffered to improve conditions for us in the church, we would be a little more serious about our labors for Him.

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The Harvest

Mary Augsburger

A little seed was planted
Into the ground one day;
It took root and sprouted;
God made it grow that way.

It needed cultivation,
Some sunshine and some rain,
To bring forth a harvest
Of golden, ripened grain.

A little word was planted
Into the heart one day;
It took root and blossomed
Into the living way.

It, too, needs much attention,
Reading His Word and prayer,
To grow and bring forth yields
Of precious jewels rare.

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"Has your husband a good ear for music?"

"I'm afraid not. He seems to think that everything he hears in church is a lullaby."

THE BROKEN HEART

by Mrs. Ora Barnhill
Richmond, Virginia

Did you ever see a broken heart—
Broken half in two?
Well I remember one dear heart
That was broken for me and you.

Jesus' heart was broken in shreds
When He was crucified;
And on the Cross His blood was shed—
For you and me He died.

I can almost see Him now,
His eyes looking so sad!
He knew He would have to die somehow
For the crowd was growing mad.

How could they be so angry with Jesus?
He was always so good and kind.
He was always helping others;
Even healing the sick and the blind.

Oh, how He suffered pain and agony!
This cruel world just don't know.
But Jesus' heart was full of love
'Though it was broken and torn up so

So when you think of broken hearts,
Please remember that One of long ago
Yes, His heart was broken to pieces
Just because He loved us so!

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PLEASE NOTE!

The Third League Union of the Eastern Conference has made the following changes in its meeting dates. There will be only two meetings held each year: one during the month of November and one during the month of April. These will be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in these months. The business day will be held in the local churches and the play day held at the assembly building located between Beulahville and Pink Hill, North Carolina.

Amy Tyndall, Secretary

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His Hands and Feet

God said to me, "I am going to evangelize inland China, and if you will walk with me I will do it through you." Such is the statement of the experience of Hudson Taylor.—Association Men.

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DOGS ARE WORTH MORE THAN PEOPLE! SAY WHAT?

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DOGS ARE WORTH MORE THAN PEOPLE! SAY WHAT?

An eccentric spinster dies, an oil heiress who had a lot of love—for dogs!

She had cousins and other relatives too, but she didn't care too much for them, seemingly. Her main interest was her dogs—six or seven or more who fared in elaborate kennels and had walkers and groomers and baby-sitters.

Why did this lady love her dogs? No one really knows, but perhaps they responded to her **love** only, not to her **money**; and perhaps her **relatives** cared for her only as they could take her for what she was worth—and she was worth a whole lot!

But, her relatives will never receive a penny of it. Why? Because she left it all to her dogs. She left all of her money—every bit of it—a total of fourteen million dollars to dogs. That's right. **Fourteen million dollars** was willed to a pack of animals. We can imagine her family's dismay at their being disinherited in favor of a bunch of dogs, who couldn't care less just as long as they eat well and are taken care of. But maybe the old lady showed a bit of wisdom here.

Apparently this eccentric spinster belonged to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Apparently she wanted to make sure that her animals would fare sumptuously the rest of their days. In fact, this was stipulated in her will.

Every week, every dog is examined (upon her written instructions) by a veterinarian to see that each animal is in the best of health.

Each animal is fed the most nutritious of food, and nothing will be "withholden" from them—all to her "loving" family's consternation!

Can you imagine being upstaged by a pack of canines. And at the price of fourteen million dollars?

Well, it happened just recently—this is no fairy tale.

Whether the lady **disliked** her family that much or **loved** her **animals** that much will probably never be known for sure. Nevertheless, the will is valid; and her family's attempts to break it have failed.

After all her doggies die their natural deaths (in twenty-five years or so if they're average dogs), there should be at least a million or two left in the purse. And then, where will this money go? Not to the remaining family members—oh no! But to an animal foundation for research.

The lady was eccentric, to be sure—and to say the least. And in some folk's estimation, a person with more money than sense!

We love animals too, but not quite to this extreme.

We can't help but remember the words of Christ when He said on one occasion: "Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." But we believe that he was talking about needy **people**, not dogs!

Just think how much good a part of that fourteen million dollars could have done had it been channeled in another direction.

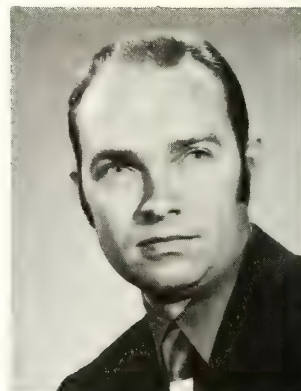
We don't think **dogs** are worth fourteen million dollars when **people** are hungry, naked, sick, and spiritually blind.

Then again, it was **her** money; and it was her business what she chose to do with it—maybe.

Yet, someday in the far-off future, if we happen upon fourteen million dollars, we will be urged to remember this discussion (we hope), and will be led to do something a little different with ours.

How about you?

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The Seven Deadly Sins

O, that title isn't a misprint. The expression "seven deadly sins" has been with us for a long time, although Solomon's ancient list (cf. Proverbs 6: 6-19) has been materially modified in modern reference books which catalog pride, wrath, envy, lust, gluttony, avarice, and sloth.

Some of those sins have become factors in contributing to the recently coined expression "seven deadly seas," particularly the vices of gluttony, avarice, and sloth.

An editor captioned a lead editorial in a metropolitan daily, "Cousteau and the Seven Deadly Seas." Some controversy exists in enumerating which bodies of water belong in the inventory of the famed "seven seas," but perhaps the best register would be the Arctic Ocean, the North and South Atlantic, the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, and the North and South Pacific.

Captain Jacques Yves Cousteau does not command an impressive appearance, but when he speaks, the world listens. His circumstance in the secular sphere somewhat parallels that of the Apostle

Paul, whose words were dynamic, although his build and features evidently were not impressive. Anyone who has followed Cousteau's career and has read his writings is likely to believe anything he says about the seas.

What is Cousteau saying about this subject?

"Our oceans are dying," he is warning.

This famed marine explorer has warned international agencies and national governments that unless action—decisive and immediate remedial action—is taken to eliminate pollution, **the world's oceans will die within fifty years!**

Such an announcement would have been dismissed a few years ago as science fiction. But authorities now accept the idea as a sober scientific forecast. The world has become ecology-minded, and oceans occupy about 70 percent of the surface of our planet.

Since time immemorial, men have looked upon the seas as their garbage dump. Now our oceans are in danger of imminent death by inevitable strangulation from sewage and other pollution.

Man-made factors have already destroyed 20 to 30 percent of the vitality

of the seas, according to Jacques Cousteau. If these factors continue unchanged, he warns, our seas will die totally in a few decades. "The water must remain alive if we are to remain alive," he declares.

Cousteau is concerned particularly about his own sea, the Mediterranean. It is perhaps the dirtiest and deadest of all, largely because people have been polluting it longer than any other body of water. The Mediterranean is small and trapped, and men have been killing it for thousands of years. While this sea goes on producing life—miraculously, it seems—Jacques Cousteau realizes that a critical point threatens.

On the other hand, the Pacific Ocean remains the cleanest and liveliest of the seas, for men in meaningful numbers have been poisoning it for only a few hundred years, and the Pacific is the largest of the oceans. Nevertheless, pollution is fouling this ocean as well. Undersea deserts have been discovered even there in recent years!

Does the concept of an "undersea desert" seem contradictory? Marine explorers familiar with ocean bottoms have been startled by the discovery of large areas beneath the oceans where no vegetation grows and where, if there is any sea life at all, it is only fish, dashing frantically by or through in search of better pasture!

When the Navy's "Deepstar" sailed a routine voyage near Santa Catalina Island off the coast of southern California, the submarine's staff made a shocking discovery. Just north of the island, a layer of fine, brown, flocculent material carpeted the ocean bottom. The only marine life visible was dead. Nothing moved outside the vessel. Chemical analysis of the seawater indicated that there was not enough oxygen in it to support life of any kind.

Who knows how many other dead seas lurk in ocean depths around the world? The old idea that the seas were too large to be dangerously polluted by sewage has now been exploded. The streams flowing into the oceans in most parts of the world now show discoloration. Some look brownish and others downright black, like the Siuslaw in Oregon. Most are murky and carry film or some kind of debris, as the dirt of civilization ends up in the sea. Unless strenuous efforts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Scripture Reading—Colossians 2:14

"I AM HIS FOREVER!"

A Sunday school teacher of a class of working girls showed them a steel engraving of a famous picture of the crucifixion. Three crosses were on the ground. Soldiers were struggling with the two thieves, and forcing them down upon the crosses while spikes were driven through their hands and feet.

Upon the middle cross Christ lay down quietly and extended His quivering palms to receive the spikes.

As the young woman looked at the picture, one sobbed, "Oh, was Christ nailed there alive? I thought that He was dead before He was nailed there!"

The teacher said, "Yes. He was nailed there alive for you."

The girl, weeping, said, "Then I am His forever!"—*Alliance Weekly*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus gave up His life for you and me. Do you know Him as your matchless Saviour? If not, you should!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Scripture Reading—Ecclesiastes 12:5

HOME—A GARDEN OF THE LORD

Why is the home such a fine and precious thing? Because it is a garden of the Lord, a nursery for human lives to grow in. Its seclusion, its shelter, its wise and careful culture are invaluable to growing souls. Nothing can make up for the lack of them. The home is the God-appointed educator of mankind where the real lessons of life are learned. There we learn the lofty lessons of self-control, self-sacrifice, sublime faith. There is no training to be had in schools or anywhere in the world which can take the place of the discipline of the home. Every true Christian home is a university, fully equipped, amply endowed and able to give the highest education available in this world.—*Baltimore Sun*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

A true Christian's heart lies mainly within the home. Does your home fit all of these fine qualifications? Do you receive from home all you should?

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 6:10

PRAYER IMMERSED WITH TEARS

For years a Christian woman was greatly abused by her cruel, unsaved husband. She prayed earnestly for his salvation. There was no change in him, and she said in discouragement, "I'll continue to pray for him for another six months, and if he isn't converted then, I'll cease to pray for him."

On the last day of the six months, the woman felt that she had failed, and wept. A few moments later her husband came in. He was deeply dejected and refused to eat.

"What's the trouble?" she asked.

"I am a miserable, lost sinner," he said. "What hope is there for me? Could you ever forgive me for all the mean things I have done to you?"

With tears of joy in her eyes, she said, "I forgive everything. Now let us kneel and ask God to forgive you and make you one of His children."

God heard their cry. A lost one passed from spiritual death into spiritual life in Christ.—*Told by John R. Rice*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus continues to plead for many lost sinners. He is called the good Shepherd and wants us all in the fold. We can help Him by praying for people around us.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—John 14:6

"I AM THE WAY"

One foggy night in London, a little boy lost his way. He began to cry. A bobby (policeman) asked, "Are you lost, my boy?"

"Yes, I am," whimpered the boy.

"Where do you live?"

The boy told him. Then the bobby said, "Go down the street one-half mile and cross the bridge. Then turn to your right and follow the river a little way. You'll see then where you are."

Bewildered and chilled, the boy said, "I can't find the way in the dark."

Just then a kind man who had been standing nearby said, "My boy, just come with me, and I'll take you to your home."

The bobby told the way. The kind man became the way. Jesus not only tells us the way to our heavenly home, but He is the way.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Your life is made up of many crossroads. You have to decide which direction to take. Jesus is present to lead the way at all times.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Scripture Reading—Psalm 50:15

A MOTHER'S CRY

A grief-stricken mother entered a heathen temple in India. Weeping, she knelt before an idol with her sickly, deformed child in her arms. A lady standing nearby heard her anguished plea, "Grant that my child may be strong and well like other children."

As she went away, the lady asked "Friend, to whom did you pray?"

With a look of bewilderment, she replied "I don't know, but surely there must be someone somewhere to hear a mother's cry and keep a mother's heart from breaking."

Thank God, there is Someone who always hears the faintest cry of His children.

PRAYER THOUGHT

A mother has great love for her children and does many things for them. This is no comparison with God's love for all people. He wants us all as spiritual children.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:20

"JUST JESUS AND ME, SIR"

Many years ago, a Methodist circuit rider came unexpectedly to a broken-down cabin in a clearing. In the doorway of the cabin stood an aged Negro woman. Her hair was white, her face deeply furrowed with wrinkles, and her hands rough from years of toil and drudgery. Her eyes were bright and her face shone with the glory of God.

"Good morning, said the itinerant minister. "Do you live here alone?" he asked.

Cheerfully the woman replied, "Just Jesus and me, sir."

Later the minister said, "The very atmosphere of that broken-down cabin seemed to be surcharged with God's presence. In vision, I saw standing beside that aged saint Someone whose face was like that of the Son of God!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Even though this aged Negro woman could be considered poverty-stricken, she had many spiritual blessings. Are you there rich in God?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—John 3:7

GOD WORKS FROM THE INSIDE

A little boy asked, "Why is it that when I open a marigold it dies, but if God does it, it's so beautiful?"

Before the question could be answered the boy said, "I know! It's because God always works from the inside."

That is the way God works with men from the inside. Men with "deceitful and desperately wicked" hearts cannot be changed by outward reformation.

The basic need of sinful man is inward cleansing.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God has many ways of working wonderful things. He not only deals with the exterior of man, but He also works with the inward spiritual and mental aspects of humankind.

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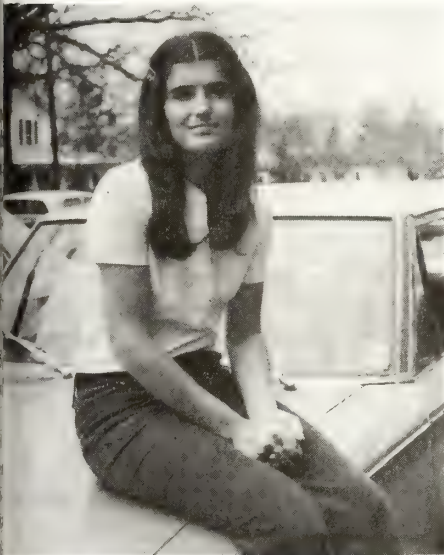
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Money doesn't talk these days; it goes without saying.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Scholarship Recipient



Miss Nyra E. Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis E. Hill of Deep Run, North Carolina, has been awarded a scholarship for the second consecutive year at Mount Olive College.

Miss Hill, a sophomore at Mount Olive College, is a member of Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, and is majoring in sociology at the College.

During her freshman year at Mount Olive College she was a member of the homecoming court, Phi Theta Kappa, French Club, Mount Olive Singers, and cheerleaders. She also served as secretary to the Student Government Association.

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College Day at Hull Road

Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County will observe Sunday, September 10, as Mount Olive College Day. The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., pastor, has announced that Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, will speak at the 11 a. m. worship service.

Dr. Raper was pastor of Hull Road Church in 1954 at which time he became president of Mount Olive College.

Good Outlook for New College Year

"Mount Olive College has begun the 1972-73 academic year on a note of optimism which we hope will make this year the most outstanding in the history of the College," President W. Burkette Raper declared. Although registration is not yet complete, indications are that the student body will total approximately 300.

Faculty conferences began on August 21 and included a careful preview of the program and activities of the College for the year. On Tuesday, August 22, a group of approximately 35 student leaders returned to the campus for an orientation session which prepared them to serve as advisors to the incoming student body.

An outstanding feature of the new year was an unusually large number of parents who attended the "Parent's Orientation Session" on August 23 at which the total program of the College was presented and parents participated in a general discussion.

The annual convocation was held on August 27 and was attended by students, faculty, parents, and guests. Speaker on the occasion was President W. Burkette Raper, whose address was entitled, "A New Order of Things."

Classes began on Monday, August 28, and the board of trustees held its fall session on August 29 at which it approved an operating budget for 1972-73 in the amount of \$1,190,630. Of this amount, \$90,000 will be sought from Free Will Baptists.

All members of the College faculty returned from last year with the exception of Dr. Charles Sapp, who has accepted a position with a public community college in his home community of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. One additional teacher was added, Mrs. Elsie Wyman, in the department of music. The increased number of students interested in music along with plans of the College to offer a two-year course of study lead-

ing to a major in music made it necessary to increase instructional services in this department.

The College asks that Free Will Baptist churches and individuals pray faithfully that the spiritual life ministry of the College may be especially effective this year.

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Planning Sessions for The 1972 Mount Olive College Dinners

For the tenth consecutive year Mount Olive College will hold a series of dinners this fall throughout Eastern North Carolina for Free Will Baptist churches and friends. These dinners have two purposes:

1. To provide the College an opportunity to report and to share with Free Will Baptists its ministry of Christian higher education; and
2. To provide an opportunity for churches and friends to present their gifts to the College.

In 1963, when the first dinners were held, the College was housed in an old abandoned elementary school building with total assets of \$250,000. Today the College is developing a new 110-acre campus with assets of more than \$2.5 million—an increase of tenfold in ten years. Indeed, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Through these dinners alone the College has received nearly one-half million dollars during the past nine years, but equally important, these dinners have brought the College and Free Will Baptists closer together.

Schedule of Meetings

Below is a schedule of the planning sessions at which decisions will be made regarding the date and place for each dinner. At these sessions literature will be distributed and instructions given to those who will be working on behalf of the College. Each church is encouraged to have at least five people attend the planning session for their county.

"We have the greatest story in the history of the College to tell this year," President W. Burkette Raper declared, "and we believe that participation at the planning sessions will enable each church to be more highly inspired in its work for the College."

Wilson County: Thursday, September 7, 8 p. m., Daniels Chapel church.

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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Walter Carter to Hold Bethany Revival

The Rev. Walter Carter, pastor of the East Rockingham Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for a series of revival services to be held at the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, the week of September 11-15. The pastor of the Bethany church, the Rev. A. B. Chandler, will assist in the services which will begin 8:00 nightly. Special music will be featured each evening by local and visiting musicians.

The public is cordially invited to attend and to be much in prayer for the success of this revival.

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Vance Link to Hold Tarboro Revival

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro, North Carolina, announces its fall revival beginning September 17 through September 22, 1972. The Rev. Vance Link, pastor of the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., will assist in the services.

The services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m., and special music will be provided by the church choirs.

On Sunday, September 24, the church will observe its annual homecoming service. Following the morning worship, lunch will be served on the grounds, and a singspiration will be held during the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Homecoming, Centennial Day, Revival at Saratoga

The Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church, Saratoga, North Carolina, will observe Homecoming and Centennial Day on Sunday, September 17, followed by a series of revival services.

Homecoming Day services will begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship with the Rev. R. H. Jackson, a former pastor, delivering the address. Special music will be presented by the church choir during the 11 a. m. service.

Lunch will be served on the grounds during the noon hour.

The afternoon program will consist of a memorial service, a reading of the church history, and a musical program.

A display will be set up in an auxiliary room with relics, photos, and articles from the church's past.

Everyone is invited to dress in fashions comparable to those worn in the late 1800's through the early 1900's. This mode of dress is optional.

A candlelight service will open the revival on Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Eddie Edwards of Smithfield, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist; and services will continue through

Coming Events . . .

September 13, 14—North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, Black Jack Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina

September 16—Eastern District Youth Convention, Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, Registration: 9:30 A. M.

September 21—Eastern District Womans Auxiliary Convention, Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, North Carolina

September 21, 22, 23—Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association, Flatwood Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

October 11, 12—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Selma Church, Selma, North Carolina

October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina

November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

Friday night, September 22. A program of music is planned for each night.

The Rev. Larry Barbour and the congregation issue a warm welcome to the public to be in attendance.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The editor received a letter from an old friend, Mr. W. C. Ormond, a former postmaster of Ayden, who now resides in Charlotte, North Carolina, in response to a recent editorial entitled, "Little Things Mean Something."

The letter reads in part: ". . . I have read all of your editorials in the church organ ever since I have been in Charlotte. The best one, in my opinion, the one entitled, 'Little Things Mean Something' (August 9).

"So far as I can remember this editorial is the only one without some doctrine or phase of one. . . . This elimination of doctrine makes the LITTLE THINGS stand up BIG, makes them become BIG THINGS in living a good human life.

"I have read each one of them (the little things) several times with missing the doctrine each time.

"If you read after Paul in his epistles you will find them full of doctrinal matters; if you read the synoptic gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke, you will find the principles of living full life as a human being. Paul was trying to convert proselyte pagans to his churches; Jesus was teaching his disciples THE LITTLE THINGS the fine principles of living with themselves and with their neighbors. Jesus said that for all the doing of little things for their neighbors there was always a reward in the kingdom of heaven. . . .

"Jesus lived the simple life with no doctrines to bother him. He believed in letting LITTLE THINGS MEAN SOMETHING in the lives of everybody.

"Your editorial is excellent and shows that you have been thinking of things that were close to the greatest Teacher of human living that ever lived. Stay close to Him and let us have more editorials from the depth of your thinking.

"Thank you for giving me a nudge to help others, too."

—W. C. Ormond

(Mr. Ormond is not a Free Will Baptist and the fact that he is not but yet is such an avid reader of our publication is rewarding indeed. We thank him for his kind comments.)

To the Church Clerks and-or Pastors Of the North Carolina State Convention Of Original Free Will Baptists

Dear Co-Laborers:

The North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists will meet in its annual session on September 13, 14, 15, 1972, at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina.

Report blanks have been mailed to all churches which represented at the 1971 annual session. If, by chance, your church has been missed we request that you use the following blanks to make your report this year. Both the regular report blank and the commission on scouting report blank should be mailed to:

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Care of Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Secretary
108 Hope Lodge Street
Durham, North Carolina 27886

If you cannot get yours in the mail in time, then be sure to bring them with you to the Convention. Please remember that your church can represent with one delegate for each one hundred members, or fraction thereof.

On Wednesday evening there will be a special mission program, under the direction of the mission board. Churches are urged to make a special contribution to missions during this service.

The Convention requests that each church send at least a \$10 contribution to the Paul Palmer Endowment Fund. This fund is used to help underwrite the Department of Religion at Mount Olive College.

We have an ample supply of the 1970 Minutes which include the New Bern and Wilson sessions with very important information about the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. If you have not received copies or if you need additional ones, please write the secretary at the above address giving your name, address, and church along with the number you need; and we'll be happy to send them to you. Also, we have a few extra copies of the 1971 session held at Daniels Chapel church.

If your State Convention may be of service to you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,
Cedric D. Pierce, Jr.
Secretary
N. C. State Convention
of Free Will Baptists

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

I Am Third

Oh the desk of a Christian businessman was a motto which said, "I am third."

"What's the meaning of the motto?" a caller asked.

He replied, "My mother was a devout Christian. My father was a good Christian, too. They sacrificed greatly to put me through college and start me in business. When I left home for the first time, my mother gave me this motto. I asked her what it meant, and he said, 'Son, no matter how high you may climb or how low you may fall, always remember God is first, others second, and you are third.'"—Florida Baptist Witness.

The Greatest Hope for Survival

At his eightieth birthday party at Miami Beach, David Ben-Gurion, the first prime minister of Israel, called for an international study of the Bible by Jewish children. "It is the Bible that has kept us alive all these centuries, and it is the Bible that holds the greatest hope for our survival in the future," he said.

COMMISSION ON SCOUTING

North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists

The following information is necessary in order for the Commission to keep a record of the number of boys and girls, scout troops, cub packs, etc., within the scouting program in Original Free Will Baptist churches.

Notice: This form is to be returned to the Convention secretary along with your Convention report.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have a Girl Scout program? _____
Underline the group which applies: Senior, Cadette, Junior, Brownie.
Total number of girls within troops _____
2. Do you have a Boy Scout Program? _____
Underline the group which applies: Cub Pack, Boy Scout, Explorer.
Total number of boys within troops _____
3. Designate whether your church partially or totally sponsors troops _____

4. Are any of the above troops meeting in your church facilities? If so, explain _____

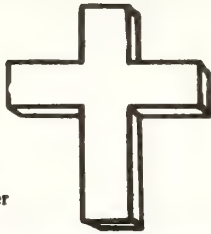
5. How many boys in your church have received the God and Country Award? _____
6. How many are now working on the God and Country Award? _____
7. Name and Address of Church _____

8. Name and Address of Clerk _____

9. Name and Address of all Scout Leaders _____

YOUR SCOUTING COMMISSION

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

A VISIT IN A MEXICAN COMMUNITY-JUNE 14

Written and Illustrated by Mattie Lou Link

Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina

It was a hot, sunny day. We all piled into the Ford van, and headed for the border in Eagle Pass, Texas. On passing a sign which recorded the temperature, we noticed that the temperature was 107 degrees (about 4 p. m.). As soon as we were out of the city, the paved road soon disappeared. (I have certainly learned to appreciate our good roads at home.) Rocks were piled up covering our part of the road. Later, the road was just a big wide dirt path. In places it had caved in on the sides. Travel was extremely slow.

Once in awhile we would pass a few large pecan trees around a creek or stream. After traveling for nearly an hour, we were told to look to our right to a big grove of trees. About a mile away, in Texas, was the Bible Institute! I couldn't believe it. Just a mile away in distance, but worlds away as far as advancements, government, and religious freedom are concerned. As we passed through one or two lazy looking little towns, I felt as though I was traveling through a town in a TV western.

After a long, hot, and dusty ride, we



The hot sun beat down upon us and the rocky, barren countryside. There were no tall trees, only cactus plants, sage bushes, and scrubby little trees.

reached Jimenez. The pastor, the Rev. German Rodriguez and his wife gave us a warm and friendly greeting. We sat in the "cool" shade of a building and re-

laxed and enjoyed Christian fellowship. Mrs. Rodriguez was so pleased when we accepted her invitation to eat supper with her. After a pleasant meal we walked over to the church. It had a Spanish look about it and was built on a hill right in town. There were steps leading up to the church. All the windows of the church, like those of most homes in this town, had bars on them to keep people from breaking in and stealing. This church has electric lights (bulbs hanging from the ceiling). It was a very hot night, and the uninited bugs of all kinds gathered around the lights and fell on us! The cement floor had been carefully cleaned with kerosene and the smell was very strong. There were homemade benches to sit on. As the day began to fade into night, the people started coming for the service.

We had the Child Evangelism Class first. Even though I had to speak through an interpreter, the children and the adults present listened with fascinated interest. In Mexico, as in many American churches, people are not used to an invitation to accept Jesus Christ as a Saviour. (This is not true of all the churches. Some of our pastors there give an urgent appeal to be saved. They give invitations but some have not grown enough really to stress accepting Christ as a personal Saviour.) When we asked those who wanted to be saved to come forward, eighteen children came up, knelt down and prayed together. For those who understood what they were doing, and through faith became the children of God, we most gratefully thank our Lord!

We were given napkins to use to wipe sweat (perspiration, if from the city) from our faces. (We were not embarrassed to use them either.) We sang hymns and read from the Bible; and as their custom is, they stood each time for the Bible reading and for prayers. There were many specials sung, including ones in English by the Link Family. The Mexicans gave testimonies; and the thrilling presence of the Holy Spirit could be felt by all believers.

Vance was called to preach after about an hour of singing, Bible reading, prayers, and testimonies. During the entire service, there were people standing in the back of the church and some standing on the outside at the windows. When the invitation was given, many people responded. Several adults accepted Christ as their Saviour. Praise the Lord that in spite of the fact that we were strangers and could not speak their language, God moved and people were saved.

! Your prayers helped to claim that victory!

As we left, one small girl said in English, "You go now?" We nodded yes. Oh-h-h was her reply. "You come back?" she asked with little sparkling eyes. "Yes" we fervently answered. As we sped away into the darkness, little did we realize that we would not be able to return the next day because of the heavy rains. The little child's voice continued to ring in my mind and I can picture her even now and hear her sweet little voice: "You come back?"

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ARRIVAL IN PUERTO PRINCESA

by Harold Jones



This is where we now live in Puerto. The Joneses also live here. The house has two apartments.

June 5, 1972 was a very special day for us. This was the day that we left Manila for Puerto Princesa. We left the Manila Domestic Airport around 3:30 a.m. and arrived in Puerto about 5:30 a.m. We spent the first night in a hotel and the next day we began to move our things into the house where we now live. This was a rather big job. The furniture was shipped from Manila, and we had to get the things from the pier. The first day we got only a few things, and so the second night here we slept on the floor since our beds were not yet in the house. It took three days to get the things from the pier and into the house in some order. You are probably thinking that we surely do have a lot of things, since it took three days; but when the ship comes in once a week, the pier is very crowded and things move very slowly. We praise the Lord that He was with us in this move and gave us the needed strength to accomplish all the tasks of getting settled.

This was a new adventure for us. We moved on the sure knowledge that this was the place that the Lord has for us to

work; and even though there have been some difficulties, we are convinced by the events that have taken place that the Lord came before us and opened a door for us to serve Him.

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Dear Pastors and Clerks:

It is again State Convention time, and this is a time that we look forward to seeing each of you and your delegates. We trust that you have a good year in your church work and that God's blessings have been abundant.

Again this year, we are planning for a great time at the mission rally on Wednesday evening.

Time is short, and we hope that you will announce this at each of your services between now and September 13,

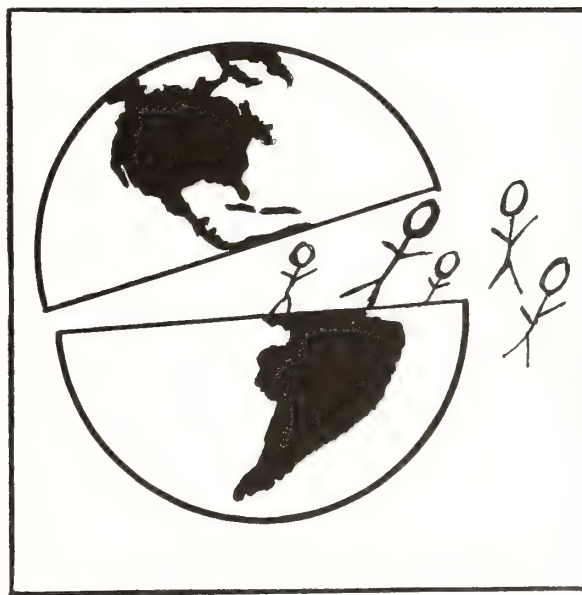
1972. We are depending on you to help make this even greater in number attending and also provide the largest offering that has ever been given to Missions by our churches at our service. Last year the record was \$10,134.93, but I am sure that this can be exceeded if each of us will do what God leads us to do.

Our attendance at the rally was the best we have ever had last year, and I hope this is even better this year. Plan to bring your prayer service to Black Jack church, Greenville, North Carolina this year. Note the service will be at 7:30 p.m. I shall look forward to seeing you there.

In His Service,
Joseph H. Ingram
Director of Missions

"COME ALIVE"

with the
HOLY SPIRIT



at the

EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH CONVENTION

DEEP RUN, NORTH CAROLINA, FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

on

SEPTEMBER 16

REGISTRATION: 9:30 A. M.

Special Feature: "The Free Spirit Singers"
of Jackson Heights Church

FELLOWSHIP! INSPIRATION! FUN!

ANNUAL CHURCH LETTER

To The North Carolina State Convention Of Free Will Baptists

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, _____

Name of Church _____

Address of Church _____ ZIP _____

County _____ Conference or Association _____

Delegate _____ Convention Contribution enclosed \$ _____

Contribution to Mount Olive College Endowment Fund enclosed \$ _____

WE REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

Total Number of Church Members _____

Number Members: Sunday School _____ Leagues _____ Auxiliaries _____

Number of Sunday School Rooms _____ Do You Have A Parsonage? _____

Value of Parsonage \$ _____ Value of Other Church Property \$ _____

Value of All Church Property \$ _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS RECEIVED THIS YEAR:

Baptism _____ Letter _____ Restoration _____ Total _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS LOST THIS YEAR:

Death _____ Letter _____ Expulsion _____ Total _____

(List below the total amounts of money paid to the following, by the church and all the auxiliaries of the church.)

AMOUNT USED LOCALLY

Pastor's Salary _____ \$ _____

Evangelistic Service _____ \$ _____

Repairs and Improvement _____ \$ _____

Fuel, Lights, Janitor, etc. _____ \$ _____

Conferences, Unions, etc. _____ \$ _____

Literature and Supplies _____ \$ _____

Local Charity, etc. _____ \$ _____

Other Miscellaneous Items (Local) _____ \$ _____

Total Used Locally _____ \$ _____

UNITED PROGRAM FUNDS

(List only the amount sent to these causes.)

Cragmont _____ \$ _____

Missions _____ \$ _____

Orphanage _____ \$ _____

Christian Education _____ \$ _____

N. C. Promotional Work _____ \$ _____

Church Finance Association _____ \$ _____

Superannuation _____ \$ _____

Total Sent U. P. Funds _____ \$ _____

Amount Contributed to Causes Not Listed Above \$ _____

Amount Given for the Office and Work of General Secretary \$ _____

Total Amount Paid Out for All Purposes During the Year \$ _____

Please list below the amount of the above that was given by the church, and that given by the different auxiliaries.

The Church _____ \$ _____

The Auxiliaries _____ \$ _____

The Sunday School _____ \$ _____

The Leagues _____ \$ _____

Pastor's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Clerk's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Treasurer's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

S. S. Superintendent's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

W. A. President's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

League Director's Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

Then again the Bible teaches: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. . . . My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:16, 18); "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20); "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10); "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell makes the following comment on Page 60 in the **Bible Teacher**:

"He began by making the leaders aware of their solemn calling, '... the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers.' They had been ordained to their position, not because of their own intelligence or human attractiveness, but by the third Person of the Trinity! Today, each church member—be they pastor, deacon, Sunday school teacher, treasurer, board members, etc.—must feel the Lord has led them by the Holy Spirit into their responsibility. Regardless of our task, however small it may be, we must be constantly aware of the fact that each effort is a strategic part of the overall plan of God.

"Next the charge is given to feed the church of God. Those who feed others must first feed upon the Word of God so they can effectively pass on to the flock what God has revealed unto them. Only after this kind of preparation can one effectively build up other Christians.

"Additional reason is given to those who are charged with the responsibility of feeding the flock. The purchase price had been expensive, the very blood of Christ!"

This is in keeping with what Lenski and Barnes say on the subject. Therefore we who are Christians and aware of the brevity of our time on earth need to heed the statement made by Christ shortly before going back to the Father: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, (continued on page fifteen)

Question: Please discuss "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

Answer: There rests a solemn responsibility upon the shoulders of each of us whom God has redeemed with His own precious blood. The Bible is pregnant with such a thought throughout its teachings. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

God exhorts and encourages the Jews and all of us Christians through the Jews to be active servants of His, always regarding His interests as our very own interests. "But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, with the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him, and keep his commandments to a thousand generations" (Deuteronomy 7:8, 9); "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10); "Unto you, who are less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8); "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness

of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13); "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; . . . For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake" (Philippians 1:27, 29).

The New Testament passages suggest that Christians are not only to believe that which is preached, but that faith is perfected in the lives of those possessing it and that in faith we become implanted into the spiritual body of Christ and therefore spiritually operative according to Christ's mind or thinking. "Even when we are dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)" (Ephesians 2:5). Compare: "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: . . ." (Proverbs 23:7); "Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing" (Philippians 3:16).

The Christian, whether pastor, evangelist, missionary, layman, or one of some other distinction, must, if he should please Christ his Lord, put heavenly or spiritual things above all else while he serves his allotted time here upon the earth. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. . . . And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. . . . And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; . . . But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" (Colossians 3:1-3, 17, 23, 25); "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with that measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matthew 7:2); "Give, and it shall

STORIES

for our youth



THE TAGALONG

SHARON B. MILLER

DICK sat on the back steps and stared at the gray concrete. With his right hand, he slapped his new softball into the leather catcher's mitt on his left hand. Today was the first practice of the Thomas City little leaguers. Dick had planned to be at the ball field, practiced up and ready to go. There wasn't anything he wanted more than a place on the little league team.

Every evening he and his father had practiced throwing, hitting, and catching in the back yard, and Dick thought that he had a pretty good chance of making the team. Some of the fellows were having one last practice before the afternoon game. Dick had counted on joining them, that is, until his mother had told him that he had to watch his little brother all morning. There went the plans to practice in the sand lot on the next block.

Well, he'd just have to call the fellows and tell them that he couldn't make the practice because he had to look after Kevin. Dick sure had counted on that workout with the regular team. Meeting some of the other fellows he would be playing with and getting to see how some of them performed would have helped at the tryouts that afternoon to know what he was up against, but he was out now. He had to baby-sit.

Sometimes five-year-old brothers were fun, and other times they were pests. For instance, when they wanted to tag along everywhere a fellow went. Maybe that was the answer. He could go to the practice and take Kevin along. No. None of the other fellows ever took a lit-

tle brother along. Besides, Kevin wouldn't be content just to sit on the bench and watch the game. He'd be running all over, getting in everyone's way, and asking dozens of questions.

He couldn't win, Dick told himself. Not taking Kevin along when he went somewhere, sometimes was almost as bad as taking him. He was always so happy to get to tag along, but he really was disappointed when he had to stay home. Knowing how bad Kevin felt at home, usually kept Dick from having as much fun as he would have liked.

The screen door opened and closed. Dick was aware of Kevin standing on the porch behind him, but, right now, he didn't feel like being sociable.

"Are you angry because you have to keep an eye on me this morning?" Kevin asked quietly.

"No, I guess not," Dick said, but he knew that he didn't sound convincing.

"Do you want to play some catch?" Kevin asked.

Dick thought for a moment. He really didn't want to do anything except head for the vacant lot where the other fellows would be busy getting ready for the all-important tryouts that afternoon. "I guess we could," he said finally. "There isn't anything else to do."

Kevin tossed the ball into the air, and it landed neatly in Dick's glove. Maybe this wouldn't be so bad after all, he thought as Kevin wound up again. At least he'd get a little catching practice. His brother could only catch a ball if it was thrown underhand, and not thrown very hard, but otherwise it was better than just sitting around warming the steps.

"Dick," Kevin began hesitantly, "do you think we could go to watch the practice at the sand lot?" He knew how much Dick hated having to take him along whenever he went somewhere. "I'll be quiet and good. I promise!"

"Well, maybe it would be all right," Dick agreed. At least, then he'd get a chance to see how some of the fellows played before the game started this afternoon. "I'll go in and leave Mother note so she won't worry about us case she gets back from the store before we do," Dick said. He sure hated to have to take Kevin along, but he wanted to get to that practice.

A game was already in progress when Dick and Kevin arrived. Several of the fellows called "hello" as they sat down on the bleachers. Dick waited, but no one said anything about Kevin being along. He might as well stop being uncomfortable and enjoy the game, he told himself. He couldn't have come unless Kevin tagged along, and that was that.

Jim Hendricks was one fellow to watch once he was on base. Dick made a mental note of that fact. Jim could steal base and never even be seen doing it. Jay and Jerry Anders played good baseball but they tried to throw the ball to each other in a play even if a better play could be made. Dick began to feel glad he'd come. Already he'd gotten several good pointers that would help him to play better ball this afternoon.

He rubbed the leather mitt in his hand. He'd brought it along to be sure he had it, just in case he got a chance to play, but the positions were all filled, and besides; he figured he'd better keep close where he could watch Kevin.

The ball game was going well, when right in the middle of the fifth inning Andy Gates, the catcher, took off his mask and glanced at the watch on his wrist. "Say, fellows," he exclaimed, "I hate to leave in the middle of the game but I promised my dad I'd give him my hand cleaning the garage." Andy glanced around the lot. "Hey there, Dick. You're a catcher. Take my place."

Dick glanced at Kevin. Should he? "Go ahead," Kevin urged. "I'll be right here, honest."

"O.K.," Dick said, getting up. "Say, Dick, think your kid brother could act as a bat boy? We need one." Dick shook his head. "He'd just get in the way."

"No, I won't," Kevin said, jumping up eagerly. "I'll do just what you tell me to, and I'll do a good job, too."

"I don't know," Dick said doubtfully. It was one thing to have to take Kevin to the game, but it was another thing for him to get involved in the game.

"Please, Dick?" "All right, but just behave yourself," Dick instructed as Kevin happily followed. (continued on page fifteen)

THE SEVEN DEADLY SEAS

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re applied immediately, the danger is that the world may wake up one day and find that its oceans are dead seas of muck.

Christians need to show concern and cooperate with efforts to improve our earthly environment. They must conscientiously do their parts to reduce pollution as best they can. But there is the kind of pollution of the seas which they dare not seek to diminish. Indeed, it is to humanity's best interests that this form of pollution increase!

God in His Word has picturesquely described the seas as the depository for the sewage of sin! In one of the most moving passages of the Old Testament, the prophet alternates between addressing God and his people, as indicated by the employment of the second and third persons grammatically, in his exclamation. He exults to the Lord in the first half of Micah 7:18: "Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and smiteth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? . . ." Then he speaks to the people about this pardoning God: "... he retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; . . ." (vv. 18, 19). In the latter part of Verse 19, Micah again addresses the Almighty, extolling Him for the disposition He makes of forgiven sins: "... and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea."

The oldest pollution of the sea was caused by sin! This pollution goes back to the ancient times when the pristine transgressions of the race were propitiated by sacrifices which anticipated the Lamb of God, who in the fullness of the times would come to take away the sins of the world. God channeled all these sins into the sea. Since then, all other divinely pardoned iniquities have flowed.

Today sludge, chemicals, and various gases flow oceanward from the continent. Savage, debris, and garbage foul the waters, choking out oxygen and eliminating marine life from many shores. Wastes of every kind threaten the oceans with death by pollution—within a half-century, according to Jacques Cousteau.

Yet the deposit of human sin since the garden of Eden, far from contributing to the pollution of this planet, rather has contributed to its cleansing—both moral-

ly and spiritually. As bad as the world is today, even with the presence of millions of redeemed believers in Jesus Christ whose sins God has cast into the sea, imagine how desperate would be the world's plight without them! Imagine how much more seriously ills would plague civilization if Christians were still practicing sinners! Jesus likened pardoned believers to the salt of the earth. Without this salt, civilization would perish!

This concept was emphasized eloquently in a paragraph quoted by Augustus Hopkins Strong in his well-known work called "Systematic Theology":

When the microscopic search of skepticism, which has hunted the heavens and sounded the seas to disprove the existence of a Creator, has turned its attention to human society and has found on this planet a place ten miles square where a decent man can live in decency, comfort, and security, supporting and educating his children, unspoiled and unpolluted; a place where age is revered, infancy protected, manhood respected, womanhood honored, and human life held in due regard—when skeptics can find such a place ten miles square on this globe, where the gospel of Christ has not gone and cleared the way and laid the foundations and made decency and security possible, it will then be in order for the skeptical literati to move thither and to ventilate their views. But so long as these very men are dependent upon the very religion they discard for every privilege they enjoy, they may well hesitate before they rob the Christian of his hope and humanity of its faith in that Saviour who alone has given that hope of eternal life which makes life tolerable and society possible and robs death of its terrors and the grave of its gloom. (Dr. Strong does not document the source of this quotation.)

Speaking figuratively, if the seas were not polluted with the sins which God has cast there, the society of man on earth would be infinitely more polluted than it already is!

The seven deadly seas envisioned by marine scientists threaten humanity's continued existence on earth. But the casting of sin—whose wages is death—into the seas by God, who first laid sins on His Lamb, represents man's only hope for eternal life. From Jesus Christ's Cross atop Calvary, there has flowed a crimson stream of blood, whose waves, as the songwriter has exulted, reach to the throne of God and sweep over the penitent believer, carrying the guilt to

Mount Olive News

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Edgecombe-Halifax Counties: Friday, September 8, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro.

Wayne County: Saturday, September 9, 8 p. m., Moye Library, Mount Olive College.

Greene County: Sunday, September 10, 3:30 p. m., Hull Road church.

Jones County: Friday, September 15, 8 p. m., King's Restaurant, Kinston.

Craven County: Sunday, September 17, 3:30 p. m., Saint Mary's church, New Bern.

Pitt County: Monday, September 18, 8 p. m., Reedy Branch church.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties: Tuesday, September 19, 8 p. m., Oak Grove church.

Carteret County: Friday, September 22, 8 p. m., Crab Point church.

Pamlico County: Sunday, September 24, 3:30 p. m., Mount Zion church.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties: Monday, September 25, 8 p. m., Mount Tabor church. (Tentative)

Beaufort County: Tuesday, September 26, 8 p. m., Memorial church.

Nash County: Wednesday, September 27, 8 p. m., Free Union church.

Duplin County: Thursday, September 28, 8 p. m., Beulaville church.

Onslow - New Hanover Counties: Friday, September 29, 8 p. m., Folkstone church.

Lenoir County: Saturday, September 30, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston.

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Unhitch Yourself

A friend of mine preached a searching sermon in which he happened to offend a lady. She afterward said to him, "I want you to know that I have been standing at my post in this church for forty years."

The friend, who at times spoke roughly to people—and possibly justifiably—said, "It's time you unhitched yourself and get going!"

—Paul Rees.

the depths of the seas.—Gospel Herald.
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Upon viewing the ocean lately in all its beauty, we are more aware than ever of just how important the seas are to mankind—for so many reasons.)

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 17



Does Scientific Knowledge Threaten Faith?

Lesson Text: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:21

I. INTRODUCTION

Scientific knowledge is systematized knowledge derived from observation, study, and experimentation. It is truth that is provable and demonstrable. For example, it is a provable fact that two plus two equals four. This can be proved by taking two items on this side and two on this side and then counting them. This illustration may be an oversimplification, but scientific knowledge is generally that which may be proven and demonstrated to the five senses.

On the other hand, faith is something quite different. The Bible defines faith in these words, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Some of the words that are often used as synonyms for faith are confidence, trust, expectation. The knowledge that comes with faith is not scientific knowledge that can be proven by the five senses, but it is knowledge that we can know within; that is, we can have an innate awareness.

There are those who say that they are not willing to believe anything that cannot be proven scientifically. But these people have not stopped to think that some of the most important things in life are the things that we can know and feel only in our hearts. For example, How can anyone prove love from a scientific standpoint? Too, we must face the fact that much of our scientific knowledge is based upon truth which we do not understand. For example, Who understands electricity? We may understand some of the laws upon which it operates, but we do not understand what it is.

It is ridiculous to say that faith and scientific knowledge are opposed. Are

there not different classes or kinds of knowledge? Would it be truth to say that two chickens are enemies to each other because they have different colors? Would it be fair to say that cows and hogs are enemies because they are not the same kind of farm animal? Just as there are different kinds of talent or aptitudes, there are different kinds of knowledge, and these kinds of knowledge are not enemies.

There is one fact that should be recognized—truth is the same regardless of how we may arrive at it. If a fact exists and is true in one area of knowledge, it is also true in any other area. For example, it is not correct to say that something is scientifically correct, but religiously untrue; or that it is religiously true and scientifically untrue. Truth does not cease to be true because it is looked at from a different point of view. Many theories have been advanced in the name of science that are not facts. However, many look upon them as facts when they are no more than theories. This has caused some people to believe that science and religion are enemies.

In our lesson today, we are going to examine a passage of Scripture from 1 Corinthians with the idea of seeing if God's Word sheds any light upon this matter of scientific knowledge and our faith.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. By knowing the Lord Jesus as Saviour, the believer has come to know the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 2:6; cf. 1:30).

B. The wisdom of this world passes away, but the wisdom of God will endure forever (1 Corinthians 2:6, 7; cf. 1 Timothy 1:17).

C. The fact that the Spirit is God and knows the deep things of God assures the believer that the Spirit's prayers on his behalf will be answered (Romans 8:26, 27).

D. The Spirit teaches the believer and leads him into the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2:10; John 14:26; 16:14, 15; 1 John 2:27).

E. The natural man is dead in trespasses and sin and is incapable of receiving the things of the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 2:1).

F. A spiritual person is one that is dominated by the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:15; 3:1; Galatians 5:22, 23).

G. The fact that the believer has the mind of Christ means that men will not always understand him (1 Corinthians 1:16; Luke 6:22; cf. 1 Corinthians 4:9, 10).

—John C. Anderson

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. God created the universe for the pleasure and benefit of man. He is pleased when man expands his knowledge of that universe. In the Word of God we learn a great deal about ourselves and the world in which we live, but that Word is not exhaustive. If it were, there would be no incentive for man to investigate and develop his own powers of perception.

It is time for believers in God to adopt a positive, rather than a negative attitude, toward the discoveries of science in our day. We must quit acting as frightened little children afraid that someone will uncover something that will destroy our little playhouse. Our belief in God should be bolstered by the discoveries of modern science, and we ought to rejoice with every new fact uncovered in the world.

If we learn to rejoice when secrets are uncovered we can begin to benefit more by the findings of brilliant men. Our impact on the world in this decade will depend to a large extent upon the solidity of our faith and our unshakable confidence that God cannot be toppled by any discovery. If we project an image that is opposed to science and discovery we are simply re-creating the dark age in a generation asking for more light.

B. In the final analysis, all proof of truth, whether it is classified as philosophical, scientific, or religious, must be the same in essence. All truth is one truth and finds its absolute, not in propositions, but in the person of Him who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Those who are in the Truth are never scared when someone else finds a truth about anything.

C. Modern man is searching. He experiments in the laboratory. He searches the skies with the telescope. He plumbs the ocean depths in the bathysphere. He explores the surface of the moon.

Why is man searching? For what is he looking?

Basically, man is searching for truth (continued on page fifteen)

Questions & Answers

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When no man can work" (John 9:4). The saved also need to obey what Solomon tells upon God's children to do: "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" (Ecclesiastes 10); and the unsaved need to obey the voice of God when He spoke through Isaiah. "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6, 7).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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him to home plate. Secretly he had hoped to get a chance to play some ball when he agreed to take Kevin to the ball in the first place, but having his kid brother for the bat boy was more than he had bargained for. Anything Kevin did wrong, the fellows would blame him instead of Kevin. He sure hoped Kevin would behave himself.

The slap of leather against leather is as good as the ball whammed into Dick's glove. He squinted into the sun, his eye on the pitcher as Jay Anders stepped up to take his place in the bat boy's box.

"Strike one. Strike two," the umpire yelled in his loud voice.

Jay gripped the bat firmly in his hands and waited for the next pitch. Crack! The sound of a broken bat ripped the air as the ball fouled by first base.

"Bat boy," Jay hollered, and Kevin trotted out, his face one big grin, to hand Jay a new bat.

Dick watched Kevin walk importantly back to the dugout. Maybe it wasn't so bad having a tagalong kid brother. Maybe if he gave Kevin a chance more often—

It was almost noon when the game was over, and the fellows were heading home for lunch before the important trouts in the afternoon. Dick waited while Kevin carefully stacked the bats in the rack. As he walked over to where Dick stood, one of the fellows ruffled his hair. "That was a good job there, young fellow."

"It sure was," Dick agreed, and Kevin

shrugged his shoulders, but Dick knew that he was happy.

Today's chore of watching his younger brother had turned into more than just a job. They both had had fun, and Dick had a feeling that it wouldn't be the last time. If Kevin was willing to prove he could go along and not just be a pest, it was high time that Dick gave him a chance. He hoped there'd be a lot more times just like today. For once he'd been proud to have a tagalong.—My Pleasure.

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Sunday School Lesson

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Can man discover truth? Yes, certain kinds of truth. He can discover those truths that become evident through tests, measurements, and experiments.

But there is another source of truth. That source is revelation.

God has revealed truth to us in His Word. Jesus said, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Through this revelation we learn the truth of creation, of God's love for man, of Jesus' mission to redeem man, and of eternity.

Does the truth man can discover threaten the truth that God has revealed? Not at all. Whatever is true in God's world will not contradict the truth of God's Word, for He is the author of both. If something appears contradictory, the problem lies in a faulty conception of nature or a misunderstanding of the Bible. God does not contradict himself.

The Christian has nothing to fear from those who seek truth, for all truth is from God.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

D. What a sermon there is in a wick! Sit down beside it, and ask how it dares hope that it can supply light for hours and hours to come. "Will you not soon burn out, you wick of a lamp?" "No, I do not fear it, since the light does not burn me, though it burns on me. I only bear to it the oil which saturates my texture. I am the ladder up which it climbs. It is not I, but the oil that is in me, that furnishes the light."—The Daily Devotional Commentary.

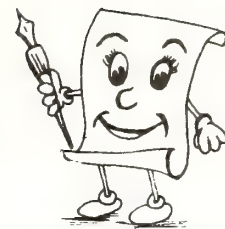
—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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FIFTY-YEAR-OLD DELINQUENTS

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas remarked, "The juvenile delinquents I have known are mostly over fifty years of age."

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

THE VENGEANCE PIECE

I've made the greatest discovery prior to sliced bread!

They didn't have sliced bread in the 19th century B. C., did they? But in Egypt they had a custom which is appealing.

Some Egyptian figurines and pieces of pottery have been found which list enemies of the country. Some others have been found listing personal enemies. After the figurine was inscribed, they smashed it in some sort of religious ceremony, wishing the same sudden destruction upon the enemies it listed.

I wouldn't go so far as to wish annihilation upon them. But think of the personal satisfaction of breaking the pottery, watching the slivers fly as the hammer comes down again and again!

For my list, I think I'd start with that packer who puts five pounds of sugar on top of two tomatoes in my grocery bag. Next would be the clerk who "acts like" I'm trying to pass counterfeit money because I'm using cash instead of a charge card. Then, there are several clerks in a clothing store who treat me as if I'm imposing on their time by being there, or look at me like "When did you last bathe?"—and the doctor's receptionist who doesn't have time to see me when I'm so sick I can hardly hold up my head. (I don't want to see her, anyway—I want to see the doctor!) Add to that the accompanist who puts 3½ beats in a 4-beat measure, and I'm about ready for my smashing ritual.

The trouble with that, even though it would feel so good, is: Jesus taught something else. In the sermon on the mount, He said, "... Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, ..." (Matthew 5:44).

In other words, be amiable. "Love... bless... do good... pray." What a formula for living!

The Egyptian cursing ceremony might bring personal enjoyment now, but the prayer list would do more good in the long run. (Bless you Nina G.—Ed.)

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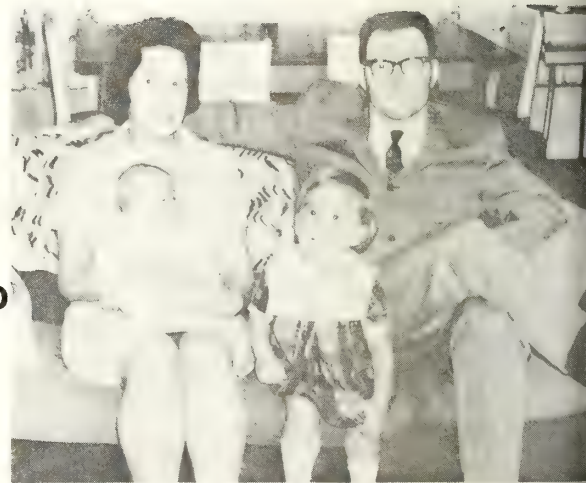
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Morning breaks quietly,
bathed with soft light from
a clouded sun which promises
to be brighter.

Small yellow flowers in thick profusion
blanket the roadsides
like golden coverlets
embroidered in green.

Little brown-black crickets chirp,
grasshoppers jump from bush to bush,
yellow and white butterflies flit about
and rest on a lacy weed.

A red leaf and a speckled golden one float by;
a premature brown one falls at your feet
and is played with by the wind
until it turns over and lies still.

A cattail on the ditch bends toward the water
beneath a swamp willow shading the rainbow bugs
that dart on top of the quiet water and
ripple the mirrored top of the glass-like stream.

Some foxgrapes grow on the wood's edge,
so high that you have to stretch your arms to get them,
but once at your lips, worth the effort
should it have taken you an hour to claim them.

The cool of the shade, the warmth of the now-bright sun,
the swampy smells, the sounds of the forest, the bridge,
the creek, and the brush thicket compel a thought;
a rabbit hops away, and a slow-but-sure turtle renews your
patience.

The sun sets on layer upon layer of painted clouds, giving notice
of lengthening shadows, the refreshing air; and darkened houses
silhouetted against the horizon stand
like sentinels guarding your world.

The rising moon, big as a basin, breathes its light
upon the falling night and gives it charm,
causing shadowed forms to play upon the ground and
stationary objects, as the breeze moves against
leaves and high-grown grass.

Night sounds symphonize, an occasional bird calls, a locust flutters,
lightning bugs flicker close to the ground, swamp frogs croak,
and music from a nearby open window
stirs your heart with former urgings.

A network of stars blink their greeting
to gazers below, how silently yet assuredly,
prompting other looks of long duration,
in memory of another place, another time.

Beautiful is the present night and the remembered day,
as hope brings her sweetest grace to the scene
and immerses in peaceful auras those who
are thus enclosed and are able to care.

If never before, you know of a certainty that today you have been
with God and have had a glimpse of His face; and tonight you have seen
a reflection of His love. The feeling is good.

How blessed art thou! And how more blessed canst thou be?



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Mr. Eddie M. Gallop, by Sudie May Auxiliary of Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina.

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Mr. Johnny E. Hooks, by Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mr. M. M. Lownes Sr., by Dr. and Mrs. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mary MacEntee, by Mr. and Mrs. P. Callahan, Pink Hill, North Carolina.

Mr. Jack Nobles, by Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mr. John Peacock, by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mary Scott, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Major B. Smith, by Stoney Creek Woman's Auxiliary, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Mr. Hoover Talton, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Letha L. Taylor, by Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mr. B. W. Frizzelle, by Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Etta Frost Renfrow, by Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina.

Others, by Mrs. E. F. Redding, Lucama, North Carolina; Miss Elizabeth D. Redding, Lucama, North Carolina.

In Honor Of

Jimmy Adams Jr., by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Miss Jean Fillingame, by Fifth Free Will Baptist Union Meeting of the Eastern Conference, New Bern, North Carolina.

Other Gifts

N. C. F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina.

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Planning Sessions for The 1972 Mount Olive College Dinners

Schedule of Meetings

Jones County: Friday, September 15, 8 p. m., King's Restaurant, Kinston.

Craven County: Sunday, September 17, 3:30 p. m., Saint Mary's church, New Bern.

Pitt County: Monday, September 18, 8 p. m., Reedy Branch church.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties: Tuesday, September 19, 8 p. m., Oak Grove church.

Carteret County: Friday, September 22, 8 p. m., Crab Point church.

Pamlico County: Sunday, September 24, 3:30 p. m., Mount Zion church.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties: Monday, September 25, 8 p. m., Mount Tabor church. (Tentative)

Beaufort County: Tuesday, September 26, 8 p. m., Memorial church.

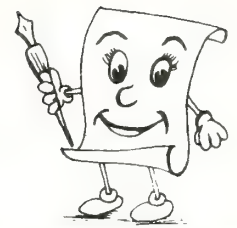
Nash County: Wednesday, September 27, 8 p. m., Free Union church.

Duplin County: Thursday, September 28, 8 p. m., Beulaville church.

Onslow - New Hanover Counties: Friday, September 29, 8 p. m., Folkstone church.

Lenoir County: Saturday, September 30, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Do you recognize yourself in these remarks overheard at a convention?

Notice: "I didn't want to come. I thought conventions were a series of boring reports and lots of business. But when I walked in the door, someone smiled and spoke to me; and everyone's been so friendly! Instead of boring reports, I've heard inspirational, enthusiastic, informative talks. I hope I can come next time, too."

"I've attended prayer meetings in different places, but today was the first one in a car, praying with our eyes open. It was quite a moving experience!"

"My children can't understand why I want to go every time. But it's at a different church and I see people I haven't seen in years. And I always enjoy it."

"I really like the floor plan of their church. It makes me want to go home and start building."

"At the last convention I saw a cousin I hadn't seen in ten years. The lunch hour wasn't really long enough for us to catch up on the news."

"Look at that seafood! I wish they had put it on the table first instead of the barbecue!"

"This is the first convention I've ever attended. Being young myself, I expected a 'generation gap,' but I find, instead, we praise and serve the same God and our goals and ideals are the same. I'm really enjoying it!"

"Since I've been so feeble I've had to miss most of the meetings. I'm glad this one was close to home and I got a chance to attend one more time."

"That display from the Press was interesting. I wish we lived near enough to one of their bookstores so I could go spend the day."

"I relax, see old friends, hear some good preaching—and when I get home, I feel like a new person."

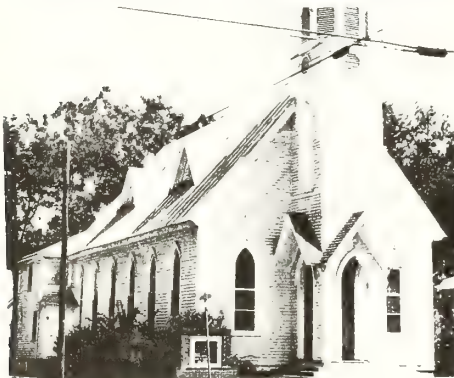
Conventions are like a revival to me. I leave refreshed and ready to go to work for the Lord! (Convene on, ye olde conventions—Ed.)

STRIDES MADE BY LaGRANGE CHURCH

(A History of the Church)

Mrs. Nannie Mae Herring

The organization of the Free Will Baptist church in LaGrange, North Carolina, resulted from a revival meeting held in the Methodist Protestant Church, now the LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church. During the fall of 1916, the Rev. H. Rudolph Faircloth, then residing in LaGrange, obtained permission from the Methodist Protestant members to hold this revival with night services for two weeks. There were several conversions, the writer being one of them. Other Free Will Baptist churches being so far and transportation at that time being by horse and buggy, the Free Will Baptists



The LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church decided to organize a church in LaGrange. The Methodist Protestants continued to let them use their church one Sunday of each month until in the spring of 1917. The Methodist Protestants decided to merge with the Methodist Episcopal Church and sold the church to the Free Will Baptist members for \$1,750. The original church building, built by Matthew Herring shortly after the Civil War, is still being used by the Free Will Baptists.

The first trustees of the church were Octavius Taylor, George Williams, and J. W. Wilson Sr. The charter members were O. Taylor, George Williams, Susan Williams, J. Walter Wilson, Vina Wilson, Florence Anderson, Maude H. Williams, the Rev. H. Rudolph and Lula Faircloth, Polly Faircloth, Lettie Hughes, Julia Brax-

ton, I. Edward Braxton, Mary Measley, Allen J. Herring, Robert and Myrtle Pelletier.

Sunday school classes were organized and held in the afternoon until 1926 when, under the leadership of the Rev. L. R. Ennis, the time was changed to the morning. The first teachers were Mrs. Florence Anderson, Mrs. Julia Braxton, Mrs. Vina Wilson, and Nannie Mae Braxton. The first superintendent was Mr. George Williams, who served until his death March 29, 1934. Then Mr. J. W. Wilson served until he had to resign on March 17, 1946, because of failing eyesight. Those who have served since are Mr. Tyson Creech, Mr. Titus Harrison, Mr. Kendrick Harrison, Mr. Buren Hart, Mr. Wilson Waller, and Glenn Cherry.

Although at the beginning of the Sunday school there were only twenty to forty members, and at times events were very discouraging, the faithful leaders kept it going; and now the Sunday school attendance is over one hundred twenty each Sunday.

An Aid Society (a woman's organization), called the Willing Workers, was formed in 1917 with Julia Braxton, president; Vina Wilson, vice-president; Florence Anderson, treasurer; and Nannie Mae Braxton, secretary. There were about ten members in this society. During the 1918 flu epidemic it went down, but in the twenties it was reactivated under the leadership of May Taylor, now Mrs. May T. Allen. These members, approximately fourteen, worked hard; but in the thirties it became inactive. Through the leadership of the Rev. Luke Wetherington in the late thirties it was reorganized. It was formed at the home of Mr. Vina Wilson, with Nannie Mae Herring elected as president; Mrs. Vina Wilson, vice-president; Nollie Connor, treasurer; Lizzie and Nannie Aldridge, secretaries. There were eight members at the beginning, but it has grown to three active circles with a great number of the women of the church as members.

The three circles are the Vina Wilson Circle, the Maude Williams Circle, and the Creech Circle. The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Fourth District the Central Conference was formed the LaGrange church in the latter part of the thirties under the leadership of late Rev. M. E. (Jack) Tyson. The officers were Mrs. Summerlin, president; Mrs. Paul Thigpen, vice-president; Mrs. Nannie Mae Herring, secretary; and Mrs. [unclear], treasurer.

Those who have served the church as pastors are: H. Rudolph Faircloth, Earnest Polston, Whitford Waters, Bill Everett, Lloyd Vernon, Press Parks, L. R. Ennis, Thomas Beaman, Herman Wooten, M. Tyson, D. W. Alexander, Dan Beaman, B. Manning, L. H. Wetherington, P. Wiggs, Sam R. Kennedy, Michael P. Stephen A. Smith, Roger Tripp, Everett Bryan, Kirby Joe Godwin, Thurman H. N. B. Barrow, Henry Armstrong, He Barfield, Robert Rollins; and the present pastor, the Rev. David W. Hansley. During the year of 1969, the church recommended to the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, one of its members, a young man named Chris Singleton, son of Mr. Mrs. Milford Singleton, for ordination into the ministry. He was the first during the history of the church to be ordained into the ministry from the church.

Growth in the Sunday school caused a need for classrooms. Through the efforts of Roby Corbett and others with the support of the people in and around LaGrange, money was raised and classrooms were added to the church in 1947 and 1948. A little later, four more rooms were built; and there is now a need for four more classrooms. Since the beginning of the church in 1916, the church has steadily grown in material value from \$1,750 to a value of \$40,000. A baptistry, carpeting, electric organ, piano, central heating and air conditioning, new pews and pulpit furniture have been added.

The church membership has grown from seventeen charter members to one hundred members in 1972. The old members know what a struggle it was in the beginning to keep the church open and Christ's work going, but with joy that we pass this goodly heritage on to the younger generation to carry it on for Christ.

Erection of a five-room parsonage was begun December 1, 1957. With donations and free labor from the membership and friends of the church in

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LaGrange Pastor

by the REV. DAVID W. HANSLEY

The LaGrange Free Will Baptist Church is conveniently located in the town of LaGrange, North Carolina, and has a complete schedule of services each Sunday. Sunday school is at 10 a. m.; morning worship is at 11 a. m.; evening worship is at 7:30 p. m.; and prayer and Bible study on Wednesday at 7:30 a. m.

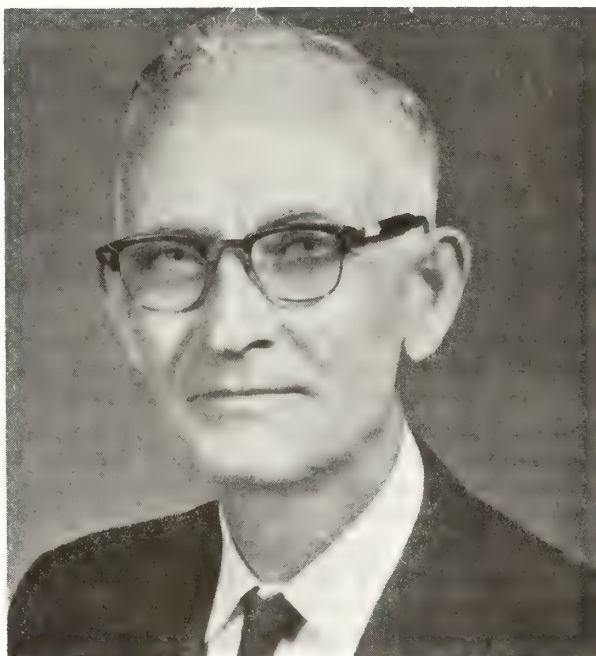
In the past five years, the church has made reasonable progress in all areas.

The area of greatest importance is the number of persons who have accepted Christ as their personal savior and those who have rededicated their lives to Him.

The next area of importance is in material improvements. A new Hammond organ was purchased, air conditioning installed, Sunday school rooms painted inside, and renovations made in the sanctuary. All these projects were completed on a cash basis.

During the meantime, a spirit of unity, cooperation, and love has existed among the membership in the most outstanding way. Therefore, they are now looking forward to further improvements that they may offer the best in Christian worship, training, and leadership.

The church program is geared to include all age groups. The Sunday school is for all ages; the women's auxiliary has three circles; there is a men's fellowship; there is a Youth Fellowship Auxiliary (YFA) for ages 13-19; an Ambassadors for Christ group (AFC) for ages 9-12; a Sunbeam group for ages 6-8; a nursery department for ages from infancy through five years. Furthermore, the church sponsors a girl scout program.



The department of music includes: the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Junior Choir, Sunbeam Choir, and the Men's Choir.

We thank God for our past accomplishments. We are praying that God will help us to accept the challenge of the present day and to accomplish the task before us. In order to do this, it will require special dedication to Christ, and it will demand the best from our lives.

We extend an invitation to all in the community to visit with us in any of our services. If there is a person who would like to unite with our church by letter or profession of faith in Christ, the minister stands ready to help him in any way possible; and he will find a warm welcome waiting him from the membership.

The New Morality Does Not Work

by Arnold Woodlief
Marianna, Florida

There have been various opinions expressed about the new morality that is prevailing in America today. I would like to share some comments about it with the readers of our Free Will Baptist paper that will help our understanding about it. The new morality sounds good, but does it work? Let us look at its results in:

I. Israel. For about 300 years the people of Israel had no king, and so did what seemed right in their own eyes; as a result, every law of God was broken and the nation disintegrated into national confusion, moral degeneracy, and almost lost their identity as a nation because of civil war and foreign invasion. Only God's intervention saved them.

II. Sweden. For at least two decades the Swedish people have lived by a relative morality, especially concerning sex. However, venereal disease, premarital pregnancy, increasing abortion, alcoholism, divorce, and suicide rates in Sweden today prove that the new morality does not work for good.

III. United States. In recent years Christian America has turned from God and set up new gods of materialism and science. We have exalted man. We have sown the wind—we are now reaping the whirlwind. Consider the skyrocketing crime rates, the breakdown of law and order, the havoc of the civil rights movement and campus protests, the profaning of sex, increase of pornography, increased alcoholism, drug abuse, the hippie movement, and the rise of the far left which intends to destroy our beloved America. It becomes increasingly clear that to do right in one's own eyes is to do wrong in the

eyes of God. The new morality produces immorality.

Why has the new morality failed to produce righteousness? Situation ethics cannot work because it answers to man's defiled conscience. Conscience is based on public opinion, which is formed by a corrupt public. Ignorance makes our choices liable to mistakes. Because man is depraved, he is not capable of producing true morality in himself. Why is God's standard of morality best for man? Man is infinitely better off to live under the rule and regulation of God. God knows us better than we know ourselves, for He made us. Not only does He know us, but He loves us; and all that He does will be for our good. God's law regulates human depravity, and good people are far safer living in a society regulated by God's moral law.

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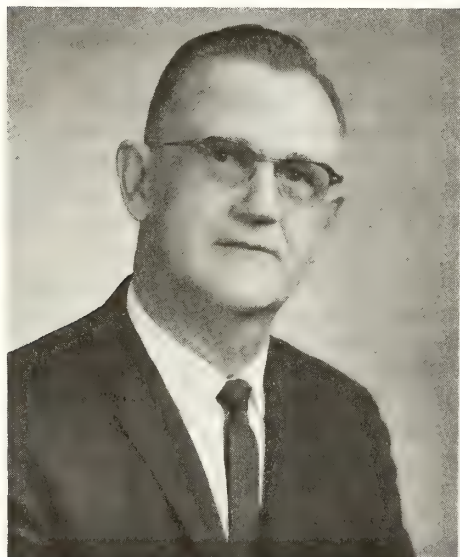
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DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Homecoming at King's Cross Roads September 17, Manning to Speak

Homecoming services will be observed at the King's Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church near Farmville, North Carolina, Sunday, September 17. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by the morning worship service with the homecoming message being delivered by a former pastor, the Rev. L. B. Manning. Lunch will be served at the noon hour.



The afternoon will feature special music by groups from the local church and visiting musicians. This service will be directed by Mr. Richard Bundy.

All former pastors, former members, and friends of the church are invited by the membership to be in attendance for what promises to be an inspirational day at King's Cross Roads.

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Stancil Chapel Church To Observe Homecoming

The annual homecoming services will be held at the Stancil Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, Sunday, September 17. Services will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., followed with the homecoming message at eleven, with the Rev. Joe Johnson, a former pastor, delivering the sermon.

A picnic lunch will be served at the

noon hour, and in the afternoon a sing-spiration has been planned, featuring local and visiting singing groups.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, and the church membership extend a cordial invitation to former pastors, former members, and all friends to attend and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Homecoming Services to Be Held At Sarecta Church September 17

Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at the Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kenansville, North Carolina, Sunday, September 17.

Sunday school will begin at 10 a. m., followed by the morning worship service at eleven, with the pastor, the Rev.

Coming Events . . .

September 16—Eastern District Youth Convention, Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, Deep Run, North Carolina, Registration: 9:30 A. M.

September 21—Eastern District Womens Auxiliary Convention, Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, North Carolina

September 21, 22, 23—Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association, Flatwood Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

October 4—Albemarle Conference, Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, Registration 9:30 A. M.

October 11, 12—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Selma Church, Selma, North Carolina

October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina

November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

S. A. Smith of Beulaville, North Carolina delivering the homecoming message. picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. A sing-spiration will begin at 1:30 p. m., featuring local and visiting musicians.

All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy a time of fellowship.

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Snead's Ferry Revival Slated September 18-23

Revival services are slated for September 18-23, at 7:45 p. m. each evening, at the Snead's Ferry, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. L. Bronson of Wilmington, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist. The Rev. O. B. Taylor, pastor, will assist Mr. Bronson. The public is issued a cordial invitation to come out and be in attendance and enjoy the spiritual fellowship.

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Revival at Gum Neck Church September 17-22

The Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont, North Carolina, would like to announce revival services, beginning Sunday night, September 17, continuing through Friday night, September 22.

The Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Sparta, South Carolina, will be the guest evangelist for this series of services which will begin at 7:30 each evening. There will be special music and "old fashioned" preaching each evening.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. Earl Minchew, extend a special invitation to everyone to be in attendance for the revival and to be much in prayer for its success.

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Dedication Service Held for Parsonage At First Church, Plymouth

The First Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, held a dedication service after morning worship, Sunday, August 20. The ceremony was held at the new parsonage, which is located on the corner of Highway 64 and West Avenue, adjacent to the church.

Prayer was offered, then the pastor read Scripture from John 15, reminding the members that as beautiful and new as the new house is, it is not to be compared with the mansions which Christ is preparing for Christian people. The dedication was closed with prayer and lunch was served outside on the church grounds for those attending.

The pastor, the Rev. Robert Langlois and family, are formerly from Kenly.

North Carolina; and Mr. Langley has been restoring the Plymouth First church since May, 1971. He and his wife, Phyllis, and four children have now moved into the new parsonage and are enjoying their new home very much. The members of First church praise God for His many blessings.

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Revival Services, Homecoming Lanwood Chapel

Revival services will be held at Lanwood Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, beginning Monday night, September 18, continuing through Friday night, September 22, the time being 7:45 p. m. The Rev. Henry Armstrong of Lee's Chapel church will serve as guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. W. D. Lassiter.

Homecoming will be observed September 24, featuring an afternoon sing; and the public is invited to keep these announcements in mind.

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Homecoming and Revival Otter's Creek Church

Homecoming services will be observed at Otter's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Macclesfield, North Carolina, Sunday, September 17. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Foye Futrelle, will be the speaker for the occasion. An interesting program will be presented, with special music in the afternoon. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to be in attendance.

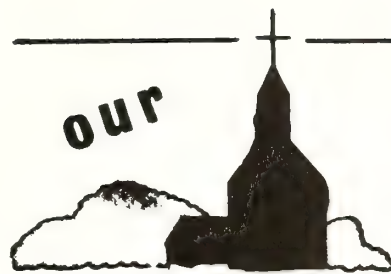
Revival services will begin September 2 and will continue through September 2 at Otter's Creek, the time being each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Frank Flowers of Goldsboro, North Carolina, will serve as guest evangelist for this series of services, assisted by the pastor.

The pastor of the church and the church membership issue a warm invitation to the public to be in attendance. Special music will be featured nightly.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The August 30 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST carried a notice informing the public that Carey Cheshire is no longer associated with the Free Will Baptist denomination as a minister. Some questions arose as to the origin of the announcement; and to set the record straight, we would like to inform our readers that the announcement was submitted by Mr. Cheshire, himself, handwritten and signed, carrying a date of August 7, 1972.—the Editor.



Church Auxiliaries

Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Davis Free Will Baptist Church
Davis, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 21

Theme: "Salvation in Our Time"

Scripture: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; . . ." (Romans 1:16).

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Jesus Saves"
- 10:05—Devotions and Prayer, Mrs. Wesley Morris
- 10:20—Welcome, Mrs. Lenora Hill (Host President)
- Response, Mrs. Horace Whaley
- 10:30—Recognition of Ministers, Officers, and Delegates
- Remarks by District President, Mrs. F. M. Register
- 10:45—Children's Home Report, the Rev. Graham Lane
- 10:55—Free Will Baptist Press Report, Mrs. Ellen Dixon
- 11:05—Cragmont Assembly Report, Mrs. Milton Kennedy
- 11:15—Mount Olive College Report, Mrs. W. Burkette Raper
- 11:25—Hymn, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
- Offering, Divided Between Mount Olive College and Children's Home
- 11:30—Announcements
- Appointment of Committees
- 11:35—Worship
- Special Music, Davis Church
- Morning Message, the Rev. F. B. Cherry
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
- Prayer
- Memorial Service, Mrs. Willa Marie Padgett

1:20—Other Denominational Work Reports

- Youth, Mrs. Nerry Wall
- Missions, Mrs. G. E. Gray
- District Field Secretary, Mrs. Rivers Winstead
- Superannuation, Mrs. Carol B. Hansley
- Camp Vandemere, the Rev. Joe Edwards
- Representative of State Convention, Mrs. Woodrow McCoy
- Others

1:45—Report of Executive Committee (Minutes)

1:50—Presentation of Pin Awards, Mrs. J. C. Griffin

1:55—Secretary's Report, Mrs. Nelson Simpson

- Treasurer's Report, Mrs. Rom Mallard
- Old Business
- New Business
- Appointment of Delegates to Other Conventions
- Adjournment

Director of Music: The Rev. David Charles Hansley

Pianist: Furnished by Davis Church

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"Jesus Can Use It Somehow!"

A little girl earned fifty cents. Her Christian parents had taught her to tithe. As she sat by them in church, she joyfully placed her offering in the collection plate.

After service, the little girl asked, "Mommy, how much is one-tenth of fifty cents?"

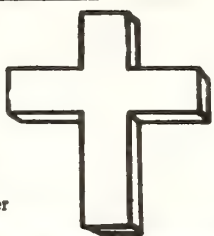
"Five cents, dear," said the mother.

A surprised look came on the little girl's face. She said, "Oh, Mommy, I thought it was twenty-five cents, and I put that much into the envelope. But that's all right. Jesus can use it somehow."—Told by Alice M. Knight.

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The better the cook, the harder it is for a man to get fed up.

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISIONES

"Go Ye Into the Hedges and Byways" - June 15

by Mattie Lou Link

What a downpour! Rain poured out of the sky, accompanied by lightning and thunder! "If this keeps up long we'll never make it across those dirt paths to Jimenez tonight," Vance said as he looked out of the window. The storm continued for several hours. Water stood everywhere! We really wanted to go back to the friendly little village again. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez had been so lovable and friendly. I remembered their little bright-eyed granddaughter after the services of the night before. She had said "You go now?" We nodded yes. "Oh-h-h." Her little voice showed disappointment. "You come back?" We promised to return on the following night, Lord willing.

We knew it was risky to return to Jimenez on the same route we had followed last night. We had gotten in without having to get interior passes, but to try it two nights in a row was daring. We thought of going to Del Rio and entering the country of Mexico there, in-

stead of at Piedras Negras. Well, we simply left it in the hands of the Lord. He knew what was best, and we wanted to follow His leadership.

As the day wore on, Brother Timmons felt it would be unwise to try to make it to Jimenez. (We found out the next day that the bus which travels the road twice a day had to be pulled out by a wrecker back into town. The roads were not passable.) He and Vance went into Piedras Negras that afternoon to find Pastor Escobar to arrange a meeting there for the night.

The policeman's wife invited us to come to her house for services. The policeman is not a Christian, but a Roman Catholic.

That night we left early, we stopped by several "shacks" to pick up people that wanted to go with us, and on we drove to the edge of town. The streets looked like old farm paths that hadn't been used in years. Even though we were on the edge of town, the low bush-

es on each side of the road made it look as though we were out in the country. Garbage lay everywhere, and the smell of pigpens and goats was very strong. Suddenly on a road going downhill, Mr. Timmons stopped the van and said, "This is it." We spilled out of the van and we met with happy smiling faces. We were greeted with handshakes and greetings in Spanish. The lady's front porch (the front corner of the house) was about eight by ten feet and on the side of the porch sat many big pots of flowers. There was a small table covered with a cloth with Bibles on it next to the house. In front of that, there were several long benches. We began right away with the child evangelism class with Ruth serving as my interpreter. We sang the songs we had taught some of the children in church a few nights before and taught the Bible lesson, "Jesus, the Bread of Life" (using flash cards). More and more people had come by then and were standing out in the streets. (They had a front or side yard—the dirt road came up to the porch.)

When we gave the invitation, about five hands went up indicating that they wanted to be saved. We were very crowded. It was hot and "buggy," we asked all those that had raised their hands to repeat a sinners prayer after us. **More** than five responded. That may or may not mean something. Who can tell? Only God knows the real result of the story and the invitation. While we were teaching, a policeman drove up in a car and stopped. My heart almost flipped. He and a lady got out. (Vance looked at me and raised his fingers as if to say, "So long; it's been nice knowing you.") We had asked God to go before us and prepare the way. Praise His wonderful name, He did! The policeman is a Roman Catholic, but is sympathetic to the Christian cause. It was at his house that we were having the meeting. He stood out in the street with others during the remainder of the service.

Brother Timmons had a small projector with him, which he used to show a film strip. The white walls of the house near the door served as a screen, and he stood holding the projector as he showed it. Afterwards, Vance and Mr. Timmons stood behind the small table on the porch. There were around seventy people gathered together. Vance was introduced as a man from North Carolina who had just happened to be visiting the part of Mexico and who had a few words to share with the group. (That was an unusual introduction, but God was leading.) We found out later that it was



A typical view on the Texas-Mexico Border.

against the law to have a religious meeting outside of a church. Not only did God arrange this particular meeting for us, but he sent a policeman there to watch out for us!

Vance preached a very simple and clear (but good) message. A man and his wife had just accepted Christ as saviour on Tuesday night at the church service, and they were at the street meeting. Roman Catholicism has left many hopeless and fearful. Satan uses many strange ways to limit the work of the Lord in Mexico. There were three hungry souls that came up at the end of the service testifying that they wanted to be saved.

Right after our closing prayer, the first car that even passed by on the street, came by. (God was taking care of the smallest detail.) Most of the people there stood the entire time. The meeting wasn't even arranged until that afternoon. Oh, how great is God! Praise God that He saw fit to use us to help bring in the harvest. The "grain" is ripe, my friend. God just needs laborers!

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Wisdom of a Child

by Sandra Jones



Wendy and Misty with "Spot," our dog.

Have you ever thought as you heard child speak, "I wish I could remember that, it's so cute"? Chances are you won't be able to remember it if you don't write it down somewhere, and if you don't like me you'll lose the paper.

As we were preparing this past year for the move to Palawan, Wendy was always noticing our conversation about Palawan. She even got to the place she could say, "When we get to Palawan

... We often wondered what she thought Palawan was.

One day she asked me why were we going to Palawan. I told her that we were going there to tell others about Jesus. She seemed to be satisfied with this answer since she understands that there are those who don't know and love Jesus.

After we were here in Puerto a few weeks, we heard our neighbors singing but we could not understand what they were singing since it seemed to be in their native dialect. Wendy said, "Mommy, why are they singing?" I told her that I really didn't know why. This was our first time to hear them, and we haven't heard them since. Wendy then said, "Maybe they are having a prayer meeting." I told her that I didn't think so, and of course she again wanted to know, "Why." I told her that they did not love Jesus. Her advice then to me was, "Mommy, why don't you tell them of Jesus?" That's a child for you, isn't it? How true and innocent are the words of a child.

In other words, this is saying to me and to each of you, "If your neighbor or your friend does not know Jesus, why don't you go tell them? They may never know if we don't go!"

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Mission Service Climaxes Woman's Conference at Cragmont

An inspirational mission service held in the tabernacle climaxed the woman's conference at Cragmont Assembly, August 18, with approximately 115-120 happy, spirit-filled women, faces beaming with the joy of blessings experienced during the week, in attendance.

Two missionary candidates stayed all week; namely, Diane Baines and June Hodges.

Mrs. Link, missionary candidate, and wife of the Rev. Vance Link (also a candidate), stayed part of the week but due to a death in the family had to return home. She did, however, return for the final service along with her husband and daughter.

Also present were the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Ingram and son and Missionary Joe Barrow who has just returned from the field.

Truly the Lord was in that place; and He used each speaker to His glory and the edification of each person present.

The service was a glorious experience, and all present responded to the challenge of presenting the gospel to all men everywhere.

The pictures below show some of those in attendance for the conference, and the one of a humorous nature shows bus driver Wilson scratching his head in contemplation as to what to do with mountains of luggage that all women invariably have to bring!



Loading the bus—where to put everything; that is the question!



Missionary and candidates who attended.



Those participating in the mission service.

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You may not know when you're well off, but the Internal Revenue Service does.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Why should we respect the Bible, and what is there significant about it more than a book having a different name?

Answer: We need to respect it simply because it is God's word. Show me someone who respects and accepts it as being the Word of God, and I will show you one for which there is hope; but on the other hand, if you should show me the person that has no respect for the Bible and does not accept it as the divinely-inspired Word of God, I will show you him for whom in his present state of belief there is no hope. The Bible is the Book which sets forth Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, as the one and only Saviour of man—the only One who can save a poor lost, hell-bound sinner from his sins. Notice, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36); "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 1:18); "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him" (1 Corinthians 8:6); "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12); "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:30, 31).

The Bible itself speaks plainly enough so that if we have the mind to take the time and exert the effort, we can see what it claims for itself. "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and in-

tents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). This Scripture indicates that there is to be found life-giving power in the Word itself. Paul says of it: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:16-18); "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18); "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

The Apostle Paul further writes concerning the Scriptures as he teaches and exhorts Timothy, a young man to whom he regards himself a spiritual father. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:12-17); "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and

doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables" (2 Timothy 4:2-4).

The Bible proves itself to be God's Word as through all the evil ages of the past it has withstood all its gainsayers. In its divine power and authority it has converted all who have accepted it as God's message, and it has transformed their sinful lives into those of godly creatures and has caused them to lay down their lives in love for those who persecuted them.

It is natural that vile sinners who would blaspheme God would also speak evil or incorrectly about His holy Word. They did it in Moses' day, in Jesus' day; and they do it today. But as the above verses indicate, evil men that teach falsehood will increase in both number and momentum as this, the most wonderful of all ages (grace) comes to a close. Its end will be the most wicked, having the most false teachers with the most power of any previous age.

The English word, Bible, comes from the Greek word *biblos* (Matthew 1:1) and *biblion* (diminutive form—Luke 4:17) which means book. Before the product known as paper was produced, the ancients wrote upon biblus or papyrus reed flattened and pressed into material used for writing. This is where the word comes from. The Bible does not give us all this information. "Book" is mentioned in it, but "books" when mentioned in the sacred writings sometimes refers to books having evil content. Some of the heathen burned their books after they were converted to Christianity. The name "Bible" then, as associated with the Word of God, has not always been ascribed to the Word of God. Sir Walter Scott is reported to have called for **the book** when on his death bed. Lockhart, his son-in-law, asked what book; and Scott said, "There is but one book," making all other writings insignificant when compared with the Book of books—the Bible.

I and most children of Christian parents in my day were reared under this sentiment. We of America in this day seem to have cultivated a false sense of values. We are apt to give the material heathenistic views preeminence over the old tried and proven way of our forefathers. It appears that we are doing the opposite of that taught by the Word (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



SURGERY FOR LEN

by ELIZABETH W. CRISCI

YOU'LL need an operation, Len," the doctor said. "I'll arrange for you to enter the hospital."

Fear gripped Len. He knew so little about hospitals. He remembered that long ago his grandmother had been in the hospital. Scared, Len decided, I can't go!

"Doctor, I feel better. You must have made a mistake." Len was serious.

"Len, there's no mistake." The doctor added, "You don't feel better. An operation is all that can help you. At our hospital, everyone will be nice to you and—" Len didn't hear what the doctor was saying. He was too afraid to listen.

Mother and Len went home to prepare for the hospital stay. When Dad arrived home, he talked to his son. "We will visit you each day. You'll be there only a week."

"I'm a little scared," Len admitted. "Dad, will I get shots?"

"Yes, you'll get a few shots. But a pin prick is better than stomach pains. It will all be over quickly." Dad's words helped.

The telephone rang. Joey was on the line. "Joey, guess what? I'm going to the hospital. Dr. Jason says I need an operation. What do you think of that?"

"I'll pray, Len," was Joey's answer.

"Joey, I won't die. It's not that bad." Len tried to be brave, but the jitters seemed worse than ever. "Joey, I never pray except in Sunday school. Does the Lord even know who I am?"

"Sure He does," Joey said. "He knows you, and He will help you in the hospi-

tal. Mr. Gordon, our Sunday school teacher, will be in to see you." Joey was too young to visit, but he could pray for his friend.

Len hung up the phone and prayed silently. Lord, if you know me, Len Jones, take care of me in that big hospital. Thank you! Dad drove Len to the hospital a few minutes later.

They went to an office called "Admissions." A lady wrote down Len's name and address and called for a nurse. The nurse took Len directly to a room where there were three other boys and a television set. Oh, this isn't so bad, thought Len. I may have fun!

The funniest little white gown was given to Len to wear, and soon he was comfortable in bed. He forgot his fear, but suddenly a nurse with a wagon full of bottles and needles stood beside him. "How about giving me a little blood, Len?"

"Give me your finger for one minute," said the nurse. Before Len could protest, she pricked his finger and squeezed a little blood onto a glass slide. She took some more blood from his arm and was done. "See you later, Len," she said as she walked down the corridor.

"I hope not," muttered Len.

Later, Mr. Gordon came in and prayed, "Lord, watch over the doctors as they operate. Make Len well soon." Then Mr. Gordon said, "Len, would you like to ask Jesus to be your Saviour?" He suggested, "Pray yourself, Len; tell God that you are sorry for your sins and that you believe in Jesus. Ask Him to take over your life."

Len had never prayed out loud, but he tried. Mr. Gordon helped with some of the words, and Len asked Jesus to come into his heart. Somehow Len felt better when the nurse came in to prepare him for the operation.

The nurse gave Len a shot so quickly

that he couldn't say no. He dropped off to sleep and didn't remember anything until the next morning. He found himself in a special room. Dad and Mom were standing next to his bed.

"It's over, Len. No more appendix!" Dad explained.

"Don't kid me, Dad. I've been sleeping all night."

"That's right, Len; but while you slept the doctor operated. Your appendix is gone. Feel your bandage!" Dad suggested.

Len felt his side. "Wow, it is over!" he exclaimed. Then he fell asleep again.

The next day, Len didn't feel well. His side hurt. He couldn't eat. He complained to Dad during visiting hours. "You'll feel better tomorrow," Dad told him.

The third day, Len did feel better. He felt like talking. "Dad," Len began, "God does know me. He answered Mr. Gordon's prayer. I'm getting better. Isn't He good?"

"Well, Len, I don't really know," Dad answered. "The doctors did a fine job. I don't go to church or Sunday school. I don't know too much about God." Len's dad did feel thankful that his boy was better. He thought, Perhaps I should learn more about God.

Mr. Jones left the hospital with his mind full of Len's words. What had changed Len's fear into confidence? As he drove through the city streets, he remembered Len's words, "Isn't He good?" When he arrived home, he telephoned Mr. Gordon.

"Jim, I just saw Len. Thank you for praying. It helped him get over his fear." Mr. Gordon was glad to hear the good news about Len. He had prayed often that Len's parents would learn to trust the Saviour, too.

The next day Len was stronger. He was across the room talking to a new boy when Dad arrived. Dad was surprised to see Len looking so much better.

"How good to see you up! How do you feel?"

"I'm fine, Dad. I go home in two more days. Dr. Jason said I can. Isn't that great?"

"Yes, Len," Dad smiled. "Say, who's that new boy you were talking to?"

"That's Bobby. He's going to have a operation tomorrow." Then Len lowered his voice. "He's as scared as I was. So I told him everything Mr. Gordon told me. When we trust Jesus, we don't have to be afraid. Right, Dad?"

Dad nodded and decided to learn how to trust God as his son trusted Him. My Pleasure.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—Luke 18:1

A WAC'S QUESTION

Two Wacs attended an open-air meeting, conducted by some Christian servicemen. Afterward one of them said, "I am Christian, but I am not very open about it. Is it not possible to pray in bed?"

The other answered, "Yes, but it is no testimony to others, is it? I haven't confessed Christ yet, but I am interested. There was a girl in my barracks who knelt at her bedside every night, and the first time I saw her do it, I cried myself to sleep."

As they walked along, God spoke to them, and both gave themselves fully to Christ. Both resolved to confess Him anywhere.—*Told by an army chaplain.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is of utmost importance that men confess their sins to the Lord. He requires this, as God said. Do your feelings compare or contrast with the above statement? Have you confessed yours?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—Genesis 16:13

"DADDY, YOU DIDN'T LOOK UP"

One day in late summer, a father and his little boy were out walking. They happened to pass a watermelon patch. A wicked thought came to the father. He reasoned, No one is in sight, and no one will know if I take one of these watermelons. He told his little boy to sit on the fence and keep close watch in all directions for anyone approaching.

Then the father crept into the watermelon patch. Before he stooped down to get one of the big melons, he looked this way, that way and all around.

The little boy, observing his father's every move, yelled out, "Daddy, there is one direction you didn't look. You didn't look up." Conscience-stricken, the father left the watermelon patch.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Many fathers today forget to set a good example for their youth. Fathers—are you guilty of this neglect? You shouldn't be!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 41:6

"PLEASE HELP ME!"

As seventy-year-old Mrs. Nettie Koehn started to board a bus in Cleveland, Ohio, a teenage assailant pulled her off. He dragged her several feet along a sidewalk and snatched her purse, which contained seven dollars. She pleaded, "Help! Somebody please help me!" Her frantic cry for help fell on unresponsive ears.

The self-excusing bus driver, who closed the door of the bus and drove away, said, "I saw the boy grab the purse and knock her down. I thought she was having a fit."

Detective Lee Kenney, expressing his disgust, said, "A fine illustrious group of citizens!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

How about you? Would you have handled this situation the same as the bus driver—total uninvolvedness? Remember God is always watching you and is expecting you to "involve" yourself for and with Him.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:5

"HE'S GOD'S MAN! HE CAN'T QUIT"

A young man taught a class of boys in a mission Sunday school. He won their hearts by his love and sincere interest. In time, he became discouraged because of criticism from others. He decided to resign as teacher.

Arriving early one Sunday to get his records in shape for his successor, he overheard a conversation by two of the boys of his class.

One said, "I'm not coming anymore because our teacher is going to quit."

The other boy said, "Why, he can't quit. I was the first boy in his class. One Sunday he told us that God sent him to teach us, and he said that God was his boss and he had to do what God said."

The teacher's eyes filled with tears. Silently he thanked God for the encouragement imparted to him by the saying of a trusting boy: "He's God's man! He can't quit."—*Alice Marie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Let God lead the way for you also. He will at all times know what is best for each of us. If we promise Him something, it would be tragic to "go back" on our word.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 55:1

IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS

Some say, "If I had a million dollars, I would do great things for God and others!"

It is not what we would do with a million dollars which we do not have, but what we do with the dollar we have, that counts.

Little Gail came from Sunday school with a troubled look in her eyes.

Mother asked, "Are you sad about something?"

Gail replied, "Oh, Mother, I wish I had a thousand dollars!"

"What would you do with a thousand dollars?" asked Mother.

"I'd buy food for the starving children our teacher told us about, and I'd buy some pretty dresses and a warm coat for little Ruthie. Her father is poor and sick."

Mother said, "Gail, I'm glad you have such beautiful and unselfish thoughts. You don't have a thousand dollars, but yesterday I gave you a dime, and you spent it on yourself. You could have bought an ice cream cone for little Ruthie. If you learn to share the little you have now with others, you will very likely share the abundance you have later with needy ones."—*Told by Alice M. Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Mankind has the fault of wishing for large amounts of gifts and blessings. Poor or rich, we should make use of what we have; and share such with others.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—Amos 3:3

"EXCEPT THEY BE AGREED"

A young man went to Jonathan Edwards to ask for his daughter in marriage.

"You can't have her," said the great preacher.

"But I love her and she loves me. I am abundantly able to support her. Why can't I have her? What have you against me?" asked the young man.

"I have nothing against you. You are a good fellow—too good for my daughter. She has a violent temper, though she is a Christian. You wouldn't be happy with Emily." Then the honest preacher added, "Young man, before you have lived as long as I have, you'll learn that there are some people that the God of all grace can live with, but you can't."

PRAYER THOUGHT

How wonderful to have a God who looks beyond human faults and frailties. God "puts up" with so many of our imperfections.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—John 3:16

A faithful Sunday school teacher became greatly burdened for the salvation of a certain young man in her class. She earnestly spoke to him about his soul.

The young man said, "I'm going west to make a fortune. When I return, I'll consider giving my life to Christ."

Shortly thereafter he succumbed to illness. Once more the teacher pleaded with him to penitently turn from sin to Christ. Again he procrastinated, saying, "Please don't speak to me anymore about this matter." The teacher went away with a sad heart.

Progressively the young man's condition worsened. He asked, "Send for my Sunday school teacher."

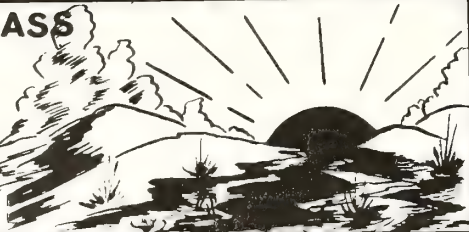
Going to his bedside, the teacher saw the young man staring vacantly toward the
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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 24



Social Change: Work and Leisure

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:8-11; Ecclesiastes 2:4-11, 24, 25

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 10:31

I. INTRODUCTION

Do you remember the ten-hour work day for five and a half or six days a week? Many people still work that many hours and more a day, but labor-management relationship has changed much of that. The eight-hour day is common now, with talk of reducing even that to perhaps six. The idea of fewer working hours was to give people more leisure time, some extra hours to rest; but strange as it may seem, we have less time for leisure today than ever before.

Some have even taken the Lord's Day for work. Blue laws have been enacted to keep some places of business closed on Sundays, but few have been successful. America is in a mad rush, seven days a week, to make money, even to the sacrifice of worship at church.

This wasn't the way God planned it in the beginning. Because He has our good in mind, God knows we need rest. We are like mules once employed in the Pennsylvania coal mines. After working all week in the darkness of the mines, they were brought up on the Lord's Day to rest and munch grass in the sunshine. "We have to do that," a man said, "to give them rest, and to keep them from going blind." We come out of the darkness of the world into the light of the Lord's Day, to feast at His table, to keep from going spiritually blind, and to gain spiritual strength for the labors of the week.

What has social change done to the Lord's Day? What has it done to the idea of rest? This is what this lesson today is all about.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Christians should set apart the Lord's Day for God, following the principles

pertaining to the Sabbath that we find in the Old Testament (Genesis 2:3; Exodus 20:8, 11).

B. All man's work is to be completed in six days each week, not in seven (Exodus 20:9).

C. Work and leisure, when viewed apart from God and His purpose, become futile and without purpose (Ecclesiastes 2:1, 11).

D. Success on the human level, without the direction of God, does not provide lasting joy (vv. 4-11).

E. It is well to remember that the material things that satisfy the lust of the eyes are temporary (Ecclesiastes 2:10; cf. 1 John 2:15-17).

F. The things that are done in the power of the flesh have no eternal value (Ecclesiastes 2:11; cf. John 15:5).

G. Men should remember that satisfaction from work or leisure depends upon relationship to the hand of God (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

—John C. Anderson.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. There are a few guidelines that should not be overlooked as we consider the subject of work and leisure. The first is that scientific discoveries and technological advances are not contrary to God's will. The gifted inventor receives his talent from God, for all gifts we have reach back ultimately to our Creator. The exercise of inventive genius is under God's surveillance. God has not decreed that women shall make their own homemade soap and boil their clothes in a large kettle in the yard. One who uses an automatic washer and dryer may be as close to God as one who has no mechanical conveniences.

Because one has a great deal of "this world's goods," it does not logically follow that he will have no concern for what lies beyond. Indeed, Abraham, who is regarded as the father of the faithful was said to have been "very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold" (Genesis 13:2), but it is plainly stated that he regarded himself as a stranger and pilgrim on the earth and that "he looked for a

city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10).

B. In the second place, we need to regard God as Lord of the whole life and not just some segment of it. He is not God of youth as opposed to age, not God of health as opposed to sickness. Neither is He the God of service or work as opposed to retirement or leisure. In view of the fact that all of life is under His care and concern, we should study how best we can invest it to His glory. If we are to give our bodies as living sacrifices, we should not want to take back our sacrifice because we grow older in years or less vigorous in body.

One does not retire from God when he retires from a company. The superintendent of a plant may award one a watch for forty years of service, and dismiss him from further obligation, but God does not dismiss any of us from further service.

C. God wants us to rest as well as to work. Rest provides opportunity for meditation and thought, and this act is like a gentle rain falling upon the hearth causing it to produce fruit and to bring forth abundantly. We need to recover the real meaning of recreation, which is obscured by our normal pronunciation. It is re-creation, to make new and fresh. If we can gain a fresh outlook for each day that passes, we may make a genuine contribution to those about us. Instead of being resentful toward life let us learn to be grateful for it.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

D. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" is one of the most important of all the Ten Commandments and one which needs great attention in our day. The institution of the Sabbath, or, as we know it today, the Lord's Day was given by God himself in the early dawn of the universe. The Bible tells us that after His mighty work of creation in six days, including that of man, the Lord rested from His work on the seventh day. He commanded that we do the same.

There was a time when men observed this day of rest. Businesses stopped, factories shut down. People went to church. Theaters showed no film. Everything came to a blessed, relaxing halt. But that is no more. Business is as usual. Theaters are going full steam. Travel on highways is congested. Churches are sometimes only half full. People are hurrying, grasping, rushing, and in the middle of Sunday afternoon, driven with sheer exhaustion. Six days of work (continued on page fifteen)

STRIDES MADE BY LAGRANGE CHURCH

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range, it was completed in January, 1958, at the present value of \$20,000.

This article has been written in memory of all the members who have gone on before us, and in honor of the two living charter members, Mrs. Vina Wilson and Mrs. Maude Williams. . . .

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Questions & Answers

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God in much that we practice daily. Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may hold on eternal life. O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and positions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen." (1 Timothy 6:17-21); see also 2 Timothy 4:2-4 quoted above.

Even though the Bible is the most ancient of any kind of document, so accurate and so informative, it has had more enemies and has been attacked by its enemies more than any we know. Still it remains intact so that it has come to us through thousands of years in such complete accuracy that we know that for the most part we have exactly the message God intended that we should have and in such complete detail that today we are able to read and get the message efficiently clear that **the fool** and **the wayfaring man**, as Jesus put it, may read, be saved and prepared for heaven.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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ling and muttering, "Too late! Too late! Too late!" Those were his last words!—Told by George W. Truett.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Never put off confessing your sins to Christ. You may very well arrive at the point where this gentleman did and find it too late.

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SPECIAL SERVICE AT PEACE CHURCH

submitted by Mrs. W. L. Langley



Recently, at a Sunday morning worship service, the Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, recognized the individuals that had become members of the church during the past year.

Fifty-six came for baptism, and nine came by letter, totaling sixty-five for the year. However, some were not present when the above picture was taken.

Within the past year, several auxiliaries have been added; youth choir, layman's league, and YFA reorganized; the woman's auxiliary membership increased nearly two-hundred percent; and Bible study (prayer services) were begun each Wednesday evening.

The church is very proud of its youth

and the work that they are doing. They are very cooperative in the different phases of church work. In the near future, Youth Sunday will be observed with the youth having charge of morning and evening services.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. W. L. Poythress, are thankful and pleased with the progress that has been made, giving God the credit. They expect even greater blessings in the future.

The church is pleased to have had Mr. Poythress with them since July, 1971, and feels that his leadership has made many of these blessings possible. A warm welcome is extended to everyone to visit the Peace church whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Sunday School Lesson

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may have been too much for some; seven days, to be sure, were too many. God did not plan it that way and the body, mind, and soul cannot take it all in without paying the penalty.

What has brought all this about? The answer is simple: constant, gradual, social change. The change our times have brought blurs the line between what is necessary to do and not to do on the Lord's Day. Also it sears the conscience that tries to warn of a violation of God's commandments. . . .—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

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Running people down is a bad habit, whether you are a gossip or a motorist.

Beauty Aids

A dear old lady was asked what she used to make her complexion so beautiful and her whole being so bright and attractive. She answered in short:

"I use for my lips, truth;
I use for my voice, kindness;
I use for my eyes, compassion;
I use for my hands, charity;
I use for my figure, uprightness;
I use for my heart, love;
I use for any who do not like me, prayer."

Try this make-up and see what it will do for you. (That's beautiful!)

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Many parents are finding out that a pat on the back helps develop character—if given often enough, early enough, and low enough.

Three Members Honored by LaGrange Church

On Saturday, August 26, the LaGrange, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church honored its two living charter members, Mrs. Maude Williams and Mrs. Vina Wilson; and the oldest male member, Mr. Joe Wade, with a "Thank You" supper and program. The event was a surprise to the three honorees.



Maude Williams



Vina Wilson

Upon their arrival at the Woodmen of the World Building, each honoree was presented with a flower.

A picnic supper was then enjoyed by those honored, many family members, and members of the church.

The highlight of the evening was a program entitled, "This Is Your Life," which told the life stories of the three. These stories told of the devotion, love, and concern which these three have always had for their church and for the work of God. During each presentation,



Joseph P. Wade

the favorite song of that person was sung. Miss Marian Kennedy sang "The Old Rugged Cross" for Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Warren Creech sang "Others" for Mrs. Williams, and the Men's Choir sang "Life is Like a Mountain Railroad" for Mr. Wade.

Those reading the life stories of the honorees were Gloria Wilson, granddaughter of Mrs. Wilson; Hodges Williams, grandson of Mrs. Williams; and Elizabeth McNeil, granddaughter of Mr. Wade. After each story was read, the honoree was presented a beautiful decoupage plaque bearing a picture of the church.

At the close of the program, a plaque was also presented to the pastor, the Rev. David W. Hansley, for the love and concern which he has shown the church.

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The Saddest Thought

We look before and after,
And pine for what is not;
Our sincerest laughter
With some pain is fraught;
Our sweetest songs are those
That tell the saddest thought.

—Percy Bysshe Shelley.

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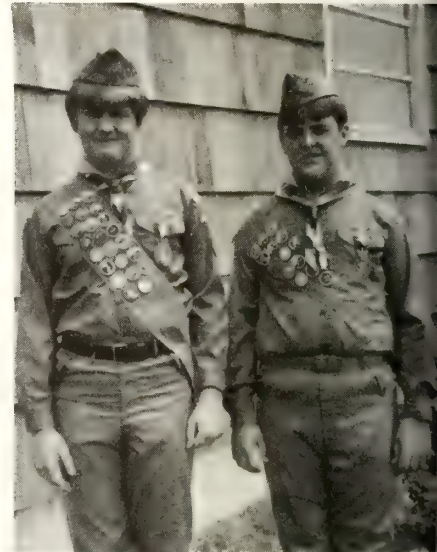
Unseeing Eyes

A lady said to Joseph Mallord Turner, English landscape painter, "I cannot see in nature what you put into the pictures."

The artist replied, "Don't you wish you could, Madam?"

SCOUTING NEWS

Norwood Paul Lewis Jr. and Dennis Sherwood Lewis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Paul Lewis Sr., Route 1, Newport, North Carolina, received Eagle awards recently. They are members of Troop 456, Broad Creek, Carteret County, North Carolina.



Paul received the award during court of honor on Tuesday evening, February 1 of this year. He has held several offices during his four years scouting and received the Touchdown for Boy Power award. He is a sophomore at West Carteret High School, plays on the Junior Varsity football team, and a member of the Jayvee Band.

Dennis received the award in a court of honor, Tuesday, May 23 of this year. He has held various offices in his troop including: patrol leader, senior patrol leader; and he is currently the quartermaster.

Dennis is an eighth-grader at White Oak Elementary School, Carteret County, and a member of the Jayvee Band.

Paul and Dennis are the grandsons of the Rev. and Mrs. Carol B. Hansley, City, North Carolina, and have displayed many worthy traits of character indicative of well-trained scouts, and Christian young people.

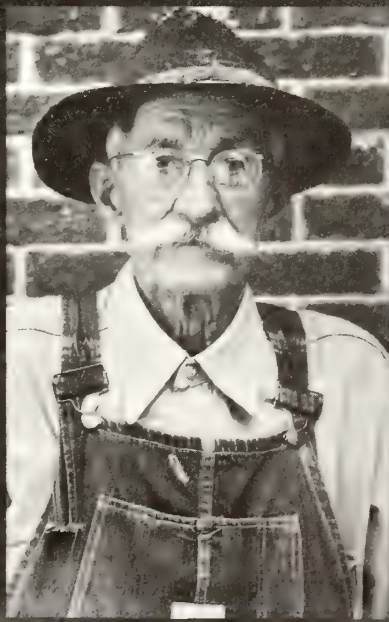
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Lucretius said: "Though the dungeon the scourge, and the executioner be present, the guilty mind can apply the goad and scorch with blows."

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ONE MAN IS BETTER THAN ANOTHER--
DESPITE WHAT THE BEAUTY CONTESTANT SAID!

EDITORIAL...

ONE MAN IS BETTER THAN ANOTHER—DESPITE WHAT THE BEAUTY CONTESTANT SAID!

In all its beauty and grandeur, the annual Miss America Pageant held Saturday night, September 9, was seen and enjoyed by thousands of people who were in actual attendance in the large auditorium and by millions of others who watched it by TV. On a whole we were impressed with the wholesome-type beauty displayed by the contestants and their all-around-girl appearance, traits which have in the past several years, at least, been aspirations of the pageant, whether or not these characteristics always came through.

As usual, talent scored 50 percent in judging; evening gown and swimsuit competition, 25 percent each. Certainly nothing is lovelier than a beautiful, fresh-as-the-morning girl attired in a modest, but flattering evening gown. For the men of our number, whose human side invariably takes control, it is also intriguing to observe them in their swimsuits. (Though their wearing high heels in swimsuits has always appeared a little ridiculous, we have learned that wearing high heels puts pressure on certain leg muscles and makes them appear more attractive.)

Some devout Christians would challenge us for watching such a program on TV, to say nothing about discussing it in a religious magazine's editorial; but our reason for doing so will become obvious.

We enjoyed the pageant, its beauty, the talent (some of the best in recent years), and especially some of the contestants' remarks, which (believe it or not) impressed us more than anything else. One remark, made by a contestant whose name and state we do not remember at this time, caused this writer to perk up his ears—mainly because it was something he had said in other chosen words in a recent editorial. Her statement was something to this effect: "I don't believe one man is any better than another even if he does know more." She was saying in effect (and we are not able to quote her directly) that all people are human, and as such have the same rights, that everybody is as good as his neighbor despite the fact that his educational achievements might not measure up to the one with whom he is compared.

We have no bone to chew there, for we have always insisted that mountains of degrees cannot make a person more capable than he is innately. Innate ability can be developed in numerous ways: by practice, by trial and error, by apprenticeship, etc.; and, yes, by a trained program culminating in that all-important awarding of a degree in some field. Let's not fight education. Again, let us make it clear that we believe in it and wish that everyone could obtain as much as he wants and needs. This is not always possible, however; and it's sad that unfavorable stigmas are attached to those who happen not to know as much as others and who are usually marked off as "ignorant" and are high-hatted by a few who consider themselves better because they do know more.

In one sense, however, that noble statement by the young lady sounds a sour note. In one instance, especially, if one man knows more than another he is indeed better—or at least "better off."

We have been told from youth that what we don't know won't hurt us. This is not true. If we go to a medicine cabinet to secure two aspirin tablets for a headache and in the darkness pull out a bottle containing some medicine prescribed for another ailment, we might very well suffer unfavorable consequences. Similarly, if we live a deluded spiritual life, not knowing about the redeeming grace of the Saviour, we have a lot to lose. So, spiritually speaking, one man is better than another if he happens to know more. Certainly in God's sight all are equal in that He desires every soul for His own, but some souls are in spiritual darkness, uneducated religiously, and ignorant of the Word. This behooves us who do "know" more to pass this information along to the unlearned.

We didn't expect a beauty pageant to inspire an editorial, but it did, however unprojecting our discussion is. We admire the young lady for voicing her opinion concerning the equality of man. We think it admirable that young people believe (or indicate that they believe) that people can "get together" on common ground despite educational and cultural differences. On the other hand, as she was obviously not considering the spiritual side of life, one in our position must consider this aspect. And for this reason we must disagree with her; for if one doesn't know of the saving knowledge of Christ, then the Book on which we base our belief says that he is lost. What do you think?

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A LETTER TO SOMEONE'S MOTHER

Dear Mother,

In this crazy, mixed-up world, I've said "Thank you" to a stranger who held a door open for me, even said "Thank you" when someone dialed my phone by mistake. I've said "Thank you" to you for a mess of green peas, but I've never said "Thank you" for the real things in life itself. So now, to correct this tremendous oversight:

Thank you for giving me life when most other couples found it not stylish to have more than two or three children.

Thank you for always having three meals each day on the table, when only God knows how you did it—not sandwiches, but honest-to-goodness boiled dinners. You have always worked hard and never complained. You said it wasn't what you did, but what you didn't have time to do that bothered you.

I couldn't understand that during my growing-up years, but now that I have a family of my own, I can.

Thank you for not sending me to church on Sundays during the war when gasoline had vanished from the lives of poor folks, but walking with me there and back, three miles one way, rain or shine. (I still have my Sunday school pin with the twelfth year bar. Even though one side of the tenth bar has come loose and the last three bars dangle, when I look at it, I don't see that or any effort on my part to earn it, but your efforts, Mother, and your strong faith in God.)

Thank you for always providing clothes and shoes, though as you well know, I wasn't too fond of the latter. With a little money and a lot of ingenuity, you created my clothes. One I especially liked was the pink and white feed sack dress with puffed sleeves and gathered skirt. (Between Barbara Campbell's and the Outland girls' hand-me-downs, you, and the Lord, I never had to go off with something shining that wasn't supposed to be.)

Thank you for being a miracle worker. It was nothing short of miraculous the

way you took one piece of white taffeta, some white net, and in a span of six years, transformed it into three different styles, three different sizes for my, Bernice's, and Beat's graduation. We may not have really been the belle of the ball, but that didn't keep us from thinking so.

Thank you for your patience during my cry-baby years, my ill-tempered adolescence, and my late teen dating years. You never did try to tell any of us whom to date or whom to marry; but you must have guided us with your prayers, because we all chose good mates.

Thank you for your sanity, which you always managed to keep no matter what the circumstances, especially times like my wedding day when our house was a conglomeration of clothes, suitcases, family, company, food, and nerves—except you. You were the calm in the center of the storm.

Thank you for installing in me the knowledge of Christ and His love that sustains us now and will someday reunite us in eternity. I can picture you now reading your well-worn Bible which you always have nearby.

Thank you for nursing me through the normal childhood diseases, snakebite, cuts, and bruises. I remember the time Beat, Carolyn, and I all had flu at the same time. The living room was kept heated on this occasion and was used as a hospital ward. You nursed me through childbirth twice, but you didn't stop there. With Ricky's and Jay's childhood diseases and surgery, you've been there to lend a hand and your prayers.

Thank you for a million and one more things too numerous to mention. The good things in my life, you've put there. The bad, I've picked up along the way.

Love,
Nancy

"There are millions of women you could have sent me to; but thank you, Lord, for sending me to Mother. Amen."

"Mount Olive Day" Observance

Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Pamlico County will observe Sunday, September 24, as "Mount Olive Day." The Rev. E. E. Edwards, pastor, has announced that Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, will preach at the morning worship service.

In the afternoon at 3:30 the Free Will Baptist churches of Pamlico County will meet at Mount Zion church to plan their 1972 dinner for the College.

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A Kindergartner Speaks Wisdom

A five-year-old kindergartner said to his mother when he came home from school, "I have a new friend on the big yellow school bus. I like him."

"That's fine," said mother. "And why do you like him?"

"I like him because he treats me like I'm a people!" said the boy.

Shouldn't everyone be treated thus—the old, the young, the rich, the poor, the black, and the white?

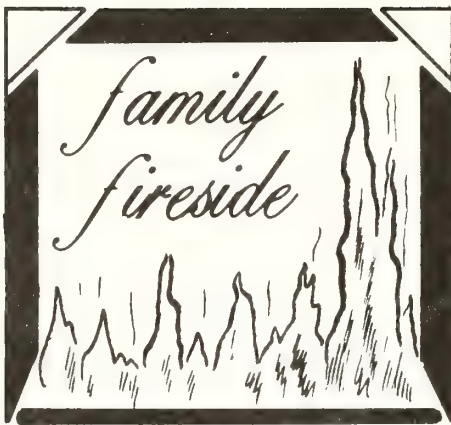
Mutual respect for each other is fundamental in right human relationships.—Alice Marie Knight.

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A retired Presbyterian minister in his eighty-sixth year said, "I still preach occasionally. Lately I've been troubled by bouts with insomnia, but I've discovered a sure-fire remedy. When I awaken in the night and find it hard to go back to sleep, I turn my mind to the preparation of a new sermon. And to my delight, I find that my sermons have the same effect on me that they have sometimes on the members of my congregations."

(The above letter was written by a real daughter to her real mother, saying perhaps many things we wish we were able to say but for some reason have not been able to. Perhaps it will provide incentive to tell our mothers just how important they are to us.)

(The author is Mrs. Nancy Matthews of 709 Anson Street, Wilson, North Carolina; and we commend her for the heart-warming manner in which she has expressed her gratitude to her mother. Many have waited too late to say these things, and Mrs. Matthews' mother must be proud and happy to have such a daughter who cares.—Ed.)



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 4:17

"IF ONLY THEY HAD OBEYED"

Two Boy Scouts who were brothers were killed by a cave-in near Denver, Colorado. Their troop leader, Willard Shaner, had warned them, saying, "Stay off the ledges. The soil is insubstantial and dangerous."

The boys, John and Robert, didn't heed the warning and this resulted in their deaths.

Their sorrowing father lamented, "If only they had done what they were told to do, this tragedy would have been averted."

It is hazardous for God's children to go in forbidden paths, heedless to God's warning.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we find ourselves going in "forbidden paths" sometimes? There are so many paths that we can go—that will really take us where God would have us go.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—Psalm 56:3

GOD IS IN THE DARK

Little Gloria was afraid of being alone in the dark. Her mother, learning of her fear, told her that God, her heavenly Father, was as loving as her own daddy and more powerful than her daddy. "Our heavenly Father takes care of His children in the dark as well as in the light," said her mother.

Later Mother sent little Gloria on an errand to the sewing room. It was getting dark and the room was not lighted. "I'm afraid of the dark, Mommy," said Gloria.

Taking the little girl into her arms, Mother said assuringly, "It isn't very dark in there, and don't forget that God is in the dark as well as in the light."

The words encouraged Gloria. Going into the dark room, she said, "God, O God, I'm comin'." She went alone—yet not alone.—Alice Marie Knight.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do we ever go anywhere alone? There is no real reason to do so, is there? Is He with you—always?

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—Psalm 126:6

WHEN OUR EFFORTS SEEM FUTILE

A woman who was a great lover of flowers planted a rare vine at the base of a stone wall. It grew rapidly, but there were no blossoms. Though she did her best to coax the vine to blossom, her efforts seemed futile.

One morning her neighbor, who lived on the other side of the wall, said to her, "You can't imagine how much I have been enjoying the gorgeous blooms of the vine you planted!"

The vine had crept through the crevices, and had flowered luxuriantly on the other side of the stone wall.

Often, when we see little or no evidence of our labor of love, God is working silently in the hearts and lives of others and blessing our efforts to help them.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sometimes it seems so long—seeing the results of our labors done for our God, our families, our fellowmen. Let's don't ever give up. It always pays off!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 1:14

"IT'S SUPERNATURAL!"

A girl from a Christless home attended a Bible class and was converted. Her unbelieving parents ridiculed her. "It is not natural for a young girl like you to be religious," they said.

The girl replied, "The change of heart I have experienced is not natural—it's supernatural! It is altogether from God. By His help I'll never go back to my former life."

Time passed. Her parents, observing the wonderful change which had taken place in her life, said, "Mary's experience must be real. She is so different now. She even gets up early every morning to pray and study the Bible before going to school. Formerly she was lazy and we had trouble getting her out of bed for school."

PRAYER THOUGHT

It's true! Being a Christian makes us different. Are you different from other people? It's a good feeling, isn't it?

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 25:28

TANTRUMS

Little Charles often got very angry and had tantrums. His parents did not correct him. As he grew older, he became more and more uncontrollable.

When Charles became a young man, he was usually pleasant, but when he became angry he was a terror. One time, in a fit of anger, he beat up his younger brother. His parents excused him, saying, "Anger is Charles's weakness. He can't help it."

One day Charles asked his uncle for some money. The uncle refused to give it to him. Charles became angry and struck his uncle several times on the head. The old man fell on the floor. Then Charles became alarmed. He was sorry about his

anger, but it was too late! His uncle was dead!

PRAYER THOUGHT

Have we been guilty of doing anything like the above incidents—maybe not to the extreme, but things we would give anything to undo? Have we?

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—Deuteronomy 10:13

THE JOY OF SERVICE

A prominent judge was asked by his pastor to teach a class of junior boys in the Sunday school. He declined, saying, "I'm too busy." Later he accepted the responsibility and said to the pastor, "It was sheer pride that made me refuse. I thought was too great a man to teach a class of boys. I have tried to play the distinguished Christian gentlemen role, and I have been worthless to God's kingdom."

After a year, the judge said, "Teaching those boys has been the greatest thing that ever happened to me! I never knew the joy of service before!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Maybe this will help us to do some "small thing" that is asked of us. Who knows—it could become one of the biggest things in our lives. Is it worth a try?

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Scripture Reading—Romans 3:22

THE RIGHT ANSWER

Bishop John Taylor Smith, Chaplain General of the British army in World War I adopted a simple method to determine the fitness of those seeking to enter the chaplaincy. He asked each one, "What would you say to a dying soldier who said, 'I have but one minute to live. What must I do to be saved?'"

If the volunteer for the chaplaincy said "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," or words to that effect, he was accepted. If a candidate gave an evasive or erroneous answer, he was rejected.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Reading the above shows us what the most important thing in our life consists of—believing in God. It's so easy!

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"We Preach Christ"

Shortly after World War II, four Russian Baptist leaders were permitted to visit the United States. A news correspondent asked one of them, "Since you are a Christian, I am sure you cannot concur in all that the Soviets believe and practice. How do you oppose these things?"

His answer was brief: "We preach Christ!" That was what the first century church did.

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MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Report of Mount Olive College

by W. Burkette Raper, President
to The North Carolina State Convention
of Free Will Baptists
September 14, 1972

Free Will Baptists have every right to be proud of Mount Olive—a college that God transformed from a dream into a miracle. The College is not yet all that any of us want it to be, but it is the best hope, and perhaps the only hope, that the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina have to provide Christian higher education for our children. New doors of opportunity are opening to us for educational improvement, physical development, and spiritual enrichment; and we believe that the future will be limited only by the degree of dedication we bring to it.

A College with a Mission

At Mount Olive College we believe that the most important factor in any person's life is his relationship with God, and we believe that the greatest contribution we can make to a student is to encourage him to make a personal commitment of his life to Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour and to grow in his relationship with God.

This emphasis upon the spiritual life does not mean that the College has subordinated its function as an academic institution which fosters intellectual growth, but rather it means that we recognize that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." God is first in our life or else He is not really in our life.

We believe that a college is made Christian not by being sponsored by a church, nor by courses of study in religion, nor by activities like chapel, nor by religious organizations; but it is made Christian by its entire educational process being based upon Jesus Christ. A college may maintain academic standards apart from Christ; it may even be religious apart from Christ; but it can not be Christian apart from Christ.

Prior to the beginning of the 1971-72 school year, earnest prayer was made for the spiritual life of the College; and during the early part of the fall semester there was a climate of spiritual expectancy on campus. In November at a religious life retreat many students and personnel had a genuine experience of spiritual renewal and rebirth which was shared both on campus and throughout Eastern North Carolina. A cross was erected on the new campus to mark the spot for a chapel, and in the spring an anonymous donor made a pledge of \$60,000 to this project. In June the College carried a bus delegation of 37 to Explo '72 in Dallas, Texas, an international congress on student evangelism. Now that students have arrived for the 1972-73 school year, there is an expectancy that we will experience even greater spiritual development than last year. We pray and trust that it shall be so!

Denominational Services

Under the leadership of the Rev. Frank Harrison, director of denominational services, and with the cooperation of the faculty, a series of five off-campus courses were conducted last year in which 117 persons were enrolled. These courses included "Crisis Ministry," "Creative Teaching Methods," "The Free Will Baptist Church," and the "Book of Acts."

The College will gladly conduct courses in any area of Eastern North Carolina on any appropriate subject in which there are as many as 12 people who will enroll. The length of the courses is flexible, depending upon the subject and convenience of those enrolled. One-day seminars can also be conducted. In addition, students and faculty members are available to fill preaching appointments and to provide special programs of music and Christian testimony.

Ministers or churches interested in any of these services should contact Mr. Harrison (office telephone 658-2502, home 658-9363).

The College has also developed a "supervised work experience" for ministerial students which provides for them

to serve as "assistant pastors" or in other appropriate capacities under the direction of experienced pastors or other capable persons. Persons interested in this program should contact Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Department of Religion.

Enrollment

A total of 307 students are enrolled for the fall semester, and while this number reflects a decrease of twenty from last fall, there are three aspects of this enrollment that will be of special interest to this convention:

1. The number of Free Will Baptist students has increased from 80 to 93.
2. The number of students preparing for the ministry, missions, and church-related vocations has increased from 16 to 25.
3. The number of students whose churches are participating in the "Church - College Scholarship Program" has increased from 35 to 41.

We believe that Mount Olive College has decided educational advantages for Free will Baptist young people, and we want to put forth every effort to encourage our high school graduates to attend Mount Olive College. Our churches can assist us by:

1. Sending the names, addresses, and phone numbers of your high school seniors and juniors. The College will endeavor to contact these students individually as well as invite them to the campus for personal visits.
2. Participating in the "Church-College Scholarship Program" which provides an annual scholarship of up to \$500 for each student.
3. Having "Mount Olive College Day" services in your church and inviting students and personnel from the College to participate.
4. Bringing your young people to the College for special visits on Saturday mornings or Sunday afternoons.

We believe that there is no other college that can provide better educational opportunities for our young people than can our own college.

The 1971 graduating class was the largest in our history—a total of 108 students received degrees.

Four-Year College Study

The board of trustees has authorized a study to be made to determine the feasibility of Mount Olive's becoming a four-year college. The study will identify (continued on page fifteen)

News & Notes of **DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST**

Revival in Progress At Christ Church, Oak Ridge

Revival services are in progress at the Christ Free Will Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, North Carolina, and will continue through Friday night, September 22, the time being 7:30 p. m. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. C. C. Burriss of Albemarle, North Carolina, pastor of the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Wadesboro, North Carolina. Special music is being featured nightly, and the evangelist is being assisted in the services by the pastor, the Rev. Wiley J. Combs.

The public is cordially invited to attend the remainder of these services and to be much in prayer for the success of the revival.

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Revival Services in Progress At First Church, Goldsboro

Revival services began Monday night, September 18, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday night, September 23. Serving as guest evangelist for this series of services is the Rev. Robert May, pastor of the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Ahoskie, North Carolina. The services begin nightly at 7:30 with the pastor of the church, the Rev. Earl Glenn, assisting the evangelist.

Special music is being featured nightly, and a nursery is being provided for the young children. All friends of the church are urged to attend the remainder of the services.

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Homecoming and Revival Services At Smith's New Home Church Near Deep Run

The annual homecoming service and picnic will be held on Sunday, September 24, at Smith's New Home church near Deep Run, North Carolina. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m., to be followed by morning worship at eleven o'clock. After the service ends, a picnic lunch will be served in the educational building. In the early afternoon after lunch, special singing, with various groups participating, is being planned. All former

pastors, members, and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend.

Revival services will be held at Smith's New Home church from Monday through Saturday nights, September 25-30, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. C. L. Patrick of Walstonburg, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. He will be assisted by the Rev. Andrew Hill, pastor of the church.

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Otway Free Will Baptist Church To Observe Homecoming

The Otway Free Will Baptist Church, Otway, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, September 24. The activities of the day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Following this, at the morning worship service, the homecoming message will be given by the Rev. Clifton Styron of Davis, North Carolina. Lunch will be at noon.

The homecoming day activities will continue with evening services that will begin with a memorial service for the members who have passed away during the past year. Special singing by individuals from the local churches will close the day.

The Rev. J. E. Thompson, pastor, invites friends, relatives, former members, and the public for a day of Christian fellowship.

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Homecoming to Be Observed At Virginia Beach FWB Church

The Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, 210 South Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, will observe its annual homecoming on Sunday, October 1. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m., to be followed with the homecoming message by the minister, the Rev. Harry A. Jones, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. The evening evangelistic service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Jones and the church membership invite all former ministers, members, and friends to come and to enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

Revival Services to Be Held At Piney Grove FWB Church

Revival services will be held at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Albertson, North Carolina, beginning Monday evening, September 25, at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. David Charles Hansley will be the visiting evangelist; he will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Bobby Jones.

The services will continue throughout the week, beginning each evening at 7:30 p.m. There will be an old-fashioned preaching and special singing. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Annual Youth Revival in Progress, September 18-23

The annual youth revival of the Third Union Youth Fellowship of the Eastern Conference is being held this week due to a change so that it would not conflict with the North Carolina State Convention. The revival began Monday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, located between Pink Hill and Beulaville, North Carolina, on the Beulaville highway.

The theme for the first five nights of the revival is "Revive 1972." John Williams, Harold Swinson, Carlton Lucas, and Tommy Evans, ministerial students of Mount Olive College, are the revival evangelists for the first four nights. The

Coming Events . . .

September 21—Eastern District Women's Auxiliary Convention, Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, North Carolina

September 21, 22, 23—Muscle Shoals State Line Free Will Baptist Association, Flatwood Church, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee

October 4—Albemarle Conference, Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, Registration 9:30 A. M.

October 11, 12—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Selma Church, Selma, North Carolina

October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina

November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina

November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

Rev. Wayne King, pastor of the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, is scheduled to be the Friday night evangelist. The young people will present special music each evening, give their personal testimonies, and serve as ushers and parking committee.

The theme for the Saturday night service, which will climax the week's activities, will be "The Best of '71 and '72." This service will be held at the Free Will Baptist Assembly Building, Pink Hill, North Carolina, on the Beula-ville highway. The "Free Spirits" and "His Singers," along with other musical groups that sang during the year at one of the youth fellowship meetings, will join together in presenting a musical and testimonial service.

You are cordially invited to come and to join with the young people of the church in this week of special services.

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Homecoming at Union Grove Church, Fremont, on September 24

Homecoming services will be held at Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Fremont, North Carolina, on September 24. Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m., to be followed with morning worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Bruce Jones of Ayden as speaker. Lunch will be at noon. A singspiration at 1:30 p.m. will feature the Stoney Creek Men's Choir, the Nahunta Men's Choir, the Falconetts and Falconairs from Aycock, the Forehand Trio, the Pleasant Hill Youth Singers, and others.

You are invited to come with a picnic basket and to join the congregation of Union Grove church for a day of fellowship.

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Annual Homecoming Observance At Arapahoe Church

This Sunday, September 24, is the date of the homecoming activities of the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church of Arapahoe, North Carolina. Friends and relatives are encouraged to join the congregation of Arapahoe for this observance. There will be a picnic after the morning worship hour, to be followed by singing in the afternoon.

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Sidney FWB Church Plans Homecoming

The Sidney Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on September 24. A former pastor of the church, the Rev. Bobby Jones of Smithfield, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker for the eleven o'clock worship

hour. During this time there will be special music furnished by the local church. Lunch will be served picnic style at the noon hour.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., there will be a singspiration in the church that will feature the "Musical Messengers," the "Gospel Chargers," and the "Hines Cousins" of Winterville, North Carolina, together with other gospel group singers.

All former pastors, members, and friends of the Sidney church are invited to come and to worship on this Lord's day.

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Rally Day Activities Planned At First Church, Smithfield

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Smithfield, North Carolina, under the direction of the Rev. Gene B. Britt, pastor, plans a rally day for this Sunday, September 24. The day's activities will open with Sunday school at 9:45. Special guests at this time will be the gospel quartet entitled "The Southernaires," and Miss Guyla Corbett, who will bring along her little dummy friend "Danny." Also present will be Miss Diane Baines, missionary candidate to Africa, who will speak during the 11 a.m. morning service.

The evening service, beginning at 7 p.m., will feature the youth choir from the Mayesville Memorial Baptist Church. The choir, led by the Rev. Jack Hinton, will present a program of singing and personal testimony.

The First church of Smithfield welcomes your attendance.

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Revival in Progress At Gum Neck Church

The Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Columbia, North Carolina, is currently holding revival services. The services began Sunday night, September 17, and will continue through Friday night, September 22.

The Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, is the guest evangelist for this series of services. Special music and "old-fashioned" preaching begin each evening at 7:30.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. Earl Minchew, extend a special invitation to everyone to be in attendance and to be much in prayer for the revival's success.

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Ormondsville Church To Observe Homecoming

The Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on

Sunday, September 24. The program for the day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m.; this will be followed with the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice, at the eleven o'clock worship hour.

Following the worship hour, a memorial service will be conducted by Mrs. Clovis S. Bowen for the deceased members who have departed this life since the last homecoming. Also, the church members will be given the opportunity to make a contribution toward the church budget for this church year. The day's activities will close with a picnic lunch served on the church grounds at 12:30 p.m.

All former pastors, members, and friends are extended a cordial welcome to attend this service and to join together for a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

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Spring Hope FWB Church Announces Revival and Homecoming

The Rev. Fred Rivenbark is scheduled to be the revival speaker at Spring Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, in services to be held September 25-29 at 7:30 in the evening. Special singing will be a highlight of each service.

On Sunday, October 1, ending the week of revival, homecoming activities are planned. The morning message will be delivered by the pastor of the Spring Hope church, the Rev. William L. Dale.

You are encouraged to attend both the revival services and homecoming.

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PLEASE NOTE

The Albemarle Union Meeting and the Sunday School Convention will meet at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church near Jamesville, North Carolina, rather than at the Belhaven, North Carolina, church as previously thought.

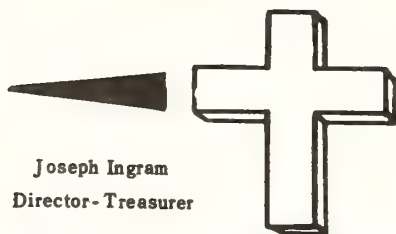
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Letter of Appreciation

Dear Editor,

I want to thank the many friends of my husband and me for the beautiful cards and love offerings that he received on his seventy-fifth birthday. I trust that all who read this will be much in prayer for us, because my husband continues to be very sick at this time.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. B. F. Ringgold



Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

MISSIONS

A Missionary Adventure – Friday, June 16

(Another in a series of mission articles
by a missionary candidate.)

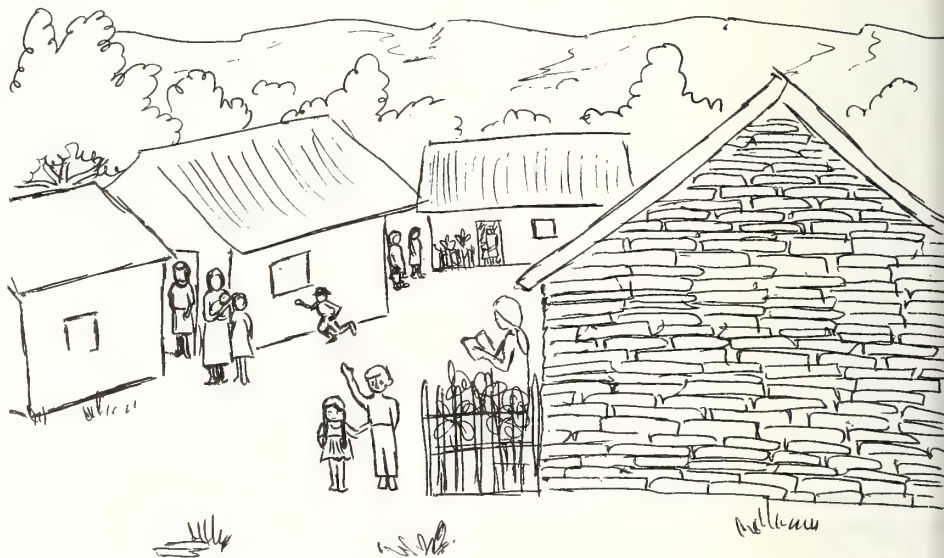
by Mattie Lou Link

This time we entered Mexico by a different route. We went to Del Rio and into Acuna. We were carrying 10 Spanish Bibles. We were afraid to "hide" them, because if found we'd get into trouble. We hoped somehow the bright red New Testaments wouldn't be seen. As we approached the border our hearts fell. Each car ahead of us was being inspected by several guards. We remembered the testimony of one called "God's Smuggler." He sometimes prayed for God to blind the eyes of the Communist when he was going through the borderline with Bibles. We prayed for the same. God answered, and we passed by without the guards' eyes even noticing the Bibles.

The city was very crowded, colorful, and dirty. We were told of how wicked and dangerous this city was. In this huge city, it was evident that the poor people salvaged everything they could find and used it for fences or used it somewhere on or in their houses. The streets have no gutters. It had just rained and water stood everywhere. Many houses have no running water. The people have to buy water each day from the waterman. It is placed in big barrels outside the homes. Little dirty, sometimes nude, children could be seen running around in the streets and doorways. A strong smell of human and animal waste permeated the air.

The streets were bumpy, rocky, and had gullies washed out all through them. The city looked very much how I picture Jerusalem and other biblical cities. The city is hilly. Some narrow streets, with no rails, curve around the hillsides. As we came down an "impossible" street, we crossed over what looked like a creek and then turned sharply to the right. The dry creek bed served as a road! Low, thorny bushes grew on each side. Soon we were passing houses, then bushes, then houses again. We stopped in front of a very small building which

I was told was a church. Mrs. Lopez, the Mexican minister's wife, was going to ride with us but wasn't quite ready. We went in to help her get her children ready. Mr. Lopez (the pastor) had already gone to the ranch. Their home was a very humble adobe brick home with a dirt floor. It made me realize all over again just how God has blessed us North Carolinians. Materially, we are like kings and queens to so many people in the world. I wonder why! Why have we been blessed with so much? We have a lot to account for.



Small village where we gave out Bibles on the way to the ranch.

The van was loaded. Besides the ten of us, there were two Mexican women, a baby, and two little girls. How anyone could ever find his way over the rocky hillside to the ranch was a miracle (so it appeared to me). We traveled over a forsaken-looking countryside that had only small paths that wandered here and there and occasionally crossed each other. We were in a low area. It had rained only a few hours before and the muddy roads were sticky and full of water. Time after time we slipped and slid through the water and mire on the "wings of a prayer." All the paths looked alike to me, with low, scrubby, thorny

bushes along the way. Soon it was evident to all of us that we were lost. Once in awhile we would pass a little village or a lone house. Sometimes we would see a horse and a rider off on a distant path. At one tiny village of yellow stone huts with thatched roofs we saw children and a few women. We stopped and Mrs. Timmons and a Mexican lady got out and gave them some Bibles. The villagers acted very appreciative and interested. Mr. Timmons told us that many of these people don't travel away from home. There are few people passing by, and very possibly they had never seen a Bible before. It was a thrill to think that the Spanish Bible was being given to people who were ignorant of its contents. Now we could only pray that they would read it and the Holy Spirit could do His work in their hearts.

We gave out other Bibles to families along the way as we stopped to ask directions. Once, on a horrible path, the van refused to go. The seven adults and teen-agers got out to make it light

er. Back and forth Mr. Timmons went, until finally the van lurched forward and off they went down the trail around the bend. We followed by foot, through the mud and water. After reloading the van and traveling only a short distance, we came to another big hole in the road. We started through, but this time the old faithful Ford simply quit on us. Fearful that someone might come along and strip the van, Brother Timmons stayed. The others of us set out by foot to find the ranch and get some men to help pull the van out. Our shoes were so thick with mud, and several of us went barefooted. What a terrible mistake! Be-

re we had gone very far, I wished a hundred times for my muddy sandals. At that time was important; we had to get help before dark. The rocky trails were slippery. A coyote passed across the road a few yards ahead of us. After about a mile, we came to a little village. The Mexican women were ahead of us. The woman was carrying the little Mexican boy, and Mrs. Timmons was trying to make the little two-year-old girl to give Mrs. Lopez's arms a rest. The child was screaming. We really felt funny. Although we saw several people before we reached the remote little village, when we got there they had all disappeared. Then on we walked. We crossed a little bridge over a creek known as Moccasin Creek. The road turned and followed the creek the rest of the way. The van was sinking behind the hills. Our hearts ached! We could see snakes in the creek beside us. We heard a car motor! Turning we saw a pickup truck! It stopped and the people offered us a ride to the home. They had been to the services before and recognized some of our members. We were so grateful for the short ride. The van had gotten stuck about three miles from the ranch.

It was 9 p.m. when we reached the home. Some men went to help get the van out with a tractor. It was getting late, so we entered the one-room home. Two kerosene lamps were lighted and the services began. Some of these people are not too sympathetic to the gospel message, although there was a good crowd of people present. The owner of the house was away in another city. We had a child evangelism class with the women and children present; then, just as we finished, the men arrived. We sang a few hymns, and Vance preached the simple message with Mr. Timmons as interpreter. Ten people raised their hands that they wanted to be saved. Although no one came forward, we cannot underestimate the power of the gospel! God's Word was given, and the Holy Spirit was present. There were about 40 people crowded in that humble home. Most of them had walked to the home, although one family had a horse and buggy. It was a long trip back into town (really about 15 miles). We finally reached our home around 1 a.m. We were tired, but happy in the end!

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A problem not worth praying about
is not worth worrying about.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

WILBUR'S MIRACLE

by Harold Jones

Two weeks ago Sandra had the privilege of leading a young lady to the Lord here in our home. The next day she brought her husband and he also accepted the Lord. This young man is Wilbur Bravo and his wife is Emilia. Two days later on Saturday morning he came to our house and was telling us how long he had been without work and that things did not look any better. He had been looking for a job for three years. A job is really something to treasure here as everywhere, but here it is compounded. There can be one job opening and several hundred will apply.

We prayed that Saturday morning that the Lord would open a job for Wilbur. I really had assurance after we prayed and told him that I knew for sure that he would have a job in a very short time, perhaps even that day. That very day he got some part-time work which was great, but the best was yet to come the next Monday and Tuesday. Brother Perocillo was down at the city hall and heard of applications being taken for workers in the Malaria Control Program. He told Wilbur to go for an application, but the officials would not give him one. So Brother Perocillo went and got one for him. He gave it to Wilbur and Wilbur filled it out and turned it in. This was on Monday. The next day (Tuesday) Wilbur returned to the application office, but became depressed. He thought he would not get a job, but he was encouraged to wait it out. That afternoon he got a job. There were 50 that were rejected; only a few got jobs. We know that this was the work of the Lord. Jobs here are very often given because one knows somebody, but we are not politicians and Wilbur is unknown in the community; yet, he got a job.

Three years, no job; a man finds the Lord and earnestly prays for the Lord to help him; three days later he has a job. You see, it really does help to know "somebody" and that "Somebody" who counts the most is God. He provides for His own. I wish you could have seen the wide grin on Wilbur's face as he said, "I believe; I believe that the Lord did it. Thank the Lord." We call it Wilbur's miracle.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

Central Conference Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Community Free Will Baptist Church
Weldon, North Carolina

September 27, 1972

Theme: "Labourers Together with God"

Scripture: "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "To the Work"
—Devotions, Mrs. Jack Dail
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Edwards Sweat
—Response, Miss Pattie Carraway
- 10:20—Recognition Time
—Business Period
—"Labourers Together with God Through Spreading the Message," Mrs. Vance Link, Missionary Candidate
—Our Mexican Needs
—Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—"Labourers Together with God Through the Printed Page," Mrs. Elizabeth Hill
—"Labourers Together with God Through Child Care," Mrs. Bruce Barrow
—Love Offering
- 11:25—"Labourers Together with God Through Special Music," Community Church
- 11:30—"Labourers Together with God Through Preaching the Word," the Rev. Vance Link
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Hymn, "Make Me a Channel of Blessing"
—Memorial Service, Mrs. J. M. Langley
—"Labourers Together with God Through Education," Mount Olive College
—"Labourers Together with God Through Our Youth," Mrs. Bill Taylor
—"Labourers Together with God Through Mountaintop Experiences"
 - 2:00—Business
—Adjournment
- Pianist: Mrs. Vance Link
Music Director: Mrs. Marvin Moore

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Being young is a fault which improves daily.

Cragmont Assembly News



THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW
Managers

Black Mountain, North Carolina

Cragmont: Unusual Gifts

by De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

During the week of June 26—July 1, the Christian Cadets' Conference was held at Cragmont Assembly. The able director of the conference was the Rev. Raymond Jones, pastor of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina. The conference experienced a very good week in every respect. Spiritual blessings were experienced as usual during the conference. There is another aspect of the Christian Cadets' Conference which has become a tradition: During the worship service on Friday evening, the young people are given the opportunity to present an offering for Cragmont. The offering this year, plus a \$25 gift from the May's Chapel YFA, amounted to \$79.69! This gift is especially significant, because it was given by a group of campers involved in a week's activity at Cragmont.

Another unusual gift was received in the form of a five-station intercom system. The Welcon Service Company of Wilson, North Carolina, supplied the equipment, men, and labor at no cost to Cragmont Assembly. The need of such a system had been discussed by the board. The feeling was that at the present time the need for new buildings and repairs on present buildings was most important. However, Welcon informed us that they had a used system that could be renovated and installed free of charge. You just can't beat that price! We appreciated the work of the men involved and this positive concern for Cragmont.

Also, Doug Skinner has secured some used fluorescent lighting fixtures for installation at Cragmont. He has stated that he will install them in some of the older buildings to improve the lighting. This also will be at no cost to Cragmont.

We certainly appreciate each of these gifts as well as the other gifts received from interested churches, groups, and

individuals. This spirit of giving has become a real tradition among those who love and work to the glory of God through Cragmont Assembly. These gifts are unusual. This is in keeping with the unusual spiritual inspiration that is received by multitudes yearly through the ministry of God at Cragmont.

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Kitchen Campaign

by De Wayne Eakes, Publicity Director

As most of you are probably aware, a \$30,000, or better known as the "kitchen campaign," is underway. This is being carried out by the Cragmont board of directors and other interested ministers and laymen. We have an honor roll for this campaign. Churches, groups, or individuals giving \$50 or more to this campaign will be honored by a permanent record of the giving at Cragmont and by publication in "The Free Will Baptist" as they are submitted to me. The following lists are those submitted by Mrs. Dola H. Dudley and De Wayne Eakes.

Mrs. Dudley's Campaign Results to Date:

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| Larry Johnson | \$ 50.00 |
| The Rev. Herman Wooten | 50.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Leon Godwin | 100.00 |
| In Honor of Mrs. Lila Harrison | 50.00 |
| The Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard | 50.00 |
| Mrs. H. L. Spivey | 50.00 |
| Clara Mitchell Class, First FWB Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina | 50.00 |
| Juniper Chapel Woman's Auxiliary | 60.00 |
| Mrs. Sadie Peedin | 50.00 |
| Cragmont Woman's Conference | 190.42 |

I quote Mrs. Dudley: "It is a pleasure to work for this cause, because I see such a great need for it. I am hoping to exceed my thousand dollars (challenge) real soon." I would like to add that this campaign has been running only since June of 1972. It will continue through January 1, 1973.

De Wayne Eakes Campaign Results to Date:

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| Little Rock FWB Church | \$113.00 |
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| Little Rock YFA | 50.00 |
| Western District Youth Fellowship | 100.00 |
| Gum Swamp FWB Church | 100.00 |
| Western Union Meeting (First, Paid Quarterly) | 100.00 |
| Christian Cadets' Conference | 79.69 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Watson | 50.00 |

This record is only of those on the honor roll. There are many other groups and individuals who are also to be commended for their giving thus far in our campaign. Be sure to send your offering to Cragmont Assembly. We urge our Church to adopt a systematic method of giving to Cragmont Assembly and put forth a special effort in regard to our Kitchen Campaign Drive.

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Cragmont Treasurer's Report for August, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as follows for the month of August, 1972:

Balance August 1, 1972 \$4,710.00

Receipts

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| Churches | \$398.00 |
| YFA | 75.00 |
| Gifts | 36.00 |
| Unions | 63.00 |
| Leagues | 36.19 |
| Sunday Schools | 15.00 |
| Sunday School Convention | 10.00 |
| Auxiliaries | 19.41 |
| NCFWB Woman's Auxiliary Convention | 438.04 |
| Total Receipts | 1,090.00 |

Total for Which to Account \$5,801.00

Disbursements

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| Operating Expenses | \$ 42.00 |
| Insurance | 189.00 |
| Interest on Note | 580.00 |
| Total Disbursements | 811.00 |
| Balance September 1, 1972 (Checking Account) | \$4,990.00 |
| Savings (Earmarked Funds) | 2,339.00 |
| Grand Total | \$7,329.00 |

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Come, Chain and All

"I would like to come to Jesus Christ said a man in a meeting, "but I am chained to sinful habits. I cannot break the chain!"

A redeemed man sitting near him uttered, "Come to Christ, chain and all!"

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: What is meant by "store-house giving" as recorded in Malachi 3:10? What is the best way to pay tithes? Is it all right to pay tithes outside one's local church?

Answer: The passage of Scripture Malachi 3:10 mentioned in your question has in mind the temple treasury as being the storehouse. Coldness and backslidden condition on the part of the Jews provoked the writing of this verse. The Israelites when in fellowship with God had prescribed to the law wholehearted and were a prosperous people experiencing victory in all military engagements and a plentiful harvest from all their agricultural projects. However, when they failed in obedience to God, withholding the tithe and in other ways regarding the law, God's method in punishing them was sending "leanness" (Psalm 106:15); that is, causing flocks, herds, trees, vines, and whatever else they were dependent upon for a livelihood to become barren.

To apply this to the Christian would, I think, require one to give to the local church treasury; but it might also require of him that he give to mission treasury and wherever else the Holy Spirit convinced him to give. The giving of one tenth of one's income might be sufficient giving to the cause of Christ to insure him peace of mind if it happened that God had blessed him with an income that justified his giving there.

I heard Dr. Jacob Heinrichs, dean of Northern Baptist Seminary and a graduate of Colgate Seminary, tell how the great philanthropist Colgate, upon reaching what his father thought was a sufficient age of maturity to serve an apprenticeship under a friend of his, became a soap maker. The Colgate family was large and their only livelihood was gained in tilling a small farm that yielded modestly. When young Colgate was about to cross the first river bridge en route from his father's home to the city where his next few years' duty would occupy him, someone called from

a small tugboat near the bridge and invited him to join him. Young Colgate, with his few belongings tied in a small piece of cloth and hanging from a stick carried on his shoulder, accepted the invitation; for he recognized the one whose voice he had responded to as that of his father's dear Christian friend who owned and operated a small tugboat in the river.

When this gentleman had queried young Colgate and was made aware of the young man's plight, he placed his hand upon the lad's head and prayed for him, committing him and his soon-to-be employer to God, asking that the Lord make them compatible and prosperous in their business; but most of all he prayed for honesty and integrity on the part of both as they dealt with each other and with a public that was in need of their services. He proceeded to advise young Colgate that if he kept in a continued communion with God, gave a full pound of soap and even a little more where there might be any question, lived honestly in his dealings with everyone, including paying a full tithe of all his income to God; then God would honor such integrity by supplying all his needs.

The senior partner, whom young Colgate joined in full partnership the third year he worked under him, was feeble in health. Soon the whole business, which had become unusually successful, was in the hands of Mr. Colgate, who had in every detail tried to come up to the standard suggested to him by his father's Christian friend, the tugboat operator. Within a few years, Mr. Colgate's success under God's leadership was sufficient to allow him to give into the work of the Lord one half; and this increase in the percentage of his giving year by year was made until, before he died, he was giving 90 percent and using 10 percent for himself.

Whether every Christian might or should work toward this end in his economic aspirations, I shall leave to the consciences of the readers; but one thing is certain: and that is that God wants

His children and them alone economically to support the propagation of the gospel to every creature all over the world.

The tithe system had a unique application to Israel since God made it a part of the tabernacle worship. One has only to read what the Bible says about it to be aware of this particular application to Israel. So in order to say what is the best way a church member should pay tithes, one should compare what both the Old and New Testaments say, and by doing this it makes me believe that we should start with the tithe as a basis. We are told to do our giving according to the way God has prospered us. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2); "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness)" (2 Corinthians 9:6-10).

Dr. Nathan J. Stone, in his book **Answering Your Questions**, has the following to say on Page 206:

"God's Storehouse: Is the local church God's 'storehouse' (Malachi 3:10)? Must a tenth be used only in the local church?"

"The 'storehouse' (Malachi 3:10) referred to the temple treasury (1 Chronicles 26:20; Nehemiah 13:12). In its modern and local application it is, of course, the church treasury.

"One's tenth need not necessarily be confined to local church need. If it is the total amount of one's giving, it should not be so confined. The gifts of the vast majority of people include the entire church enterprise. And certainly missionary effort both at home and abroad is part of this. For the church, the field is the world."

Also, on Page 457, under "Tithes and Taxes":

"This was not the only tithe the Children of Israel paid. Any obscurity with regard to other tithes paid was harmonized in ancient Jewish practice by
(continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



NOT FOR SALE

by Olive W. Mumert

AFTER Jerry had romped awhile with Tige, his part terrier, part Chihuahua dog, he sat down, his back to the big maple tree, to study his Sunday school lesson. Tige (short for Tiger) snuggled up close to Jerry's legs and went to sleep. Or maybe he was only pretending to be asleep, because when a lady stopped by the fence, Tige growled.

"Quiet, Tige!" Jerry said, getting up and going to the fence.

"I've been watching your dog for several days," the lady said. "He's the kind of dog I've been trying to buy. Would you sell him?"

"I can't," Jerry said.

"I'd give you twenty dollars—more if you will wait for the money," she said. "You see, my son can't go outside. He needs a dog to keep him company."

The lady turned to walk away, and Jerry said, "I'm sorry. Tiger wouldn't want to leave me anyhow. And I just couldn't sell him."

"I understand," the lady said, then started down the street.

Jerry watched her for a minute; then he ran after him. "Tiger's not for sale," he said. "But maybe Tiger and I could visit your son."

"Marvin might like that. Could you come now?"

"I'll ask Mom."

"Tell your mother I'm Mrs. Jones. We live on the corner of Third and Elm," the lady said. "But I can wait only a moment. Marvin is alone."

Jerry ran into the house. He was back shortly with Tiger on his leash. Mom had known about Mrs. Jones and her son who couldn't walk. Mom warned Jerry not to get impatient with the other

boy. "Don't forget, son, behave like a Christian," she had said.

Mrs. Jones didn't speak until they paused before a run-down apartment house. "You wait in the hall," she said to Jerry. "Marvin can't talk properly, so he's not fond of meeting strangers."

"Maybe he won't want to see me," Jerry said.

"Possibly not," she replied, going up the steep stairs ahead of him. "But he'll want to see the dog, and he may get to like you, too."

After she'd left him in the hallway, Jerry wanted to sneak out and run back home. Instead, he asked God to help him to like and understand Marvin. "This really is an awful place to live," he said, looking around at the gray plaster walls and the scuffed doors and woodwork. "I'd hate living here. I can walk and get outside, but the boy inside can't."

The door behind him opened. "Come in," Mrs. Jones said.

The room he entered was so different from the grubby hallway that Jerry just stared for a moment. These walls were fresh and clean and decorated with huge color prints of lakes and mountains. The room he'd stepped into was as bright and as nice as any room in his own home.

"Come," Mrs. Jones said, leading him over to the wheel chair at the far side of the room. "This is Marvin," she said, introducing him to the shriveled boy with big, dark eyes. "I'll make some cocoa for you boys."

Marvin grunted what sounded like a protest, but his mother went on into the next room.

Jerry didn't know what to say or do. Marvin was so small and scrawny. But Mom had said that Marvin was a lot older than he looked, that the illness

which had crippled him had also kept his body from developing further.

Jerry lifted Tige up onto Marvin's lap and said, "I brought my dog to see you. Would you like to hold him?"

The other boy's eyes brightened, and he mumbled something which Jerry was sure meant yes. "Be still, Tige," Jerry said, taking off the leash and dropping it into his pocket.

The dog looked up questioningly at him, then turned to Marvin and licked his face. Jerry pulled him back. Marvin looked frightened. Jerry said, "Tige won't hurt you."

Marvin reached his thin, twisted hand toward the dog and touched him.

"It's all right," Jerry said. "Scratch him behind his ears and under his collar. He loves it."

The other boy petted the dog and began talking to him. Jerry didn't understand all the words, but Tiger did. He liked it and soon was curled up on Marvin's lap, settling to sleep.

By now Jerry was beginning to understand the words Marvin said, and they talked about the books they'd read and were planning to read. After a while Marvin's mom brought in cocoa and cookies.

They visited awhile longer as they drank the sweet, dark, chocolate and munches spicy cookies. Then Jerry had to leave.

Tiger was still asleep on Marvin's lap. He opened his eyes a tiny crack when Jerry rattled the chain, then pretended to be sound asleep. Jerry couldn't believe it. Tiger had never before liked anyone as well as he liked Jerry, and Tiger was always ready to go whenever he heard his chain rattle.

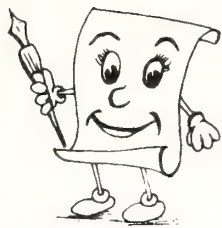
But he can't stay here, Jerry thought. He's mine.

He talked about Marvin going out and maybe coming to Sunday school. He had to keep talking about things Marvin might be able to do—anything to keep from hearing the thought that kept pushing into his mind—the idea that maybe he should give his dog to Marvin.

But I just can't do that, he thought. Home wouldn't be the same without Tiger.

He tried to push the nagging thought aside. But he kept thinking about Marvin's needing Tiger more than he did. And Tiger likes him. Maybe he even understands about Marvin's needing him. Maybe that's why he wants to stay, Jerry thought. But I can bring him back to see Marvin every day—or almost every day anyhow.

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NOTES

by Nina Grace Register

A couple of men in Germany were fined \$2,000 and imprisoned for buying butter substitute, repackaging and selling it for the real thing. Their fraud was detected in a routine laboratory test. If it been up to their customers, they'd never have been caught, for they wouldn't taste the difference. After they were convicted, some customers continued and wanted their product returned to the market—just couldn't believe they'd been duped. They really prefer the imitation.

Fake religions are like that, too. They're so close to the real thing that we sometimes can't tell the difference. And when we are deluded, we don't want anyone telling us. The doctrines being passed off as Christianity suit our moods and manner of living.

Some teach that mankind is constantly improving and getting closer to God, so it isn't necessary to believe in the atonement blood of Christ—that we'll get there anyway. Others say that God is so good He could never allow one of His children to be tormented, that there is no place for punishment, that this life is all there is but do be good to your fellowman and try to improve the world for the children of tomorrow.

How about those religions like side shows? P. T. Barnum would enjoy some of the "church services" going on nowadays, with the jumping, rocking, and other entertainment gimmicks used to attract members.

Many times the people who fall into these traps, sad to say, are from Christian homes and have attended church year after year. However, their second religion isn't strong enough. Since they've never had the real thing, they can't recognize the substitute. The true church doesn't have a laboratory test to test routinely new sects. We have to do that ourselves with the Bible and the Holy Spirit. "Try the spirits whether they are of God: . . ." (1 John 4:1).

But if it's in a pretty wrapper and we like its looks, we buy without checking

Where Is There a Daring Preacher?

by L. E. Ballard

Member, Central Conference Mission Board

Some months ago an article appeared in these pages about the mission church in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. In it the statement was made that this church needed a minister who could be challenged by a growing little church with great possibilities for the future. Three or four ministers wrote in asking for information, but not one seemed ready, or found it possible, to accept the challenge.

Now things have changed. Due to circumstances over which they seemed to have no control, several of the most faithful and dependable members have had to move away from Roanoke Rapids because of their businesses or jobs. The small congregation has been reduced to a **very** small congregation. I am not going to attempt to explain why this situation came about—just to give the facts; and the bare facts indicate that what the church needs now is not just a minister who can be challenged by future prospects, but one who will dare to take hold of a situation that clearly bears the marks of a hard job and a definite risk.

Here's the point, and I am going to state it frankly and be brief: In its present condition the congregation is only able to take care of about one half of a living salary for a pastor. This means that the church needs a man who will come to Roanoke Rapids, find a part-time job, or who has a trade he can follow to obtain about one half of his living, while working to build up the church. What will he have to begin with? He will have two or three families, five or six widows and bachelors, and a few people with some interest who occasionally attend services. Materially, the church has the free use of very good facilities for temporary quarters, twenty nice lots in a good location for future building, all paid for, and close to \$4,000 in a building fund.

How long will a minister have to work under the conditions I have described? Well, that will depend a lot on him—how hard he works, how much faith he has. Of course it will depend also on how faithfully the little group works

what's inside. No wonder we get in trouble. (And sometimes it's hard to get out of!—Ed.)

with him. In their defense, let me say that since the church lost more than half its members, these who are left have increased their giving to the extent that now they give more per member than the average in many larger churches. Moreover, they are united—there has been no strife or division in the church during the past year. Nobody "got mad and left"; they just had to leave because of circumstances.

Is this being read by a preacher with a daring spirit? If it is read by one with a genuine interest, you can write to the Pulpit Committee, Roanoke Rapids Free Will Baptist Church, P. O. Box 846, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, or contact this writer (Greenville 752-2950). But don't play any games with this little group, please! If you only have curiosity, don't bother to write. At the will of the church, I have tried to picture the situation clearly enough so that a lot of negotiating will not be necessary. Sure, look further into it if you are really challenged; but if you do not possess a daring missionary spirit, this is not meant for you!

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Howard Teaching Course at Casey's Chapel

The Rev. Sheldon Howard, a member of the Department of Religion at Mount Olive College, is teaching a five-week course at Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, that began Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 p. m. The course concentrates on creative teaching methods that may be used by the Sunday school teacher, and is designed specifically for Sunday school teachers.

If anyone wishes to have a course or some other form of denominational service rendered in your church, please contact Mr. Frank R. Harrison, director of denominational services, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365, telephone (office) 658-2502, (home) 658-9363.

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Change of Address

The new address of the Rev. Luther Swinson is Route 5, New Bern, North Carolina 28560; the phone number is 638-5427. Mr. Swinson is now pastor of Saints Delight Free Will Baptist Church. His former address was Route 1, Box 300, Beulaville, North Carolina 28518.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 1



Social Changes: Mass Communications

Lesson Text: Ephesians 4:11-16, 25-32; Philippians 4:8, 9; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; James 3:1-12

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:25

I. INTRODUCTION

It has been said so many times that it seems trite to repeat it, but it is still true: "Transportation and communications have increased to the point where the whole world is one community." News may be heard around the world in a matter of seconds. One may travel from any point in the world to any other point within a twenty-four-hour period. These facts have affected all our lives.

The first effect that this plethora of transportation and communication has produced is an awareness of the world's condition. One does not have to be educated to know what is happening on a day-to-day basis anywhere in the world. For example, not too long ago the nation of Bangladesh was formed, and many thousands of people are starving. Almost every person in the world knows about this and has seen pictures of the starving children on television. Instead of taking real effort to be informed about the world's condition, it would take real effort today not to be aware of the conditions.

A second effect of this mass transportation and communication is the danger that it may be used by unscrupulous persons to influence public opinion and bring thousands of people into servitude. An illustration of this is the rise of Hitler in Germany. He was a master in the art of propaganda and he used the mass media to enslave the German people and engage them in a war that brought much destruction to the world.

Still a third effect of all this transportation and communication is the opportunity that it gives to Christians for the spread of the gospel. There seems to be no reason why the whole world should not be reached with the gospel in

a short time. This is a great responsibility for the church and for each individual Christian.

Does the Bible have anything to say on this point of mass transportation and communication? Many would say that it does not because these conditions did not exist at the time the Bible was written. But the Bible is a timeless book, and it was inspired by the Holy Spirit who is timeless. So in this lesson we are going to look into the Bible and see what it has to say on this fact.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It is obvious that a Christian has a serious responsibility in these times. He can very easily be made a dupe of men who can slant the news and edit it in order to direct the mass mind. All of us are aware of how men can remove segments of a newsreel and give a false emphasis. As people who are committed to the circulation of truth, we have a solemn obligation to separate fact from rumor and to promote only that which is verifiable.

B. And we must not be betrayed into immature and childish attitudes in a vain attempt to seek security by isolation. Some Christians have decried television as an instrument of Satan, and regarded the device itself as of the world and not to be touched by the faithful. But there is nothing sinful about it. It is neutral by nature and can be a force for great good or evil. It is the use to which it is put by men that makes the difference. Not the controls on the set, but the control in the hearts of men decides where its impact will lie.

C. We should have a well-directed strategy to capture those thoughts that are broadcast and bring them to acknowledge the sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must arouse from our lethargic state and bring to bear upon our modern culture the force of righteous thoughts and lives. If Christians would revolt against the suggestiveness that befouls the air waves as foreign particles pollute the atmosphere, we could see a

great change. But so long as we lay upon our hands while the hucksters are waving theirs, we cannot expect a transformation to come. We never intend to be silent about sin!

D. What is our God-imposed duty these times? We may safely conclude that it includes the following:

1. We must have a firm commitment to Him who is the very embodiment of truth, that is, who is truth in the absolute. Our allegiance to Him must transcend every other relationship of life.

2. We must accept the responsibility to embrace, advocate, and defend every truth as it is made known to us, and we must do so for truth's sake, and not for temporal advantage. This is not always easy, because we are sometimes moved by external conditions when we think that we are acting objectively.

3. We must prosecute an earnest search for truth. We must be activists in our intention to know the truth. Our task is to seek it out; not merely to stumble over it.

4. We must share with others the truth that we apprehend, for it is only in the sharing that we fulfill our obligation to our fellowmen. Simply holding a truth for selfish and egotistic gratification will do no good, for we will lose our truth trying to protect another.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. What a man thinks about is a reflection of the kind of man he really is. The mind is the place where plans are formulated long before deeds are enacted. The thought life of a person reflects his true character. Man's mind has always been the battleground where far-reaching conflicts are waged.

B. Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour are called upon to submit their minds to His control. Man fell into sin affected his mind as it did every other area of his existence. Scripture makes it very clear that Satan has "blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

C. Since the sinner who has been saved by God's grace still possesses the old Adamic nature, his mind must constantly be brought into subjection to the Spirit of God. The believer still has the old mind, though he now possesses the Person of the Holy Spirit the power to be renewed in the spirit of his mind (Ephesians 4:23).

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Questions & Answers

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considering them as three different tithes, which were called the first tithe, the second tithe, and the poor or third tithe.

"The first went solely to the Levites and priests. The second tithe was consumed in Jerusalem as a feast to the Lord by both the persons presenting it and by the Levites (Deuteronomy 14:26). This was taken off after the first tithe to the Levites, and in the third year it was to be given **entirely** to the Levites and to the poor. According to the Jewish historian Josephus, who lived in the first century A.D., the poor tithe was really a third tithe (Book 4, Chapter 8, Section 22), which probably was the custom in his day."

Then storehouse giving would be giving into the treasury of the local church and it applies to today's Christian. The best way for one to pay tithes would be through the local church and also to any worthy and needy cause. There have been certain Christian institutions, radio programs, and particular mission projects, including individual missionaries, etc., which I have felt led of the Lord to help support, and have done that. I am sure that this is not only biblical, but in keeping with one's personal conscientious convictions.

If the Israelites under the law gave three tithes and then freewill offerings, what might we be privileged to give who now enjoy the fullness of the gospel in the Age of Grace? I have yet to find the true child of God who has suffered or physical want as a result of giving an overabundance toward carrying on the Lord's work. This does not mean that we should give to all religious causes when appealed to by the representatives of false cults, such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists, Mormons, and probably a dozen more cults by which you and I may be solicited. If you are not sure that any religious solicitors are money are Christians, your giving to a false cause might be a more grievous sin in God's sight and according to His word than not to give at all.

We are held responsible for contributing to the devil's cause. That's one way I am sure some uninformed Christians help to defeat the cause of Christ. Another word of warning: Beware of peddlers of religious literature. Don't buy any religious literature unless you know for sure what you are doing. That food from the mouth of the dragon in

the Book of Revelation is no doubt false religious propaganda which includes the false religious literature which the cults' representatives of our day are sowing throughout the country. Remember the warning we are given: "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7:7); "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Timothy 4:1, 2); "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:4).

Radio and television programs like **The Hour of Decision** by the Billy Graham Association; **Back to the Bible Broadcast**, by Theodore Epp; **The Far East Broadcasting Association's Mission Program**; **The Bible Class** by DeHahn; and some others of reputation are worthy of our support, so we need to pray for such. As God leads and enables us, we should share in the economic support of these.

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Sunday School Lesson

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D. In the book of Philippians, Paul places much stress upon the importance of the believer's thought life. Throughout the book he refers in various ways to the need for the believer to cultivate the mind of Christ. Holy and righteous thoughts lead to a holy life. Impure thoughts if followed to their logical end lead to sin.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

E. There is a sign at the entrance of a great manufacturing plant that reads: "If you are like a wheelbarrow—going no farther than you are pushed—you need not apply for work here." The real beauty of Christian living lies in "the second mile." Jesus talked at length to His followers that they were to be known by the beauty of going a little farther, and, consistent with His own teachings, He took the road to Calvary.—Young People's Weekly, in The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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The youth who stands at the entrance to college with his pockets bulging with money, if he has not a burning desire for education, has not the price; but though his pockets be empty, if he has a consuming hunger for knowledge, he has the price.—Selected.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"Come on, Tiger," Jerry scolded. "We've got to go home."

The dog jumped unexcitedly from Marvin's lap and waited for Jerry to fasten his leash.

Jerry said good-bye, promising to bring the dog back again.

Out on the street Jerry tried to hurry the dog toward home. His Sunday school class was going on a hike right after lunch. They were staying in the woods for supper and an evening song session. Tiger would have to stay home. Jerry knew just how Tiger would watch him and beg to go along. Tiger always hated being left behind, but Jerry knew there were many places where dogs just weren't wanted.

"Things would be different if you stayed with Marvin," he said, scratching the dog's ears. "But I couldn't sell you. Besides, I'd hate not having you around when I get home. It would be different if I had a brother or a sister, but you're all I've got."

"But that's not really true," Jerry said, stopping suddenly. "I've got the Lord Jesus. He's my Saviour, and He never leaves me. That's what my Sunday school lesson is about this week. And I've got Mom, too, and lots and lots of friends. And Marvin has only his mom."

He squatted down and scratched Tiger under his collar. With his face on a level with the dog, who was standing on his hind feet, Jerry said, "I can't sell you, but I could let you stay with Marvin. I'd come to see you there. Would that be OK, boy?"

Tiger wiggled and whined, and Jerry laughed in spite of the burning feeling behind his eyes. "You're a goof!" he said. "Let's go."

They turned and ran back to the gloomy-looking old apartment building.—My Pleasure.

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fy the standards for accreditation as a senior college, the additions to the educational program, faculty, physical facilities, and other requirements. An evaluation of enrollment potential and the projected cost for the transition will be important parts of the study.

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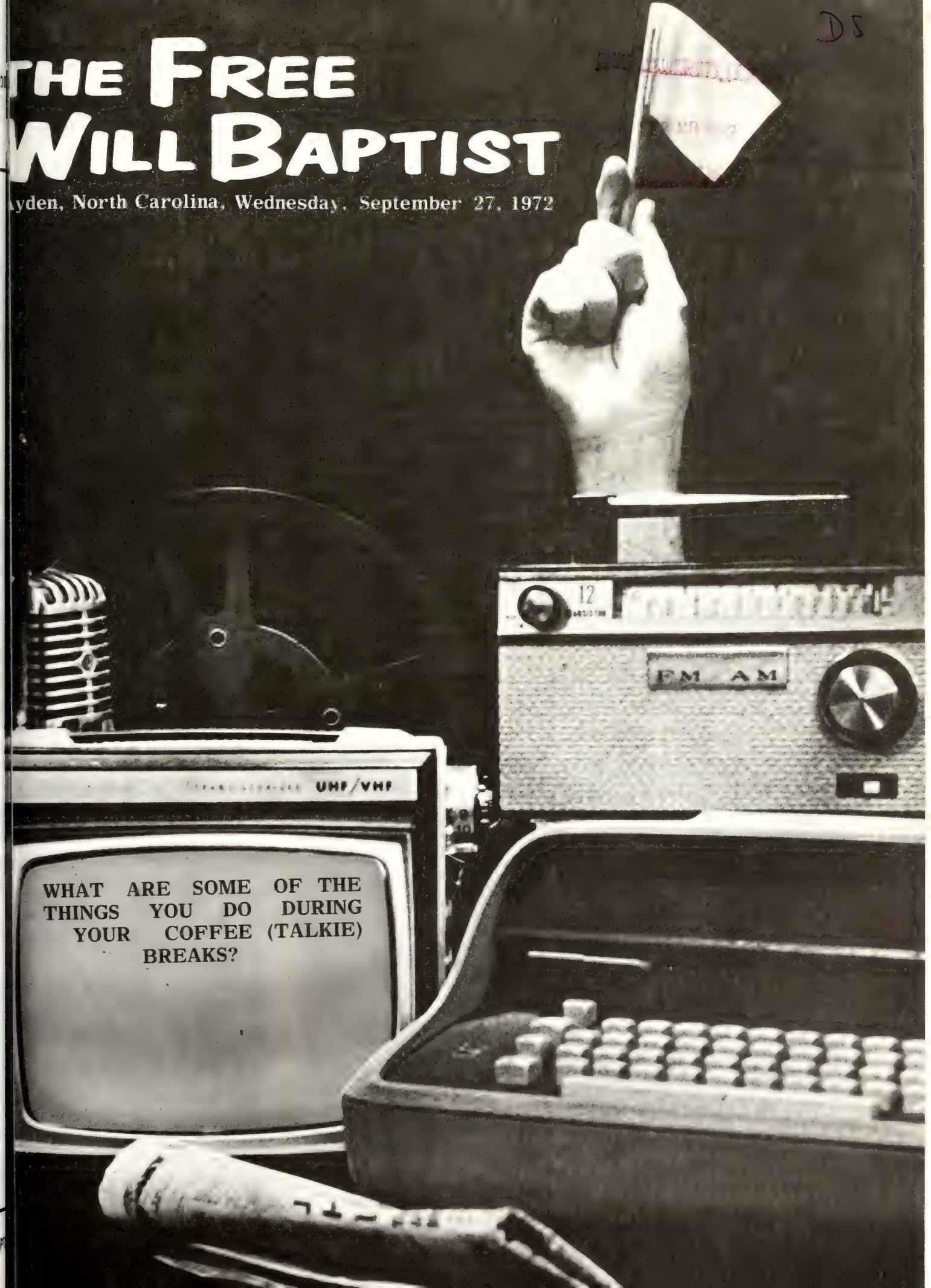
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THE "TALKIE" BREAK

From all directions they come, in a hurry to get a seat, in a hurry to get that cup of coffee or that soft drink or some other type of refreshment.

There they sit around a table in a business lounge or in a cafe stall or at a breakfast table; and while they eat and drink, they break the monotony of the day and other things as well—including: ashtrays, cups, reputations, and yes, even hearts. . .

These breaks are meant to refresh; but rather than refreshed, many come away depressed because of the conversations that have foregone. What do they (the men and the women) talk about? Well, politics, club affiliations, a party someone attended last night, who was seen with whom, who just had a new baby, someone's precious dog, a prize pig, a beautiful cat, the latest tragedy, who is running out on whom, and many other items of interest are on the list of discussion. Any subject named is likely to bring forth some opinionated statement from somebody.

Often, during these gatherings, when the laughter is robust enough to camouflage the subdued conversations, some of those enjoying the break will cup their hands and bend forward or to the side to feed an interested ear a "nice" piece of gossip.

Women normally talk more (excuse me, ladies), but men are not too closemouthed themselves. Whether they admit it or not, men, too, like to "have something" on somebody and enjoy holding it over their heads and telling people about it. We would not want our readers to think that we believe that coffee breaks only provide derogatory conversations, nor would we suggest that the only reason people gather at such is to talk. On the contrary, many individuals do like that "pause that refreshes" and take part in it solely for relaxation and recuperation or as a pleasant diversion to a busy schedule.

Some constructive activities take place at these gatherings, for we have heard of people who have cheered others up on these occasions by their pleasant manner, their amiable dispositions, and their giving that proverbial pat on the back to help a doleful person through the day.

We know of two particular ministers (whom we respect highly), who have discussed sermon outlines over their cups of coffee and helped each other in understanding the depths of the Scriptures. Many good sermons have been born during such meetings; we have witnessed some of these.

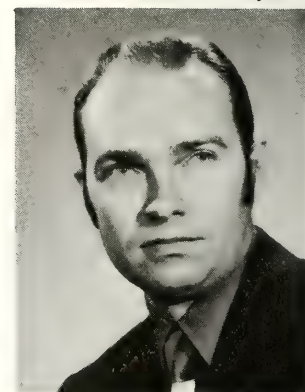
Then, there are "poor" old ladies, who have money to burn, who have all the time in the world on their hands, who have nothing to do but talk; and they extend their coffee breaks throughout the afternoon and prevent (in cafes and drugstores especially) other customers from having a place to sit. One observant young lady told us that one reason they gather is to see what each other is wearing. Their discussions include flower gardens, their latest surgeries, their darling genius-inclined grandchildren, their neighbors' horrible taste in drapery color, and enough else to fill many volumes.

Coffee breaks are needful. We need to relax from the cares of life or work for a few moments each day. But "talkie" breaks—those that derogate especially—are not needful. In fact, it's a pity that some people are so uncreative that when they gather at these sessions many of them must fill some void in their neurotic egos and find something unpleasant to talk about.

This writer spent his coffee break working on this editorial. This is not intended as a self-presented pat on his back or an indication that his dedication causes him to deprive himself of pleasure. In this instance, it just happened to be necessary that he not "break."

If you've had your coffee break today, what did you say? too much, too little, or did you perhaps choose to remain silent? If you were closemouthed, you may have been wiser than some of the others of us.

Walkie-talkie-coffee breaks. . . Enjoy them, but not at somebody else's expense! Okay?



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Testings and Miracles

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Miracles still taking place, not by our power, by the grace of God! In the last weeks I've wished I could climb the highest mountain in the world and shout on to the people of this beautiful world, "God is still on His throne and could be well with us if we would accept Him into our hearts and lives." Recently, I sat in the lobby of the hospital, while people both young and old passed my way. I saw crippled people—some in body, some in mind. I saw a man who had been burned by electrical wires until only the skull of his head was left; his ears and nose were completely gone. Yet he could talk and think, and his mind seemed to be good. Miracle? Yes, indeed—not only his life was spared, but he walked among the people. Would you and I? Or would we have hidden from the stares of other people? Are we hiding at home because, maybe, our hands are drawing up with arthritis? Or do we stumble because our legs do not function as they once did? God has given us a will of our own, so why not use it? Pain may be a lot for the rest of our earthly days. Think of it: no pain, no sorrow, no tears, when we go to be with God forever! Only what we do for Jesus will carry with us when we die. I remember sitting in another waiting room years ago, seeing nothing. I stayed there less than an hour. Doctors, friends, my pastor came toward me. I could see the look on their faces; the doctor said, "We did all we could." Yes, she said to my daughter. Hurt? Oh, yes! I tell you, the reader, never have to feel heartbreak. Later, as the doctor explained how my daughter would have been had she lived (she was killed instantly), I thanked God over and over. He had taken her to be with Him. In His wonderful way takes care of this to me is a miracle. Suppose I could never die and leave this world? Why did I sit in Duke hospital lobby five days waiting? I had a daughter-in-law in the Acute Care Unit for six weeks. They were testing days for me for all of us. But I knew who was

giving this test. I knew that His mercies were (and are) great. I know I have failed some of His tests, but God never has failed me. God was on my daughter-in-law's side because she asked him to be. We must ask to receive. She lived! By the grace of God I pray that her life and my son's life will be lived for the glory of God. I believe God has a purpose for her life and for each of us. Sometimes we have to lie down to look up. From the many cards, visits, flowers, and gifts that were sent to her, we just knew many prayers were being prayed for her.

I pray for all of us; as testing days come, they will come again. I believe that the One (God) who is giving the test is a miracle worker forever. He takes care of His own. May each of us ask ourselves, Have we accepted Him as our own? Speaking on the behalf of all of us, thank you, friends; and, most of all, thank you, God.

(Note: Mrs. Bowen is an active mem-

Where Edison Went to Relax

One night when Thomas A. Edison came home from work, his wife said, "You've worked too long without a rest. You must take a vacation."

"But where will I go?" he asked.

She replied, "Decide where you would rather be than anywhere else on earth and go there."

"Very well," replied Edison. "I will go there tomorrow."

The next morning he went to his laboratory.

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WOOL

Wool has a "big four." Wool is composed of carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen, sulphur, (and oxygen). Yet nobody has to know all that to be warmed in sleep by a wool blanket. And I don't have to know all the Bible to know how to be saved. And I don't have to know there are seven colors in every ray of light to recognize my mother's face.

Member of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina. A number of her articles have appeared in previous issues of the "Baptist."

PICTURE FROM THE PAST



The picture above represents a group of ministers who attended the annual ministers' conference held at Davis, North Carolina, in August of 1939. Some of those pictured are as follows: the Revs. S. A. Smith, Rashie Kennedy, Rom Mitchell, Lloyd Vernon, L. B. Manning, C. D. Hamilton, J. P. Barrow, E. L. Abrams, Chester Pelt, J. E. Wooten, Clarence Bowen, Thomas E. Beaman, P. C. Wiggs, Frank Parrish, Kenneth Gashil, Bruce Barrow, Bunn Ferrell, and R. P. Harris. (Picture and information submitted by the Rev. L. B. Manning.)



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 10:12

IT JUST HAPPENED

A Sunday school teacher said to her class of juniors, "Some say that the moon, the stars, the sun and the planet on which we live—the earth—just happened, and that there was no all-wise and all-powerful Creator who made them. I hold in my hand a small wristwatch. Suppose I would say, 'This wristwatch just happened. Its strews, its springs, its wheels, its case, its hands, its face and its crystal began to twirl and twist and finally came together just as you see it in my hand.' Why, you would say, 'Poor teacher! A cog has slipped in her mind.' You would be right if I should make such a claim for my watch. Yet people who are otherwise sensible and intelligent say the universe just happened. They deny that a great and mighty God created all things and established order throughout the universe."—*Told by Alice Marie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Despite the disputings and the impressiveness of scientific thought, we as Christians know of a certainty that God created our universe.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:9

OK FOR CALM WATERS

Some years ago two fishermen were fishing from an anchored rowboat on the Niagara River. One was an avowed atheist. The other was a devout Christian.

The anchor slipped and the boat began to move in the swift current toward the falls. The atheist, realizing their danger, yelled to his companions, "God, help us! Man, bend to the oars, or we'll surely go over the falls!"

They began to row desperately and finally turned the boat to the shore.

With a puzzled look on his face, the Christian said, "I thought you were an atheist. Why did you call on God?"

"Well," the other replied, "atheism is OK for calm waters, but not when you're drifting toward Niagara Falls!"—*Told by Ralph W. Neighbor.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

No matter how much we try to deny God, we always turn to Him when we feel danger threatening.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Scripture Reading—11 Thessalonians 3:9

"IT'S ALL MY FAULT"

A sixteen-year-old boy, who stole \$9,000 in cash from his parents and paid an eighteen-year-old neighbor \$1,500 to ransack his home to make it appear that the theft was burglary, was sentenced to the Fairfield School for Boys.

Upon hearing the sentence pronounced by juvenile court judge Angelo J. Gagliardo, the boy's mother sobbed bitterly and pleaded with the judge not to send her boy away. "It's all my fault," she said. "I put temptation there for him. O dear God, let me be punished! Let me be punished!" So overcome was she that she had to be assisted from the courtroom.

Great will be the accountability to God of parents who fail to set the right Christian example before their children.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Do the best you can in rearing your children and then ask God to help to see that they don't "go wrong."

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 33:24

WHY HE WAS NOT FORGIVEN

In New York City, policemen found a young man dying in a filthy, vermin-infested room. Sinful living had exacted its inevitable toll upon him.

As he lay on the floor, the young man said over and over, "I want my father's forgiveness! I want my father's forgiveness!"

The officers asked, "Who is your father?"

The young man gave the name of a well-known industrialist who lived in New Jersey, and the officers immediately contacted him by phone. Mentioning the name of the dying youth, they asked, "Is he your son?"

"He was my son," came the answer, "but I have long since abandoned and disinherited the worthless wretch. He has brought only grief to me and his mother."

"But, sir, he is dying and he is pleading for your forgiveness."

Hastening to his son, the father heard the faintly spoken plea, "I want my father's forgiveness!"

Weeping, the man said, "My son, I would have forgiven you long ago, if you had only asked for forgiveness."

A smile came to the young man's face and he was gone.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Isn't that true in all cases? All we have to do is ask for God's forgiveness and He gives it.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 5:14

MOTHER LET ME DOWN

When nineteen years old, a youth joined the navy. For three years, during World War II, much happened to his ship. It was bombed several times. It was frequently the target for submarines. It was hit twice by enemy planes. The youth's men suffer and die. He learned the meaning of loyalty and devotion.

When discharged from the service at the close of the war, he was no longer a boy. He was a man.

One day, as he related some of his experiences, including close brushes with death, he said, "Mother, you let me down."

"Why, what do you mean, Bob?" he asked in astonishment.

He replied, "Though you have been a good mother to me, you let me grow up without going to Sunday school and church where I could have learned about God and my need of His mercy and forgiveness. I didn't miss these things until I became involved in the dangers and horrors of war."—*Adapted from Biblical Recorder.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

As parents we are the ones who should see to our children's needs—especially one about God. How sad it is that we often neglect this all-important duty!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 3:4

CHILDREN REMEMBER

One day Gypsy Smith spoke to a Rotary Club. At the close of his message, he held up a well-worn Bible and asked, "How many of you men can recall a saintly mother and a godly father who loved this Book, read it, lived it, and steeped you in it?"

Practically the entire group, with moist eyes, raised their hands.

Then Smith asked this searching question: "With all your well-known influence, how many of you are so living that your children will remember you for your faithfulness to this same Book?"

It was a tense moment, for the children of some of those Rotarians were already ways of sin.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Set good examples for your children to go by; then you, yourself, follow these examples so that they will have no doubt about right, or wrong.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Scripture Reading—Romans 10:11

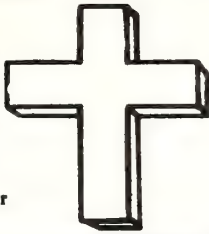
UNASHAMED

Said a Scottish laddie to his mother, "Mither, there's a new mon come to town to preach. Gang and hear him."

The mother thought it most unusual that her boy should ask her to attend a revival meeting. If I go, how can I conceal from my neighbors and escape their jealousy she thought.

To circumvent ridicule, she took her mother (continued on page sixteen)

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

THE JOY OF HEAVEN

(Scripture Reference: Luke 15:1-10)

by Zacarias I. Perocillo

The Bible speaks three times of great joy in heaven: when the world was created (see Job 38:7); when Jesus was born in Bethlehem (see Luke 2:14); and when every lost soul has been found and saved (see Luke 15:7-9).

This joy in heaven becomes a joy of heaven in the hearts of men who shared in the efforts of finding the lost souls (see Luke 15:9). And this is what I simply feel now. Not because of the more than fifty souls who are now ready for water baptism, but because of the fact that God is blessing us in our house-to-house campaign for Christ. I'm positive that thousands of souls will be won for Christ in this part of the Archipelago.

I believed that the mainspring of man's real joy is this joy in heaven: a kind of joy that God shares with us in rejoicing, a kind of joy that God himself is the source. This kind of joy is lasting as the Source himself is everlasting. This kind of joy sustains like cold water for the thirsty soul. Problems and discouragements keep running away from this kind of joy that lights the souls.

The mission board and the Free Will Baptist church have a rightful share of this real joy we are now enjoying.

Joy over the material possessions is only passing, if God is not recognized as the co-owner. For everything good around us is designed by God to be enjoyed with Him. That's why you will notice that in the lives of many persons and nations throughout the ages who have deviated from this divine law, failure and frustration have resulted. But those who have done otherwise were greatly blessed and made prosperous unto these days.

A question may be asked, But how could we have a share of this real joy? Note: This is one thing, but not a commodity that can be ordinarily divided into parts and then shared. Nevertheless, anyone who wants to have a share it should do what the woman has done in our reference, or the shepherd

(although maybe not necessarily in the same manner) that the joy in heaven will become a joy of heaven in the hearts of the doer. I have observed that doing something meaningful for our fellow-men, especially the less fortunate and the lost ones, is a bridge where joy of heaven comes to one's heart.

In short, bringing sinners to repentance, or lost souls to Christ fulfills man's greatest craving: that of doing good in life with meaning. This will fulfill oneself; for while man sometimes is selfish, he has also in his nature the quality to be selfless when challenged for a great cause, as proven in the lives of many heroes of the gospel.

On the other hand, however, one's doing something for Christ only to have real joy in his heart is another type of selfishness; for it is self-fulfilling.

A closer scrutiny of our reference will reveal that while the finder of the lost sheep had rejoiced, rejoicing in heaven was more. In which case, as a servant, therefore, of the almighty God in heaven, one need not care so much whether he himself enjoys in the job of finding the lost souls; but the primary consideration is whether God in heaven approves and enjoys what one is doing.

The Lord Jesus Christ, after all, did not enjoy the Cross of Calvary, but he forced Himself to carry it and died so that you and I can be saved and His heavenly Father's command will be done and satisfied. Jesus too, as our Lord and Saviour, commanded us to preach the gospel to all nations, even to the ends of the earth. We will be helping ourselves if we keep asking ourselves, What have I done for Jesus? Do I do it for my own enjoyment or for my Lord? In the long history of Christian service, men and women who have done something for Jesus have had all testified of joy in their lives.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

"LIFT UP YOUR EYES UNTO THE HILLS"

(Sunday, June 18 and Monday, June 19)

by Mattie Lou Link

We left Sunday morning in scorching heat, to travel across the desert country to the city of Saltillo. Saltillo is located in the mountains, and it was pleasantly cool. After finding a place to spend the night and eating supper, we went to the church of Brother Mendez. It is a neat little church with a tile floor, but very small. The people began to drift in, and we finally started around 8:30. In this church they had lots of verse-reading and quoting and special singing. Vance preached a good message, and afterwards several sick people came forward and wanted him to pray for them. It was after 10:30 before church was over.

We were invited to come back the next day and have dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Mendez. For the cause of Christ, we accepted. A simple phrase "bless this food to the **nourishment** of our bodies" took on new meaning. The Mendez family live in a one-room white-washed home with a tile floor. Running water has not been piped in to that part of the city yet. They do have electricity, and we were grateful for the fan which kept the flies off our food. After lunch we enjoyed a time of fellowship. They tried to teach Vance and me a new song. (I believe English is much easier than Spanish.)

That night we had the children's class in front of the church. About seven or eight raised their hands for prayer and prayed the "sinner's prayer" after us. There, as in our country, children respond readily to the gospel invitation; but they may not fully understand. Sometimes a flower must be watered over and over before it can bloom. There is a tremendous opportunity for Christians to work with child evangelism in Mexico. I have never seen so many children! Children need to be reached while they are young. Our future leaders come from today's children.

Again, church services lasted until 10:45. There was a good attendance, and afterwards several people came down to the front desiring prayer. Among those was a small girl, carrying her little sister who was sick with a fever. Something I had seen in the market place that morning flashed before my eyes. There had been a man selling

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News & Notes of **DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST**

Homecoming at Folkstone Announced for October 8

Homecoming day will be observed at the Free Will Baptist church in Folkstone, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 8. The activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., to be followed by the homecoming message, delivered by the pastor, at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served in the fellowship hall at the noon hour.

At 2 p.m. a service of singing will be offered by the church choir and other singing groups. Friends of the church, and former pastors and members, are invited for the day's worship.

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Revival Services To Be Held At Rosebud FWB Church

Revival services will be held at the Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church in Elm City, North Carolina, the week of October 16-21. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Floyd Cherry, pastor of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

The Rev. Floyd Smith, pastor of the church, and the congregation invite you to attend.

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Faith Church Revival Slated October 2-7

Revival services at the Faith Free Will Baptist Church are slated each evening, October 2-7, at 7:45. The church is located on Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina.

The Rev. Henry Armstrong of Lee's Chapel church will be the guest evangelist. There will be special music and gospel preaching each evening.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley, extend a special invitation to everyone to attend the revival and to be much in prayer for its success.

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Homecoming and Revival Services Scheduled at Smithfield

Lee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Smithfield, North Carolina, will observe homecoming on Sunday, October 1. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m. The Rev. W. A. Martin, former pastor of the church, will be the speaker at

the eleven o'clock worship hour. Dinner on the grounds will be at noon.

The afternoon will be devoted to singing by a number of groups, including the Peace Makers Quartet of Asheville, the Messengers Trio of Williamsburg, Virginia, the Junior and Senior Choirs of Selma Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, and others from the church and surrounding areas. The pastor, the Rev. Herman Grubbs, and the congregation invite you to attend and to enjoy the day with them.

Revival services will begin at the church on Monday, October 2, at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Leonard Woodall, former member of Lee's Chapel church, as the evangelist. There will be special singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Barnes Hill FWB Church Plans Homecoming and Revival

The Barnes Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Sandy Cross Road, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, plans homecoming services for Sunday, September 24, to be followed with a week of revival services. The revival services are scheduled from Monday, September 25, through Saturday, September 30, at 7:45 p.m. Special singing will be offered each evening.

The evangelist for these services will be the Rev. Harry Grubbs. The pastor of the Barnes Hill church invites all to attend these services.

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New Haven FWB Church Revival This Week

The Rev. Rudy Shepard, pastor of the Wintergreen Free Will Baptist Church, is the evangelist for revival services in progress at the New Haven Free Will Baptist Church. The New Haven church is located ten miles from New Bern on the Aurora highway. The services, which begin nightly at 7:30, feature gospel preaching and special singing.

The pastor, the Rev. Charlie Rice, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to everyone to attend. They ask for your prayers that God's Spirit will be received in a mighty and powerful way.

Fall Revival and Homecoming Announced by Rock of Zion Church

The Rock of Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Grantsboro, North Carolina, announces its fall revival being held September 24-29. The Rev. Jerry English, pastor of the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina, the guest evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Fred Johnson, is assisting in the vices.

Church is beginning each evening 7:30. Special music is being presented. A nursery will be provided for small children.

On Sunday, October 1, the church will observe its annual homecoming service. Following the morning worship service, lunch will be served on the grounds. A singingspiration will be held during the afternoon that will feature quartets, trios, and other groups from the community. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Albemarle Conference At Mount Zion, Roper

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will convene with the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, on Wednesday, October 4, 1972.

The scheduled program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Harry Jones
- 9:40—Welcome, Mrs. Mae Oliver
- Response, the Rev. John Owens
- 9:45—Conference Called to Order
- Adoption of Program as Order of Business
- Enrollment of Churches

Coming Events . . .

- October 4—Albemarle Conference, Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, Registration 9:30 A.M.
- October 11, 12—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Selma, North Carolina
- October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina
- November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina
- November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

- Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates
- Enrollment of Delegates from Other Church Bodies
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- 15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Robert May
- 20—Appointment of Temporary Committees:
 - (1) Resolution
 - (2) Temperance
 - (3) Nominating
- Offering
- Report of Standing Boards:
 - (1) Executive Board
 - (2) Board of Trustees
 - (3) Board of Education
 - (4) Board of Missions
 - (5) Board of Ordination
- 20—Announcements
- 25—Special Music, Host Church
- Message, the Rev. Charlie Overton
- 00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 00—Devotions, the Rev. Robert Rollins
- 10—Memorial Service, the Rev. Earl Minshew
- 20—Report of State Convention of Free Will Baptists
 - Report of Mount Olive College
 - Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home
 - Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
 - Report of Superannuation
 - Report of North Carolina Missions
- 20—Report of Temporary Committees
 - Report of Treasurer
 - Appointment of Delegates to Various Church Bodies
- 30—Election and Installation of Officers
- Adjournment

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Homecoming Services Announced, First Church, Wilmington

Homecoming services will be observed at the First Original Free Will Baptist Church, 4602 South College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 1. The day's activities will include Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship services conducted by a former pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Piker. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. There will be special singing in the afternoon. The pastor, the Rev. W. L. Bronson, cordially invites all former pastors, members, and friends to come out and enjoy the spiritual fellowship.

Harper to Conduct Revival At Gray Branch Church

The Rev. Everette V. Harper of Deep Run, North Carolina, will conduct revival services at Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church, also of Deep Run, Monday through Saturday, October 9-14. The services will be at 7:30 nightly. A singing group entitled the "Dixie Melody Boys" will be with the congregation during part of the week.

The W. H. Willis, pastor of the church, invites you to attend this series of meetings.

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Rose Hill Church Announces Plans for Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 1. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m., to be followed with morning worship at 11 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. N. Dan Beaman, will deliver the morning message. Lunch will be served on the church grounds.

You are invited to join the pastor and congregation for a time of Christian fellowship.

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Revival and Homecoming At Rose of Sharon Church

Revival services will be held at the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church in Martin County, North Carolina, during the week of October 2-7. Services will begin each evening at 7:45. The Rev. Vance Link of Weldon, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Joseph A. Lehmann.

On Sunday, October 8, beginning at 10 a.m. with Sunday school, the Rose of Sharon church will observe its annual homecoming. Following the morning worship, a picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to join together in worship and Christian fellowship.

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Homecoming and Revival At Northeast Church

Annual homecoming services will be observed at the Northeast Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Mount Olive, North Carolina, Sunday, October 1. The Rev. A. B. Bryan, pastor, will deliver the homecoming sermon, and special music will be rendered by a trio of young people from the church and the adult choir. Lunch will be enjoyed by all at the noon hour following the worship service.

On Monday evening at 7:30, the Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina,

will begin a series of revival messages and will continue through Saturday, October 7. Special music will be featured throughout the week.

The Northeast church is located one mile northeast of Mount Olive and four tenths of a mile east of the checked water tank at Boling Chair Furniture Factory.

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Board of Ordination, Western Conference, To Meet at Spring Hill Church

The Board of Ordination of the Western Conference will meet at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 7. Those eligible for examination are asked to meet at 8 a.m. All others having business with the board will meet at 10 a.m. The Spring Hill church is on U. S. Highway 70, west of Goldsboro.

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Harvest Day Homecoming Planned at Robert's Grove Church

A "Harvest Day" homecoming will be observed at Robert's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 1.

The day will begin with Sunday school at ten o'clock. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Francis Garner, will bring the homecoming message at the eleven o'clock worship hour. A picnic lunch will be served at twelve o'clock. A goal of \$4,000 in contributions is set for the day.

An afternoon of singing has been planned for everyone's enjoyment. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to attend these homecoming activities.

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Homecoming and Revival, Johnston Union FWB Church

The Johnston Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Clayton, North Carolina, plans homecoming Sunday, October 8. The following day, October 9, will begin a week of revival services, to be conducted by the Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

The pastor of Johnston Union church, the Rev. Eddie Edwards, issues a special invitation to all former pastors and members.

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Revival Services and Old-Fashioned Homecoming Planned in Durham

Revival services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, beginning Wednesday night, September 27, through Friday, September 29. The Rev. Darvain Lingafelt will serve as guest speaker at the (continued on page sixteen)

1972 Mount Olive College Dinners

Planning Sessions

Below is a schedule of the planning sessions at which decisions will be made regarding the date and place for dinners in those counties listed. Each church is encouraged to have at least five people attend the planning session for their county.

Nash County: Wednesday, September 27, 8 p. m., Free Union church.

Duplin County: Thursday, September 28, 8 p. m., Beulaville church.

Onslow - New Hanover Counties: Friday, September 29, 8 p. m., Folkstone church.

Lenoir County: Saturday, September 30, 8 p. m., First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston.

Dinners Already Scheduled

The date and place for the college dinners in the following counties have been established:

Wayne County: October 10 (Tuesday), 7 p. m., Mount Olive College Auditorium (Downtown Campus), Ben Rollins, chairman.

Craven County: Thursday, October 12, 7:30 p. m., Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Mr. Ralph A. Morris, chairman.

Jones County: Monday, October 16, 7:45 p. m., Kings' Barbecue, Kinston, Mrs. Thomas Hood and Miss Margaret Carol Banks, co-chairmen.

Pitt County: Monday, October 23, 7 p. m., place to be determined, the Rev. Charles Crisp, chairman.

Edgecombe - Halifax Counties: October 24 (Tuesday), 7:30 p. m., Edgewood church, Mr. Rufus Harrell, chairman.

Johnston - Wake Counties: November 6 (Monday), 7 p. m., Smithfield-Selma High School, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, chairman.

Wilson County: November 9 (Thursday), 7 p. m., Parker's Barbecue Restaurant, Wilson, Mr. James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Greene County: November 11 (Saturday), 7 p. m., Snow Hill Primary School, Mr. George Harrison, chairman.

Sampson-Harnett and Cumberland Counties: Thursday, November 16, 7 p. m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. A. GRAHAM LANE, Acting Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, through its secretary, Constance W. C. bett, submits the following statement of cash receipts and disbursements for general informational purposes.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

| | 1971-72 | 1970-71 | Increase (Decrease) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Cash on Hand July 1 | | | |
| General Fund | \$ 14,168.25 | \$ 12,461.41 | \$ 1,706.84 |
| Other Accounts and Petty Cash | 12,722.82 | 12,210.60 | 512.22 |
| | \$ 24,891.07 | \$ 24,672.01 | \$ 2,219.06 |
| Receipts | | | |
| Religious Contributions | \$144,847.37 | \$122,800.52 | \$ 22,046.85 |
| Legacies and Bequests | 2,792.17 | 912.37 | 1,879.80 |
| The Duke Endowment | 9,146.20 | 18,243.77 | (9,097.57) |
| Parents and Relatives | 12,170.77 | 14,669.79 | (2,499.02) |
| Friends and Others | 5,917.94 | 8,125.78 | (2,207.84) |
| Farm Sales | 9,338.46 | 12,489.10 | (3,150.64) |
| Dividends | 35.22 | 91.77 | (56.55) |
| McLeod Farm Rent | 1,500.00 | 2,201.03 | (701.03) |
| Loan, Church Finance Association | 15,000.00 | | 15,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 379.13 | 750.74 | (371.61) |
| Refunds | 3,980.15 | 1,926.09 | 2,054.06 |
| Canteen Sales | 2,388.01 | 3,179.68 | (791.67) |
| Interest Income | 390.48 | 521.92 | (131.44) |
| Transfer of Accounts | 6,666.00 | 4,162.10 | 2,503.90 |
| Total Receipts for Year | \$214,551.90 | \$190,074.66 | \$ 24,477.24 |
| Total for Which to Account | \$241,442.97 | \$214,746.67 | \$ 26,696.30 |
| Disbursements: | | | |
| Transfer of Accounts | \$ 6,666.00 | \$ 4,162.10 | \$ 2,503.90 |
| Payment on Loan | 3,283.34 | | 3,283.34 |
| Interest and Fees on Loan | 1,088.17 | | 1,088.17 |
| Taxes and Insurance Expense | 7,828.50 | 5,712.70 | 2,115.80 |
| Administrative Salaries | 22,545.44 | 19,951.45 | 2,593.99 |
| Office Supplies | 1,860.56 | 1,237.99 | 622.57 |
| Insurance and Bonding | 949.00 | 1,570.20 | (621.20) |
| Annuities Paid | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| Telephone Expense | 2,307.59 | 1,489.97 | 817.62 |
| Other Administrative Expense | 5,949.84 | 5,289.10 | 660.74 |
| Public Relations Expense | 2,214.19 | 940.06 | 1,274.13 |
| Household Salaries and Expense | 30,852.46 | 21,039.64 | 9,812.82 |
| Clothing Purchased | 4,435.73 | 5,050.95 | (615.22) |
| Dietary Salaries and Expense | 8,738.59 | 8,830.97 | (92.38) |
| Food Purchased | 15,497.00 | 19,141.88 | (3,644.88) |
| Laundry Salaries and Expense | 2,697.74 | 3,909.24 | (1,211.50) |
| Plant Salaries and Expense | 7,934.83 | 6,043.65 | 1,891.18 |
| Fuel and Lights | 15,497.95 | 14,050.91 | 1,447.04 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 3,214.65 | 2,834.50 | 380.15 |
| Maintenance and Repairs | 5,364.83 | 11,018.19 | (5,653.36) |
| Motor Service Expense | 1,226.30 | 1,736.00 | (509.70) |
| Health Expense | 1,711.64 | 1,660.55 | 51.09 |
| Recreation Salaries and Expense | 88.10 | 833.05 | (744.95) |
| Religious Salaries and Expense | 3,191.49 | 2,423.48 | 768.01 |
| Education Salaries and Expense | 13,473.09 | 8,075.58 | 5,397.51 |

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|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Education, College Students | 1,240.50 | 761.00 | 479.50 |
| Farm Salaries and Expense | 17,090.93 | 16,533.98 | 556.95 |
| Replacement of Livestock | 525.00 | 6,108.60 | (5,583.60) |
| Canteen Expense | 2,415.08 | 3,197.91 | (782.83) |
| Replacement of Equipment | 3,481.63 | 14,101.95 | (10,620.32) |
| New Residence | 16,857.73 | | 16,857.73 |
| Improvements, McLeod Farm | 1,092.05 | | 1,092.05 |

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total Disbursements for Year | \$211,469.95 | \$187,855.60 | \$ 23,614.35 |
| Cash on Hand June 30 | \$29,973.02 | \$ 26,891.07 | \$ 3,081.95 |

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|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total Accounted For | \$241,442.97 | \$214,746.67 | \$ 26,696.30 |
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COMPARATIVE REPORT OF RECEIPTS BY CONFERENCE

| Conference or Association | 1971-72 | 1970-71 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 6,677.44 | \$ 6,138.22 | \$ 539.22 |
| Blue Ridge Association | 179.49 | 151.22 | 28.27 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 15,709.38 | 12,157.94 | 3,551.44 |
| Central Conference | 36,533.40 | 30,693.22 | 5,840.18 |
| Eastern Conference | 40,329.42 | 35,478.25 | 4,851.17 |
| Jack's Creek Association | 60.00 | | 60.00 |
| Pee Dee Association | 2,109.69 | 1,675.88 | 433.81 |
| Piedmont Conference | 2,534.12 | 1,371.30 | 1,162.82 |
| Rockfish Conference | 251.20 | 248.60 | 2.60 |
| Toe River Association | 255.94 | 55.00 | 200.94 |
| Western Conference | 37,656.54 | 28,957.11 | 8,699.43 |
| Miscellaneous Religious Contributions | 2,550.75 | 5,873.78 | (3,323.03) |
| Total Religious Contributions | \$144,847.37 | \$122,800.52 | \$ 22,046.85 |

BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

(July 1, 1971 through June 30, 1972)

| Conference or Association | Conference Quota | Contributed 1971-72 (General, Clothing, Allowance, etc.) |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 15,000.00 | \$ 6,677.44 |
| Blue Ridge Association | 500.00 | 179.49 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 20,000.00 | 15,709.38 |
| Central Conference | 45,000.00 | 36,533.40 |
| Eastern Conference | 50,000.00 | 40,329.42 |
| French Broad Association | 500.00 | |
| Jack's Creek Association | 500.00 | 60.00 |
| Mount Mitchell Association | 500.00 | |
| Pee Dee Association | 5,000.00 | 2,109.69 |
| Piedmont Conference | 3,000.00 | 2,534.12 |
| Rockfish Conference | 2,000.00 | 251.20 |
| Toe River Association | 1,000.00 | 255.94 |
| Western Conference | 40,000.00 | 37,656.54 |
| Other States | 4,000.00 | 491.12 |
| Statewide Bodies | 10,000.00 | 908.63 |
| Miscellaneous | 10,000.00 | 1,141.00 |
| Totals | \$207,000.00 | \$144,847.37 |

DONATED COMMODITIES

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Clothing | \$ 6,610.03 |
| Household Supplies | 250.00 |
| Food | 935.00 |
| Farm Supplies | 550.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 2,511.65 |
| | \$10,856.68 |
| Food Produced | \$10,500.00 |
| Coupons | 17,480 |

PROPOSED BUDGET 1972-73

| Areas of Expenditures | Amount |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Administrative and General | |
| Loan Retirement | \$ 10,800.00 |
| Taxes and Insurance Expense | 9,000.00 |

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Tribute to Rev. H. M. Minshew

(The following letter was sent to **The Free Will Baptist** by Mrs. Edith Morris Dees of Route 3, Box 238, Smithfield, North Carolina, as a tribute to the Rev. H. M. Minshew, Route 1, Fremont, North Carolina.)

Dear Readers,

I would like to pay tribute to a former pastor, beloved friend, and brother in Christ.

How do you express in words the gratitude you feel in your heart for someone so precious in your life?

I had known Brother Minshew for years, but had not closely associated with him until God sent him our way as a supply pastor. Knowing and working with him enriched my life in so many ways. His work in our church was as a humble servant, never slackening in his endeavor to unite us in Christian fellowship and to win the lost to Christ. Visitation was a keynote that was attained only by him. How careless we are in doing the Lord's work! So many times we leave too much to be done by someone else.

My spiritual life was strengthened by him and by his eagerness to work for the Lord. Once I cautioned him to rest more, to take it easy. His reply was, "I'd rather wear out for the Lord than rust away." This too is an attitude we need to apply to our lives more often.

Life is full of disappointments, trials, and heartaches, but thank God for Christian love and concern that has been shown me. How do you pay tribute to one so dear? I'll say, "Thank God for sending you, Brother Minshew, my way to enrich my life and strengthen my faith in God and fellowman."

Respectfully,

Mrs. Edith Morris Dees

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Roasted Chickens

Recently in Montgomery, Alabama, about sixteen thousand, five hundred chickens were roasted when flames engulfed in a barn. Firemen said the building and the chickens were a "complete loss." The blaze occurred about 4 a.m. and was caused by wiring in the wooden chicken barn.

Thus we see that fire which is a good servant when it cooks chicken for human consumption can be a cruel and bad master when it is uncontrolled. (So can "talking.")

CHILDREN'S HOME

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|------------------------------|-----------|
| Administrative Salaries | 20,000.00 |
| Office Supplies | 2,000.00 |
| Insurance and Bonding | 950.00 |
| Annuities | 150.00 |
| Telephone | 2,000.00 |
| Other Administrative Expense | 5,500.00 |

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| | \$ 50,400.00 |
| Public Relations | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Household Salaries and Expense | 30,000.00 |
| Clothing | 8,000.00 |
| Dietary Salaries and Expense | 8,700.00 |
| Food | 18,000.00 |
| Laundry Salaries and Expense | 5,000.00 |
| Plant Salaries and Expense | 10,000.00 |
| Fuel and Lights | 16,000.00 |
| Insurance on Buildings | 3,300.00 |
| Maintenance and Repairs | 5,000.00 |
| Motor Service Expense | 5,000.00 |
| Health Expense | 3,000.00 |
| Recreation Expense | 600.00 |
| Religious Activities Expense | 3,000.00 |
| Education Salaries and Expense | 14,000.00 |
| Education, College Students | 1,500.00 |
| Farm Salaries and Expense | 17,500.00 |
| Canteen Expense | 2,500.00 |
| New Equipment (Including Tractor) | 15,000.00 |
| Capital Account (Albemarle II Improvements) | 1,500.00 |
| Reserve Account | 3,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$223,500.00 |

FARM BUDGET 1972-73

| Projected Income | | Projected Expenditures | |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Sale of Hogs (October) | \$ 3,500.00 | Salaries | \$ 6,750.00 |
| Sale of Hogs (April) | 5,500.00 | Repairs | 1,200.00 |
| Tobacco Lease | 3,000.00 | Supplies | 1,500.00 |
| A.S.C. Payments | 1,400.00 | Miscellaneous | 8,050.00 |
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| | \$13,400.00 | | \$17,500.00 |

PROJECTED PRODUCE GROWN

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|---------------|-------------|
| Beef and Pork | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Vegetables | 4,500.00 |
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| | \$10,500.00 |

Summary:

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| Projected Income | \$ 13,400.00 |
| Produce Grown | 10,500.00 |
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| | \$ 23,900.00 |
| Less Projected Expenditures | \$ 17,500.00 |
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| | \$ 6,400.00 |
| Less Proposed Equipment | 10,000.00 |
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| Net Gain | -0- |

SCHOOL BEGINS!

A whirl of activity, laughter, excitement, concern, new clothes, and questions all are a part of the opening of school.

We have students who are involved in many activities. Two of the eleven on the first string football team are Charles

Warren and Claudius Elmore. The team has won the first two games. Charles and Claudius were both at Mount Olive College during the summer, taking college courses in algebra and biology. They made "A's". We are proud of these two young men for their integrity and leadership abilities.

We have six other boys playing foot-

ball on Junior Varsity teams. They are Randy Faircloth, Dennis Anderson, Ray Gay, Jimmy Jones, Gary Hill, Donnie Anderson, Kevin Lee, and Johnny Faircloth. We look forward to having them as outstanding players.

Five of our girls are cheering on the cheerleading teams. They are Mary Ann Warren, Susan Lee, Donna Lee, Peggy Dement, and Dorothy Elks.

We have students enrolled in piano and band and ballet. Our kids have an opportunity to compete and to study in the arts.

We are very happy to announce that Miss Wendy Poole will be having a story hour three times a week. During these sessions she will have music, art, and stories.

Miss Diane Baines will teach a special Laubach reading course to our children who are behind in reading.

Mr. Jerry Bryant, a teacher at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf in Wilson, North Carolina, will hold an open study hall three nights a week for the junior and senior high students.

I will be in the four different schools tutoring, counseling, and encouraging each student to do his best. We feel very organized; and we confess that although our children have already been exposed to darkness in many cases, and although our schools are full of potential dangers, we believe that Jesus gives us power over fear and darkness and that He gives us hope and light. We know that He promises to bind the broken hearts and to set the captives free. We claim each child for Christ, and we would like for you to confess daily with us that there will be victory in each life over adverse circumstances and fear.

We make a plea for the merit box once again. Thank you for your support last year. Our children love to be rewarded for good behavior and good conduct. Thank you.

In Christ,
Judy Ball

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A BETTER SECOND BASEMAN

Bobby Richardson, star second baseman for the New York Yankees and an active Christian layman, was asked, "Does being a Christian make you a better second baseman?"

He replied, "Trying to be a good Christian has made me a better father, and my wife says that it has made me a better husband. So, if being a Christian has made me a better man, I would say that it has made me a better second baseman."

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain the Scripture, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head" (Romans 12:20).

Answer: I think this means that when we find someone in dire need of our help who has proved himself an enemy to us that instead of repaying him in the same kind of treatment we should show him kindness. This kindness should be that which would meet the need for which his present bad predicament calls. Such would be as putting coals of fire upon his head, for the act would humiliate him to repentance. In fact, I have seen this kind of kindness result in apology from the undeserving person upon whom mercy was bestowed. This may be seen in contrast to what the Jew had received when he was in need. Is not this about what happened to the Jew in Jesus's parable of the good Samaritan? All his life he had been hostile to the Samaritans, but now this Samaritan finds him and shows him mercy. He amply and abundantly takes care of the need in the kindest and most friendly attitude. "And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. . . . But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee" (Luke 10: 30, 33-35).

Jesus made it clear and plain that showing kindness to those who have been hostile and unfriendly to us are not characteristic of living the Christian life. The Christian

life does not consist in one's treating people as they have treated him, when such treatment has been unkind, but in doing to others as we would that they do unto us if the circumstances were reversed. "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

Dr. G. C. Weiss has the following to say on this subject on Pages 69-70 in his book **Insights into Bible Times and Customs**:

"Some believe the words 'heap coals of fire on his head' refer to the glow and burn of shame which would accompany the receiving of benefits from an enemy, even in the case of a very profane person. It would leave within him a burning sense of guilt. The enemy would feel deep shame and remorse as a result of the Christian's kindnesses, like coals of fire burning upon his head. The sense would be that of a burning inner conscience. But neither does this, in my judgment, explain the true meaning of the apostle's exhortation.

"Here is what I believe to be the most natural and obvious interpretation of the apostle's statement. In Bible times, and even today in Bible lands, the only fire the people have in their dwellings is kept in a brazier or in a clay pot. Here, coals of charcoal are continuously kept burning. If this charcoal fire ever goes out, some member of the family must take the brazier or pot to a neighbor's house to borrow some live coals from him. In those countries almost everything is carried on the head—water jars, baskets of fruit, vegetables, or any other article, including the firepot. After receiving some fresh coals from her neighbor, a female member of the family lifts the brazier to her head and starts for home. If the neighbor happens to be a truly generous woman, she will 'heap' the brazier or pot with fresh, hot coals; if she is stingy or reluctant, she may only give a few tiny embers.

"I therefore think that when the Apostle Paul exhorted Christians to feed an enemy and to give him drink, he was

saying that this would be like heaping his empty, cold brazier with live coals for his food and warmth. This would be a symbol of the finest generosity and sincerity. This meaning of the apostle's words certainly fits the whole context."

The reader will note that this is a different view to that expressed above. There are other views one may find in different commentaries; however, this I express seems to me more in keeping with what is said of kindness as a characteristic of saints. Another example of such kindness is to be seen in the humble way Abraham handled the situation when Lot allowed his herdsmen to rebel against Abraham. Abraham, as you remember, was head of the clan to which Lot and his herdsmen belonged. When they rebelled Abraham could have been in his own rights to have punished them as slaves or done other unkind things to them, but no! Instead Abraham, in sadness and probably with voice breaking because of the grief their misdeeds of rebellion brought to him, said, in effect, "**Let no strife come between thy herdsmen and mine. You choose a division of my grazing rights. If you choose the left, I shall take the right. If, on the other hand, you choose the right, I shall choose the left as we depart one from the other.**" So Lot chose the right, which included the well-watered plains of Sodom and Gomorrah, and Abraham, the hilly country which was less fertile and less attractive.

Lot was soon in trouble; Abraham, in response, took his 318 trained soldiers and went under God's direction to rescue him from his captors. Then Lot further involved himself in sin with the rich men of Sodom and Gomorrah. When God told Abraham that these cities were too corrupt for Him to allow them to exist longer, Abraham remembered his nephew who had rebelled and migrated there. He pleaded with God to spare these cities, but the plea was denied. For Abraham's sake, however, and because he had pleaded, God spared Lot and his daughters.

We all need to follow Abraham's example in showing kindness to those who have been unkind to us. See Genesis, Chapters 13, 14, and 19. This kind of behavior evidently is present in what Jesus taught when He said: ". . . If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:24, 25); "And he said to them

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STORIES

for our youth



BIKE CHAMPION

by Betty Steele Everett

STEVE sat on his bike, impatiently waiting for Norm. At last his friend appeared, riding his beat-up bike.

"I was about to go without you," Steve said, but he smiled. "Come on, this is one day I don't want to be late for school! This afternoon is the last race for the championship of Central School and the chance to be in the All-City Race! I've really got this bike fixed up, too! Wait'll you see how fast it'll go! Tony won't have a chance to beat me now."

"You've done a lot of work on it," Norm admitted. "But don't forget, we're trying to get Tony interested in coming to Sunday school."

"What do you mean by that?" Steve snapped. "I know we are! I've been inviting him for almost a year, the same as you have! Do you think I should let him win the bike championship so that he'll come to church with us?"

"Hold it," Norm said. "You're ready to flip again!"

"So what?" Steve said. Then he took a deep breath. "I'm sorry. You know I've been trying to control my temper since I decided it wasn't good for a Christian to be popping off all the time, but someone's always reminding me! At least I apologize after I'm angry."

"That helps," Norm admitted, "but it doesn't erase what you've already said. Look, I didn't mean for you to throw the race. I want you to be Central's champ and go all the way and win that new bike the Chamber of Commerce is giving the city winner. It would be great for you and great if a Christian boy won.

All I meant was if you beat Tony this afternoon, you don't have to rub it in."

"Don't worry; I'll be a good winner," Steve said.

During the rest of the day Steve had to force himself to concentrate on his schoolwork. This race, like the others that had steadily eliminated everyone but Tony and himself, would be over a long, two-block-square course of sidewalks that was roped off to keep people from walking there during the time of the race.

And with the way I've fixed up that bike, Steve told himself, I'm sure to win! Tony's bike is older than mine and not in as good shape.

At last the school day was over, and everyone rushed out to get a good spot to watch this final race for the Central School Championship and the right to represent the school in the city finals.

Steve ran to the bike stand at the side of the school. Then he stopped and stared. His bike was gone!

"Norm, My bike's not here! Someone has stolen it!"

"Are you sure you didn't leave it around front?" Norm asked.

But a check of the other bike stand proved that Steve's bike was gone.

"I bet I know who took it!" Steve said suddenly. "Tony! Or else he got his friends to take it! They know I've worked on it. Tony can't beat me, so they took it so that I can't race! I'm going to make him tell me where it is!"

"Wait!" Norm grabbed his arm. "You don't know for sure that Tony took it!"

"Who else would?" Steve demanded. "Sure he took it! Now he knows I can't race!"

"Take my bike," Norm urged. "It's not as good as yours, but it's fast and you can beat Tony with it!"

"But it isn't fair!" Steve argued. "He's cheating, and I want everyone to know it!"

"You're not sure he's cheating," Norm answered. "You'd look pretty foolish if Tony didn't take it! Besides, the judges are ready to start the race! Take my bike and pedal your hardest!"

Steve looked to where the judges were talking together, one with a whistle around his neck to start the race. Tony was already there.

"OK, but win or lose, when we're through I'm getting this straightened out!" Steve said.

He took Norm's bike and walked it to the starting line, a chalk line drawn across the sidewalk, and lined up next to Tony.

"How come you've got Norm's bike?" Tony asked in a surprised whisper. "Where's yours?"

"I don't know, but I know someone who does!" Steve snapped, gripping the handles of Norm's bike so hard that his knuckles seemed ready to jump out of the skin. "But I'll beat you anyway, and after the race—"

The blast of the whistle took Steve by surprise, and for a second he did not move. It was enough to give Tony a quick lead.

Steve pumped hard as they started down the street, struggling to get used to riding Norm's bike instead of his own that he knew so well. He tried to make his legs carry the weight of his whole body to the pedals. As they rounded the first corner, to the cheers of the watchers, Tony was still slightly ahead, a thought Steve was sure he could touch him if he reached out far enough.

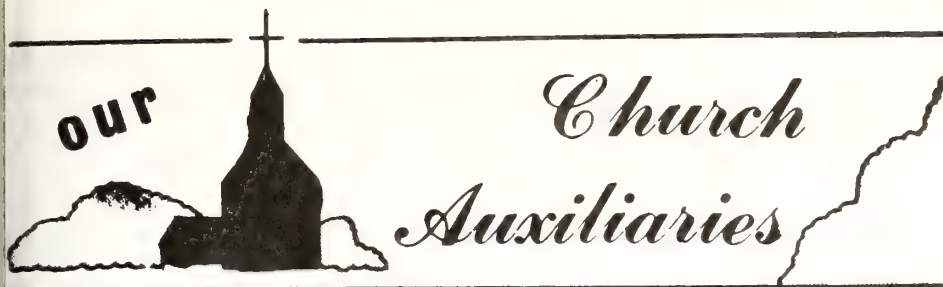
Norm's bike was becoming more familiar to him now, and Steve bent low over the handlebars to cut down as much wind resistance as he could. He needed every possible help.

By the time they reached the second corner, Steve had cut Tony's lead to only a foot or two; and as they sped past the faces that were one big blur, Steve knew that he was still gaining.

As they neared the third and last corner, Steve knew that this was his chance to make up the distance between them. Carefully he gauged the curve to cut as closely as possible. His bike tilted dangerously to the right for a few seconds, but Steve kept it balanced. As he straightened out for the last, straight stretch of the course, he and Tony were parallel.

Both boys were sweating hard now and pedaling with all their strength. They aimed for the final tape. The wire was cool on Steve's face as he forced his legs to move even faster. They felt

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Harrison to Teach Course on Crisis Ministry

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain and director of denominational services at Mount Olive College, will teach an eight-week course on crisis ministry at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, beginning September 28, 1972, 7:30 p.m. The course will meet each Thursday night. The course is designed to be of benefit to the minister in the local church, and to the minister as he serves in the hospital chaplaincy program.

Topics to be discussed in the course are as follows:

- "Pastoral Care: Its Meaning and Heritage"
- "The Pastor's Hospital Ministry"
- "The Pastor's Ministry to the Dying Patient"
- "The Pastor's Ministry to the Bereaved"
- "The Pastor and Premarital Counseling"
- "The Pastor and the Emotionally Disturbed"
- "The Pastor and Preaching"

There will be a \$10 registration fee. A suggested text to read is *The Christian Pastor* by Wayne E. Oates, published by The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, revised and enlarged edition, 1954.

Copies of the suggested text may be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press.

Other Courses

Mount Olive College will be glad to offer other religion courses in biblical studies or in pastoral care to interested persons on or off campus. Interested persons may contact the Rev. Frank Harrison, director of denominational services, phone 658-2502, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

SUGGESTIONS FOR TEACHERS

- T-ake time to be holy.
- E-arnestly seek to win every prospect.
- A-quire a personal knowledge of the class members.
- C-ultivate patience, sympathy, self-control.
- H-old yourself to your main task.
- E-mploy latest and most successful methods.
- R-eclaim the lost and win them to Christ.

Pee Dee Woman's Auxiliary Convention

White Oak Free Will Baptist Church
Bladenboro, North Carolina
Saturday, October 7, 1972

Theme: "Conquerors Through Christ"

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
 - Hymn, "Victory in Jesus"
- 0:00—Devotions, Mrs. Clara Leonard
 - Welcome, Mrs. Hattie Adcox Bright
 - Response, Mrs. Ava Edwards
 - President's Message, Mrs. Rachel Duncan
 - Special Music
 - Business Session
 - Reports
 - Children's Home
 - Mount Olive College
 - Missions
 - Hymn
- 1:30—Message, the Rev. Joe Barrow
- 2:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:30—Devotions, Mrs. Gayle Bryan
 - Reports
 - Cragmont Assembly
 - The Free Will Baptist Press
 - Miscellaneous
 - Committee Reports
 - Hymn
 - Benediction

Officers:

- Ars. Rachel Duncan, President
- Ars. Nancy Hardee, Secretary
- Ars. Iva McPherson, Publicity Chairman

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The Western District Auxiliary Convention

The Western District Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene with the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, October 4, 1972. The theme of the convention will be "Studying God's Word." Scripture is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15.

Morning Session

- 9:15—Registration
- 9:45—Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life"
 - Devotion, Miss Diane Baines
 - Welcome, Mrs. Harvey Pittman
 - President Speaks, Mrs. James Joyner
- 10:15—Hymn, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus"
 - Seeking God's Approval in Missions, Mrs. Johnnie Howell
 - Seeking God's Approval Through Youth, Mrs. Charles Sullivan
 - Special Music, Mount Olive College
 - News from the College
 - Special Offering for Mount Olive College (Organ Fund)
- 11:00—Hymn, "Praise Him, Praise Him"
 - Special Music, Mount Olive College
 - Message, John Williams, Ministerial Student
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Hymn, "His Way with Thee"
 - Devotion, Mrs. Wray Tomlison
 - Special Music, Local Church
- 1:15—Seeking God's Approval in Benevolence, Mrs. Joe Sasser
 - Seeking God's Approval Through Study, Miss Frances Boyette
 - Seeking God's Approval, Program-Prayer, Mrs. William Dale
- 1:30—Business
- 2:00—Hymn, "God Be with You"
 - Benediction

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Continual Butchery of Conscience

John Bunyan, who was imprisoned for twelve years for conscience's sake, was offered his freedom in exchange for silence about Christ. Courageously he replied, "I am determined, God being my helper, yet to suffer if frail life may continue so long till the moss shall grow over my eyebrows, rather than violate my faith and make a continual butchery of my conscience."

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 8



Social Change: Urban Culture

Lesson Text: Genesis 11:1-9; Zechariah 8:1-8; John 17:15-18; Acts 19:23-41; 1 John 2:15-17; Revelation 21:10, 22-27

Memory Verse: Romans 12:2

I. INTRODUCTION

A few years ago the sociology textbooks listed one set of characteristics for the urban areas of our country and another for the rural areas, but this would no longer be true. The mechanization of farming, the consolidation of school systems, the making of electricity available to rural people, telephone lines going into every community, the increased amount of paved roads, the advent of television, and the decay of the inner city—all of these have played their part in causing people to push out from the center of our urban areas. Country people are no longer a farming people. Many people who make their living in trades and professions live in the open country.

The same problems that one time plagued our cities have now moved out into suburban and rural areas. In some places the crime rate is as high in suburban areas as in the cities. The drug problem has even reached into the suburban and rural areas. The rural population has become more educated, more affluent, and more mobile. This means that the population in our rural and suburban churches is not as stable as it one time was. In some instances a lack of planning and zoning in the rural areas has created the equivalent of slum areas in the open country.

What effect does all of this change have upon our churches? In the first place, it means that the rural church can no longer feel that the methods of the city church are not for the rural church and will not work for them. The rural and suburban dweller are demanding the same type of full-time program for their church that the city dweller has. The church that closes its eyes to this fact

will find that slowly but surely it loses all its young people and in time will die. Also, it means that the rural pastor must be trained for his job. No longer can a man accept the call to preach and move into the pastorate without some training for his task. But it also means that the rural church has a new opportunity—an opportunity to reach more people than we have ever reached before. This opportunity will make our churches stronger if we meet it, but it can mean their demise if we fail to meet it.

Our Scriptures for study today deal with some of the problems of the city, but we must remember as we study them, that to some extent, these problems face us in the rural church. May the Lord help us to see our problems more clearly and to dedicate ourselves to the task of meeting them more fully.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. The history of mankind is the story of great revolutions and upheavals that change the course of things. There must always be adjustments, and during the period of transformation there are convulsions that affect the whole sociological structure. Frequently these are accompanied by violence. Often moral values are trampled underfoot as men are uprooted and suddenly thrust into unfamiliar surroundings.

B. It has fallen our lot to live in just such an era. After several wars of almost universal scope that affected the moral fiber of our age, the technological advances began to drive people from farms and hamlets to concentrate them in large metropolitan complexes. The facilities of the cities were soon overtaxed, and many who came to dwell in them were wholly unprepared to live in such a frightening world. In a great many instances the churches in the inner city deserted their posts and fled to suburban areas, leaving the core of the cities to fester in agony and filth. In our lesson today we will try to face up honestly to some of the problems.

C. It is one of the tragedies of the hu-

man predicament that the cities that men construct as the symbols of their power eventually become the centers of their weakness. This was true even of Jerusalem, which was designated the city of God. When the streets and alleys were filled with violence and the city became a haven for murderers, God said, "... have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good ... it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire" (Jeremiah 21:10).

D. Why are cities so frequently associated with decadence? Why does it happen that when nations change from a rural to an urban society they begin to forfeit their moral values and integrity? Is such a course inevitable? Must the rise of an urban society mark the beginning of the end for a civilization form? Is the handwriting on the wall for our own national greatness?

E. Obviously there are so many intertwined roots to such a problem we could not consider all of them in our limited time. Like all roots some are deeply buried and not easily exposed. But one thing is certain—cities are simply concentrations of people and are what people make them. If cities are to be altered, we must change the people who compose them. That which affects the heart of a metropolis is found first in the hearts of men.

F. Such a generalization, although true should not be allowed to betray us into a simplistic approach to a study of our own national situation. We should not be betrayed into a wholesale optimism that what has happened to other nations of the past cannot happen unto us. Nor should we be so pessimistic about our future that we cease to do anything about our present. God has always made it clear that destiny is affected by respect for His truth.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The expression "secular city" has reference to the present world system of men and things, while the term "Christianity" pertains to Christ and the spiritual and eternal truths which He taught. The world stands in opposition to God and the believer, and its works are evil (John 15:18-19). Judgment has already been pronounced upon the world and its rulers (12:31). Believers are commanded not to love the world (1 John 2:15-17) but rather to be as pilgrims and strangers in it (1 Peter 2:11-12). The time is

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Sunday School Lesson

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oming when the world will be restored
o Christ (Psalm 2).

B. Someone has described today's ur-
anization in terms of "rising towers and
hrinking steeples." The day when the
hurch steeple was the highest object
n town is gone. Today it is the high-
ise apartment or skyscraper which do-
minates the horizon. Nevertheless, the
hurch must not leave the city, but re-
main in the city to minister. The Bible
reveals that the city is not off-limits to
he love of God. The Bible begins in
garden, but it ends in a city, the holy
ity of Revelation, where men are at
eace and God's will is done. The city
eeds the church, and the church needs
he city. The city gives the church the
nchance to do what the church has always
aimed it could do—make all men broth-
ers in Christ.

C. It would be impossible to pick out
ne city in the whole world which is
est known for its righteousness. Sin
as taken its toll in each one. However,
ne day will come when Jerusalem will
e known for its righteousness, because
esus will rule there. In the meantime,
ur commission is to go into all the world
nd preach the gospel to all people, in-
cluding those in the cities. Let's trace
hese developments in the lesson texts
or today.—Bible Expositor and Illumi-
ator.

D. The world of today is growing more
urban with each passing day. While it
granted that cities offer some oppor-
unities for cultural advancement that
re not readily found in rural areas and
small towns, it is also recognized that
hey present some problems that are not
asily solved.

Regardless of what we may or may
ot think about big cities and the influ-
nce for evil which they exert upon the
outh of our land, it seems likely that
hey are with us to stay; thus it be-
oves the church, if its ministry is to
e relevant to the needs of the day, to
ormulate and execute plans that will
inister to the needs of the inhabitants
these places.

This will not be an easy task; for life
the big cities is complex and involved,
nd it will require a great deal of care-
ol planning to come up with a program
at will be acceptable and effectual.—
he Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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though they had been turned into sticks
of lead, despite the hours he had spent
on his bike trying to train and condition
himself.

Then the tape was ahead, held taut
by two teachers. Without turning his
head, Steve could see Tony at his side.

"I'll show you!" he muttered and
stood up, pedaling harder.

Tony was standing, too, his legs mov-
ing in rapid rhythm.

Steve felt the tape on his chest for
just a second; then he was past the fin-
ish line, braking slowly to bring the bike
to a safe stop.

"You won!" Norm threw his arms
around Steve. "You won! You're in the
city finals! What a race! I never saw
anyone ride so fast!"

Steve was still puffing. "Thanks," he
managed. "If I'd had my own bike—"

He stopped, remembering the missing
bike. In the excitement of the close
race, he had forgotten. "I'm going to
get it back right now!"

"It's back," Norm said with a grin.
"Your sister took it. The principal asked
her to pick up a package, so she took
your bike to get there faster. She
thought she'd be back long before the
race, but the package wasn't ready, and
she had to wait. She got here just as
you went around the first corner."

"Then Tony didn't take it?" Steve ask-
ed.

"Take what?"

Steve turned to see Tony standing
there, smiling and holding out his right
hand in congratulations.

"Nothing, Tony. Nothing. Just a
mistake I almost made," Steve said, shak-
ing hands.

As Tony walked away, Steve shivered.
"Norm, what if I'd accused him before
the race when I was so angry? I'd have
been wrong, and he would never have
listened again when I tried to talk to
him about the Lord—even if I had apolo-
gized twenty times! I'd have ruined
everything!"

Steve climbed onto his own bike, whis-
pering a prayer of thanks. Then he start-
ed toward home, making plans to talk
to Tony again about Sunday school.—My
Pleasure.

Executive ability is a talent for decid-
ing something quickly and getting some-
body else to do it.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when
needed, for any church that is seeking a
pastor and for any minister who is seeking
a church to serve and would like to give
such notice. Please send the necessary in-
formation to the editor of "The Free Will
Baptist." Each notice will run for two is-
sues only.)

The Rev. J. R. Matthis announces that
he is available for pastoral duties on
either a full or part-time basis. He will
also serve as supply pastor when need-
ed. Mr. Matthis may be contacted by
writing 600 Cutchin Street, Clinton,
North Carolina 28328, or by telephoning
592-5436.

Questions & Answers

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all, If any man will come after me, let
him deny himself, and take up his cross
daily, and follow me. For whosoever
will save his life shall lose it: but who-
soever will lose his life for my sake, the
same shall save it" (Luke 9:23-24).

We sometimes speak of a man as "try-
ing to save his own self" when he does
not go all the way through with all that
living and exhibiting Christ would re-
quire, especially when following through
might bring him into an awkward posi-
tion or cause him not to be able to keep
pace with certain worldly friends. Peter
found himself in such an awkward posi-
tion when he denied his Lord. Who
knows but what Peter was afraid that
if he confessed to the fact that he was
Jesus's disciple he might have to under-
go the hardships he feared were in store
for Jesus.

Christ always treated people as He
would have had them treat Him were
the circumstances reversed. He would
have had the Pharisees denounce Him as
He did them had the circumstances been
reversed. He denounced them because
He probably knew that some of them
would be saved through being denounced
(see the twenty-third chapter of Mat-
thew).

We are to be meek and lowly as Jesus
was and kind to all, whether they are
kind to us or not. Our kindness, doubt-
less, will make it our duty to preach the
judgment we are required by the Word
of God to preach, as did Jesus.

NEWS NOTES

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nightly meetings, which are scheduled to begin at 7:30. There will be special singing each evening by several groups from outside Durham.

An old-fashioned homecoming, complete with out-of-date clothing, will be observed on Sunday, October 1. The pastor, the Rev. O. B. Jones, will bring the morning message. All the men are asked to wear their overalls, and the ladies, their long dresses and bonnets.

A picnic lunch will be served at the noon hour on the church grounds. All members, former members, and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend and to enjoy a day of Christian fellowship.

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Eighty-First Anniversary Homecoming, Revival at Kenly Church

The Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, Kenly, North Carolina, will observe homecoming and its eighty-first anniversary on Sunday, October 1. The day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., to be followed with morning worship at 11 a.m.

Lunch will be served at the American Legion building on Highway 222, west of Kenly, at 1 p.m. The afternoon program will consist of a memorial service, a reading of the church history, and a musical program, beginning at 2 p.m.

Revival services will be held at the Kenly church during the week of October 2-7. Each service, which will feature special music, will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Clyde Cox of New Bern, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. James V. Joyner, extends a special invitation to everyone to attend.

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Revival in Progress, St. Mary's Church, New Bern

Revival services will continue throughout this week at St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, North Carolina. The Rev. J. B. Starnes of Newport, North Carolina, is the guest evangelist. He is assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Clyde W. Cox. Services are beginning each evening at 7:30.

Your prayers are asked for the success of this revival effort.

Homecoming Activities Planned, Spring Branch FWB Church

Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church will observe homecoming on Sunday, October 1. The day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship with the Rev. Sheldon Howard, a former pastor, delivering the address. A memorial service will close the morning worship.

Lunch will be served on the grounds during the noon hour. The afternoon service will consist of special music.

The pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris, and the congregation issue a warm invitation to all former pastors, members, and friends to attend.

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Homecoming Activities Scheduled October 1, People's Chapel Church

Homecoming day activities are announced for the People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 1. The schedule for the day includes the following: Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; lunch following the service; and a singspiration in the afternoon. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Delmas Brown, will deliver the homecoming message.

Invited to attend these services are former pastors, church members (past and present), and friends.

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Homecoming and Fall Revival To Be at Stony Hill Church

The Rev. Raymond T. Sasser announces the annual homecoming service of the Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Middlesex, North Carolina. The church was organized about 1880; the services on this day will be a time of renewing friendships and family connections that have existed over the years. Members, former members, and friends will return home for a worship service, dinner on the grounds, special music in the afternoon, and to contribute an annual love gift to their church. The pastor, Mr. Sasser, will deliver the sermon at the eleven o'clock service.

The annual fall revival services will be held Monday, October 9, through Friday, October 13. The evangelist for the revival will be the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace, pastor of Sherron Acres church in Durham. The services begin each evening at eight o'clock. Special music will

be rendered by the church choirs and other groups.

The church extends a cordial invitation to its friends to enjoy these services with them, and to pray for them as they seek to glorify our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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little packages of grass and herbs for medicines. He had several snake skin for sale—to keep away headaches, when wrapped around one's neck. When these people get sick they must ask God for a miracle, for they have no medicines to help bring a cure. Oh, how much God has blessed our people. Many of their babies die in infancy. How we should praise the Lord, as David did in Psalm 103: God is our Redeemer and also our Saviour.

After church we were practically compelled to go into a home next door and drink coffee and eat toasted bread. This was a unique experience. These people are very honored when someone visits them. This type of witnessing can do more than words. After being in the simple, smoked kitchen, I was overwhelmed with the thought that we are blessed with so much materially. Our simple kitchen in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina seemed like a mansion compared with this one. Why? Why has God blessed us so? We have a lot to account for.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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ket basket on her arm when she emerged from her home, seemingly going to market.

Under the power of the gospel, she was convinced of sin and of her need of the Saviour's mercy and forgiveness. She was joyously converted.

With a twinkle in his eyes, the evangelist said to her, "You will not need your market basket now."

PRAYER THOUGHT

How well this describes some of us. But why—He loves us all, no matter who we are.

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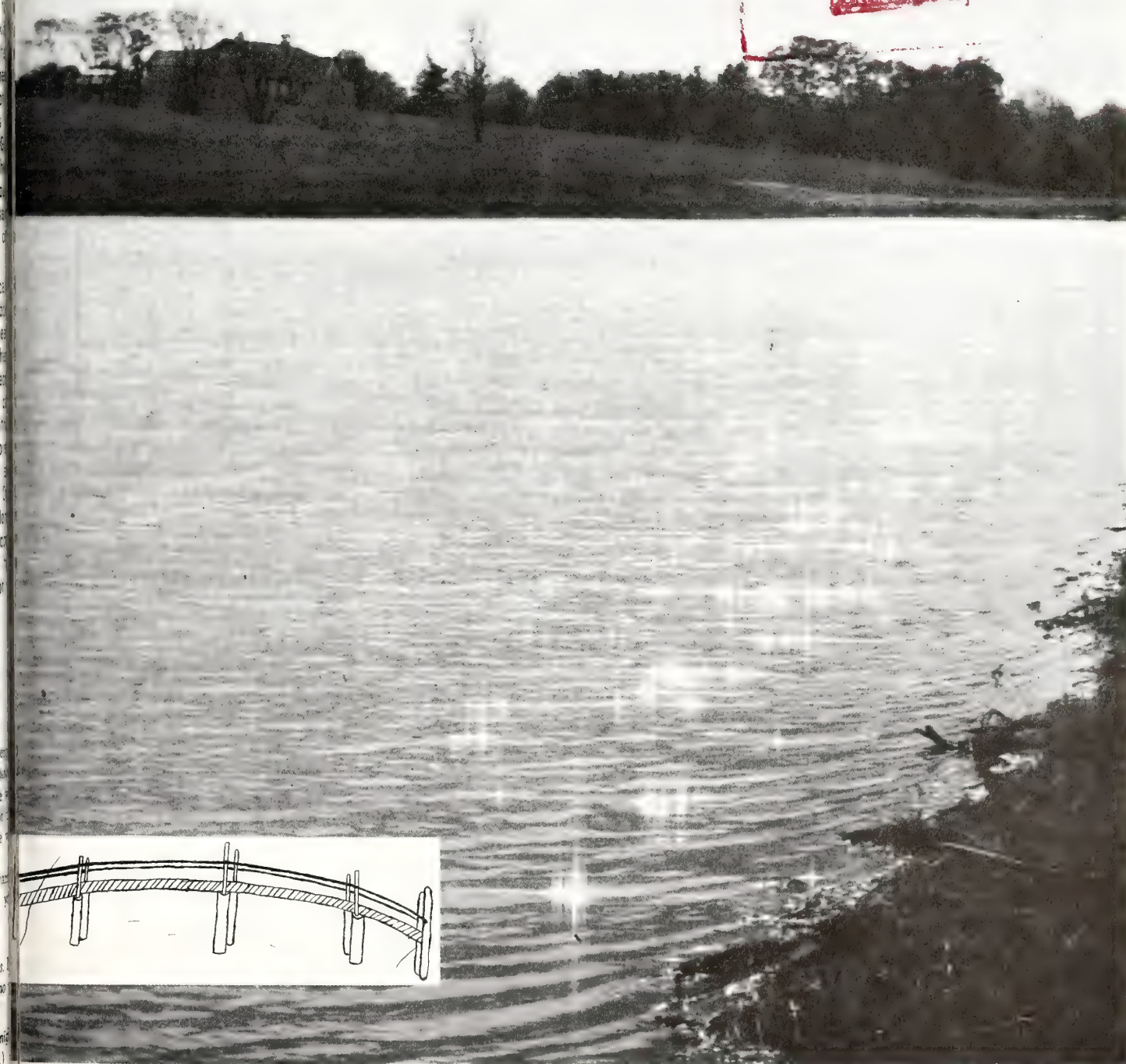
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A DISCUSSION ON CROSSING BRIDGES

ON CROSSING BRIDGES

A personal friend, whose educational achievements are impressive, whose scholastic records are of much note, and whose talents draw acclaim from even the most gifted, recently gave some needed advice: "Don't cross that bridge until you get to it."

It was easy to listen to this admonition; we've heard it before. And, the manner in which it was spoken (in genuine concern) had a nostalgic ring to it that brought back memories of grade school days when this same advice was frequently given by a favorite teacher who, being much like this friend in her sense of logic, would caution students to take one step at the time and not to worry about future obstacles until they *had* to be faced.

Sensibly speaking, it is an impossibility literally to cross a particular bridge before one arrives at it. No one would argue with this point. The figurative validity of it would be the exhortation in the Scriptures which teaches that one should take no thought for the morrow, to let it take care of itself.

Yet, as human beings (and we all are), we naturally are worriers. We do worry about those distant heretofore uncrossed bridges and all of those unexperienced tomorrows. Anxiety takes hold. Though we want to know about the future, when we see just a little of it plainly (so we think), we provide for ourselves all kinds of absolutes; that is, we tell ourselves that we "know" that such and such is going to happen to us, that something is a certainty. When that part of our future does transpire—that part which we have foreseen for ourselves—we often find that things are not at all the way we had feared they would be (or at least not so bad). There was really **no** bridge that needed to be crossed; and if there did happen to be one, it would not prove too difficult a task to get to the other side. . .

The teacher gave good advice; so did the friend. But, there is something else to consider; namely, the fact that we have to know the proper way to cross a bridge when we do get to one; that is, we must know how to approach a problem when it does confront us.

Crossing bridges is not always as easy as it might seem. In the day when mules were used for farming, a young inexperienced one often found it frightening to cross a bridge for the first time. We would not want to compare human beings to mules, but the point is a valid one: It is difficult to overcome an obstacle if one has never had to do so before. In crossing bridges, one wonders if they will hold his weight, whether the water is deep; and many other frightening thoughts enter the mind.

In life, spiritual and physical bridges must be crossed. Though it is not wise to decide that certain ones must be crossed before they become an actuality, it is nevertheless needful to be prepared to cross them when they do "happen." We must be able confidently to take our stride and cross over fearlessly, knowing that safety awaits on the other side. There are troubled waters, and there are bridges that are meant to be crossed.

In answer to our friend's exhortation, and in remembrance of the trusted teacher, we must concede that it is better not to anticipate obstacles before they occur. On the other hand, with all due respect, and in reiteration of the foregoing discussion, we must counteradvise thusly: "When these obstacles (bridges) do present themselves, it is important that we know how to handle (cross) them." So really, thinking about crossing bridges is not too much of a waste of time—is it? What if all of a sudden you ventured upon a bridge, would you know how to cross it in safety? Just think. . .

And, talking about bridges (this time in a positive sense), the only safe Bridge that we know is Christ. He bridges the gap between heaven and that other place. One pleasant thing about this is the fact that with Him there is no element of danger. His bridge is sure. There is no anxiety in Him! How blessed this assurance!



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A NEW ORDER OF THINGS

by W. Burkette Raper, President
Mount Olive College

There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things (Machiavelli).

Students come to college to seek "a new order of things" for themselves, but students are not alone in this search. Today our nation, the world and the church are also seeking a new order of things.

Let us take this year's entering freshman class and go back to 1954 to review some of the major events of the last eighteen years.

1954: The year this year's freshman class was born, the Supreme Court declared that racial segregation in the public schools was unconstitutional.

1955: When the class was one year old, the Salk vaccine was declared a success against polio, which was crippling and killing thousands of children annually.

1956: When the class was two, the United States exploded an H-bomb with the destructive force of ten million tons of TNT.

1957: When the class was three, the Russians put the first spaceship in orbit around the earth.

1958: When the class was four, Pope John XXIII became the head of the

Roman Catholic Church and began to introduce the greatest reforms this church has known in four centuries.

1959: When the class was five, Fidel Castro seized control in Cuba and established the first Communist government within the Western Hemisphere.

1960: When the class was six, the United States elected its first Catholic president, John F. Kennedy.

1961: When the class was seven, the Peace Corps had its beginning.

1962: When the class was eight, John Glenn became the first man to orbit the earth in outer space.

1963: When the class was nine, President Kennedy was assassinated.

1964: When the class was ten, the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was passed by the Senate and the United States began its bombardment of North Vietnam.

1965: When the class was eleven, a march in Selma, Alabama, introduced a new era of racial demands.

1966: When the class was twelve, the Red Guards brought a new revolution in China.

1967: When the class was thirteen, there was a six-day war between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

1968: When the class was fourteen, two controversial Americans were murdered, Martin Luther King Jr., and Robert F. Kennedy.

1969: When the class was fifteen, the first men walked on the moon.

1970: When the class was sixteen, birth control pills had become commonplace and a new order of moral conduct was called for.

1971: When the class was seventeen, the major problem on high school and college campuses was no longer demonstrations but drugs.

1972: The year the class entered college, there was an International Congress on Student Evangelism known as "Explo 72" held in Dallas, Texas, for the purpose of training young people to reach every person on earth with the gospel of Jesus Christ by 1980.

Whether or not these are the most important events of the last eighteen years, we can not know at this time, but we do know that these events have helped to bring about "a new order of things" for this generation. This new order can be seen everywhere—in human relations, health, international relations, national affairs, scientific developments, social conditions, moral conduct, educational policies, and religious developments.

But more important than what has happened in the world **outside** of us is what has happened **within** us during this period of time. What are our values, our goals, our priorities, our purpose in living?

A NEW ORDER OF THINGS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

It is important that we recognize that "a new order of things" has evolved not only out of the events of the past but is still in the process of evolving out of the present. In a world that is changing so fast that it shocks us, Mount Olive College is dedicated to the task of helping her students to find not only a **new** order of things but the **best** order of things for their lives.

A recent American College graduate said that college had given him "spokes" but no "hub." Then he added, "We came away with knowledge but no purpose."

For the Christian college, the hub, the center, the unifying force of all things is Jesus Christ; for the whole meaning of Christianity is the centrality of Jesus Christ in everything. When Christ is made central in education, He brings about "a new order of things." Indeed, the reason Jesus came into the world was to establish a new order of things. More than once He declared, "It hath been said by them of old time . . . but I say unto you. . ."

Education which does not acquaint students with the One who brought about the greatest changes in the history of the world and the One who can (continued on page ten)



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Scripture Reading—James 4:2

"GIVE ME A PLATEFUL OF FOOD!"

One day, during family worship in a Christian home, all said together the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray. When they came to the words "Give us this day our daily bread," little Stephen misquoted the words, saying, "Give me this day a plateful of food." Though he said the words reverently and sincerely, his brothers and sisters laughed. Mother and father, however, did not laugh.

During breakfast, mother gave little Stephen a plateful of food. Was not this what he asked for in his prayer? As she passed the plate to him, the wise mother said, "Son, as you grow up, continue to ask God to supply all your needs. Do not be ashamed. Others may laugh, but God will not."—*Told by Alice Marie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

No matter how foolish or silly our wishes may seem, God listens and He sometimes grants these to us. As we have seen, wisdom is sometimes learned from mere children.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 6:19

"THERE IS UTTERLY NO HOPE"

A brilliant university student from a wealthy family sought to find the solution to the enigmas of life in death. He leaped from a window of his dormitory room and died horribly on the pavement below!

Why did this darksome termination of the young man's life occur? He had wealth, friends, and a devoted father and mother. He didn't, however, have the One who is the answer to life's enigmas—Christ. A suicide note was found in his room. Its message was brief, but sufficient to disclose the cause of his self-destruction. It read: "There us utterly no hope."

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is certain that we all feel this way at times; but if we pray to the Lord, He will see us through these dark, dismal days.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Scripture Reading—Psalm 118:24

"MULE, YOU MUST HAVE RELIGION"

One Sunday morning Tommy and Grand-

pa sat in the living room waiting for the rest of the family to get ready for Sunday school. Tommy began to whistle.

Grandpa said, "Be quiet, Tommy. Don't you know this is Sunday?"

Tommy was quiet for a few minutes. Then he put a record on the record player.

Grandpa ordered, "Tommy, turn that off. Didn't I tell you this is Sunday? You must be quiet."

Tommy turned the record player off. Then he tiptoed out of the room. He went outdoors. Near the fence he saw an old mule. The mule stood almost motionless with his ears hanging low and with a sad expression on his long face. Tommy walked over close to the mule and said, "Mule, you must have religion. You look just like Grandpa!"—*Alice Marie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Can't we be both sad and joyful on the Lord's Day? We have so much to be happy about if we know God hears our prayers. He does!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Scripture Reading—Psalm 4:8

TRAILED THROUGH THE STORM

A blizzard was raging in the little village in which Jack lived. He looked in wonderment at the swirling snow. He longed to walk in it and go see Larry who lived a quarter of a mile away. He pleaded, "Daddy, let me go out in the snow. Let me go see Larry."

Daddy refused at first, but finally he yielded to Jack's plea.

Jack was overjoyed! He quickly put on his warmest clothes and boots and ran out into the swirling snow. The driving snow made it difficult for him to see. The drifts were deep. Finally he reached Larry's house.

As Jack rang the doorbell, he looked around and saw the retreating figure of his father. His father, fearful of Jack's safety, had followed him and watched him every step of the way.

How comforting it is to know that our heavenly Father always watches over His children. He never sleeps.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If you are a parent, you can understand this father's feelings. It is such a comfort to know that God is always watching over us.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 4:12, 13

HOW TO REACT TO INSULTS

The men in basic training with Dave Stowell knew that prior to his enlistment in the army he had been pastor of a small church, and they gave him a rough time. He was often ridiculed. He was purposely assigned by his superior to the detail of cleaning latrines.

Dave cheerfully and dutifully accepted the assignment. He did his work well. He showed no resentment or sign of breaking

under the treatment he was receiving. His attitude during severe provocation made an impression on the men. They began to come to him with their troubles. He had the joy of winning some of them to Christ.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We could all learn something from this story. It is the perfect answer for those who work so hard and receive so little. God understands.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Scripture Reading—Psalm 90:2

"MOTHER, WHO MADE GOD?"

One day a six-year-old boy asked, "Mother, who made God?"

Instantly his mother's face expressed astonishment and chagrin. "What an awful question to ask. You had better run along and play."

In the same community another boy asked his mother, "Did God make Himself?"

His mother prayed silently. Taking of her wedding ring, she gave it to her son and asked, "Where does this ring begin and where does it end?"

The boy answered, "There is no starting place or stopping place to a ring."

The mother said, "Just so it is with God. There is no beginning and no end to God. He always has been and always will be."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Could you imagine not having God to watch over us? What would we do if we didn't have Him to talk to? His origin is not important. The fact that he is everpresent is.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Scripture Reading—Mark 12:43, 44

YOU CAN'T FOOL THE LORD

George was a Christian handyman. One Monday morning, his employer observed that he was dejected. "What's the trouble?" the employer asked.

George replied sadly, "Yesterday when the offering plate was passed, I put a quarter in the collection. That is, I thought I put a quarter in, but when I got home, discovered that I had put in the five dollar gold piece you gave me at Christmas."

The employer responded, "George, that is no misfortune. After all, that was a good deed. God will reward you."

George said, "But you can't fool the Lord. He knows that in my heart I wanted to give only twenty-five cents."

PRAYER THOUGHT

This is very true. We cannot fool the Lord, so why try? Isn't it best to do the right thing, first?

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N. F. FWB Ministerial Association: Report to the N. C. State Convention of Churches



The Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists met at Cragmont Assembly during the week of June 19-22, 1972.

Ministers from the various churches of North Carolina and adjoining states witnessed one of the greatest conferences ever to be held.

The session opened with praise and prayer, the Holy Spirit being present to arm and to inspire each heart.

Sermons delivered during the conference supported the theme, "The Call to Personal Evangelism."

The president has the unique gift of being able to express through his singing blessings of the joy and comfort of grace. Our hearts sang with him as God blessed us through his unusual tenor voice.

On Tuesday evening the conference was called to order for its annual business session.

The association elected the following to office for a term of two years: David C. Hansley, president; Robert Rollins, vice-president; C. B. Hansley, secretary; Ralph Sumner, treasurer; Rayford Lee, member at large.

The following are two of the resolutions that were adopted by the association:

Resolution No. 2: "Resolved, that this Ministerial Association recommend to the

North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, for adoption, the amendments to the Ministerial Retirement System, as proposed by the North Carolina Board of Superannuation."

Resolution No. 4: "Whereas, we recognize the urgent need for a more effective program of Evangelism and Church Extension by our denomination; and

"Whereas, there is an expressed desire among our ministers for a more definite program for evangelism and establishing churches in new areas;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this association go on record in requesting that the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, establish and provide for, by constitutional amendment, a Board of Church Extension, and that if this resolution is adopted by this body, the president of this Ministerial Association is instructed to present this resolution of request to the State Convention on the first day while in regular session, September 1972."

A number of ministers requested that they be anointed with oil and that prayer be offered for them. The prayer was mutually offered and a spiritual uplifting came to all. God's presence was evident as manifested through the tears of rejoicing.

Wednesday proved to be even as inspirational as Monday and Tuesday.



The Dixie Melody Boys

The "Dixie Melody Boys Quartet" of Kinston, North Carolina, was on hand, delivering the message in song to join with the preaching of the gospel.

The highlight of the conference succeeded the messages and singing when on Wednesday evening, The Revs. E. C. Morris, Lloyd Vernon, and Foy Futrell presided for the communion of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet.

The evening service closed, after three most refreshing hours of worship without recess; all who were present joined hands in a circle, singing "Blest Be the Tie."

Surely, no greater or more intimate fellowship with our Lord could be experienced as that which was experienced at this session of the North Carolina Ministerial Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

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Mount Olive College Day Service

President W. Burkette Raper of Mount Olive College will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service of Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church in Duplin County, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 11, the Rev. S. A. Smith, pastor, has announced.

At 7:00 p.m. President Raper will speak at Mosley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Dover, North Carolina. The Rev. Bobby Harrell is pastor.

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Some Carelessness

Father: "Why were you kept in at school?"

Son: "I didn't know where the Azores were."

Father: "In the future, just remember where you put things."

And what that father knew about the Azores is more than many know of what God's Book teaches about some things.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Jack Mayo to Hold Revival At Union Chapel Church

Revival services will begin at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, on Monday night, October 9, and will continue through Saturday night, October 14. Serving as guest evangelist for this series of ser-



vices is the Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina.

Special music is being featured nightly. The services will begin at 8 p.m. with the pastor of the church, the Rev. R. L. Norville, assisting the evangelist.

The public is invited to attend. Your prayers are asked for the success of the revival.

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Homecoming Scheduled At Grimsley Church

Homecoming is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, at the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church, located on Highway No. 102, between Maury and Snow Hill, North Carolina. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m., to be followed by the morning worship. The message will be delivered by the new pastor of the church, the Rev. Tom Miller.

A picnic lunch will be held on the grounds following the worship hour. A singspiration, featuring different groups from the church and surrounding area, is planned for the afternoon.

All friends of the church are invited to attend.

Eastern Conference to Meet At Core Creek, Cove City

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will convene at the Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina, Wednesday and Thursday, October 18, 19. The scheduled program is as follows:

Wednesday Morning

- 9:00—Registration for Ministers, Delegates, Visitors
- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Bobby Jones
- 10:10—Session Called to Order, Conference Clerk
 - Welcome to Host Church, the Rev. Carol B. Hansley
 - Response, the Rev. E. Frank Crary
- 10:15—Moderator's Message, the Rev. E. E. Edwards
- 10:30—Roll Call of Ministers and Churches
 - Recognize and Welcome Visitors
- 10:50—Report from the Eastern Woman's Auxiliary
- 11:00—Report from Mount Olive College
 - Offering for the College
- 11:15—Appointment of Committees
- 11:20—Worship Service
 - Sermon, the Rev. Ronnie Parker
- 12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:15—Devotions, the Rev. Joseph R. Moore
- 1:25—Partial Report of Credentials Committee
 - Seating of Delegates
- 1:35—Report of the Executive Committee
 - Report of the Examining Board
- 2:00—Report of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation
- 2:10—Report of the North Carolina State Convention
- 2:20—Report from North Carolina Ministerial Association
- 2:30—Report from Free Will Baptist Press Foundation
- 2:40—Report from Camp Vandemere
 - Offering for the Camp
- 2:55—Report from Church Finance Association

- 3:05—Miscellaneous Business
- 3:20—Closing Hymn, Benediction

Wednesday Evening

- 8:00—Camp Vandemere Rally

Thursday Morning

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. Joe Edward
- 10:10—Read and Approve Minutes of Previous Day
 - Call Roll of Ministers Absent Wednesday
 - Call for Church Letters Not Turned In
- 10:35—Report from Cragmont Assembly
- 10:45—Report from Conference Mission Board
- 10:55—Report from North Carolina State Mission Board
- 11:05—Report from Free Will Baptist Children's Home
 - Offering for the Home
- 11:20—Worship Service
 - Sermon, the Rev. Andrew J. Hill
- 12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:15—Memorial Service, Memorial Committee
- 1:30—Final Report of the Credentials Committee
 - Final Report of the Examining Board
- 2:00—Committee Reports:
 - Leagues
 - Sunday Schools
 - Temperance
 - Resolutions
 - Digest
 - Treasurer and Finance Committee
 - Nominations
 - Election of Nominees

Coming Events . . .

- October 11—Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention, Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina
- October 11, 12—Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Selma Church, Selma, North Carolina
- October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina
- November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina
- November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

- 00—Miscellaneous Business
- Read and Approve Minutes
- 20—Adjournment, Closing Hymn, Benediction

Entertainment, the Host Church
 Director of Music, the Rev. J. B. Starnes
 Pianist, the Rev. Clyde Cox
 Moderator, the Rev. E. E. Edwards
 Clerk, the Rev. Carol B. Hansley

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Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the Western Conference

The Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene with the Selma Church, Selma, North Carolina, on October 11-12, 1972. The moderator will be the Rev. D. C. Boling. Serving as song leader will be the Rev. Royster Marston, with Mrs. Brenda Matthews as pianist. The scheduled program is as follows:

Wednesday Morning

- 15—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
- 00—Devotions, the Rev. John D. Swain
- 15—Welcome, Host Church
- Response, the Rev. Walter Bass
- Roll Call of Ministers, Clerk
- Roll Call of Churches, Clerk
- Recognition of Visitors, Moderator
- Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling
- 55—Report of Mount Olive College, the Rev. Frank Harrison
- Offering for Mount Olive College
- 15—Song Service
- Special Music, Host Church
- 30—Conference Message, the Rev. Billy R. Yawn
- 00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 00—Devotions, the Rev. Luther Bissette
- 00—Partial Report of the Credentials Committee
- Appointment of Temporary Committees
- Report of Missions Board, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
- Report of the Executive Committee
- Report of the Free Will Baptist Press, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- Business Session
- 00—Adjournment

Thursday Morning

- 30—Devotions, the Rev. Billy Ray Jordan
- 45—Report of the Children's Home, the Rev. Graham Lane
- Offering for the Children's Home

10:05—Business Session, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling

11:30—Ordination Service, Ordaining Council

12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions, the Rev. Harry Brown
 1:10—Report of Ministerial Character Board

—Final Report of Credentials Committee

—Report of Temporary Committees

—Treasurer's Report, the Rev. Luther Bissette

—Final Business Session

3:00—Closing Devotions, the Rev. Walton E. Parrish

3:10—Adjournment

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First Church of Warsaw Announces Revival

Revival services at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw, North Carolina, are announced for October 9-14 at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist, the Rev. J. B. Starnes of Newport, North Carolina, will be assisted each night by the pastor, the Rev. John Raford Lee.

Everyone is invited to attend.

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Hugo Church to Have Homecoming and Revival

Homecoming services at the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church on Hugo Road near Grifton, North Carolina, are scheduled for October 8. The pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan, will deliver the homecoming sermon at eleven o'clock. Special music will be featured by the adult choir and the "Gospel Messengers" quartet, under the direction of Mrs. Faye Rogers, music director of the church. Dinner will be served at the noon hour; a singspiration is planned for the afternoon.

On Monday, October 9, at 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston, North Carolina, will begin a series of revival services at the church, assisted by the pastor. Special music will be featured each night of the revival.

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Revival, Harvest Festival Planned at Howell Swamp Church

Revival services are now in progress at the Howell Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, North Carolina. Serving as evangelist is the Rev. Joe Ingram, the state mission director. Services will continue each evening through Friday, October 6; the time is 7:45.

The revival will be followed by the annual homecoming and harvest festival on Sunday, October 8. The pastor, the Rev. E. C. Morris, will deliver the homecom-

ing message at the eleven o'clock hour. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

All members, former pastors, and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend and to enjoy the fellowship with old and newly made friends of the community. According to custom, the Lord's Acre Day will be observed with a processional offering.

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Homecoming and Revival At Free Union

The annual homecoming service will be held at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church near Walstonburg, North Carolina, on October 8. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m., to be followed by the homecoming service at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served on the church grounds during the noon hour.

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes will conduct revival services at the church October 15-20 at 7:30 p.m. A very cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend all of these services.

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Winterville FWB Church To Observe Homecoming, Revival

Homecoming services will be observed at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 8. The pastor of the church, the Rev. James Lupton, will be the speaker for the occasion. An interesting program will be presented, with special music in the afternoon. All former pastors, former members, and friends are invited to come.

Revival services will begin October 9 and will continue through October 13, at 7:45 each evening. The Rev. Vance Link, new missionary candidate, will serve as guest evangelist for this series of services, assisted by the pastor. Special music will be featured nightly.

The pastor of the church and the church membership issue a warm invitation to the public to be in attendance.

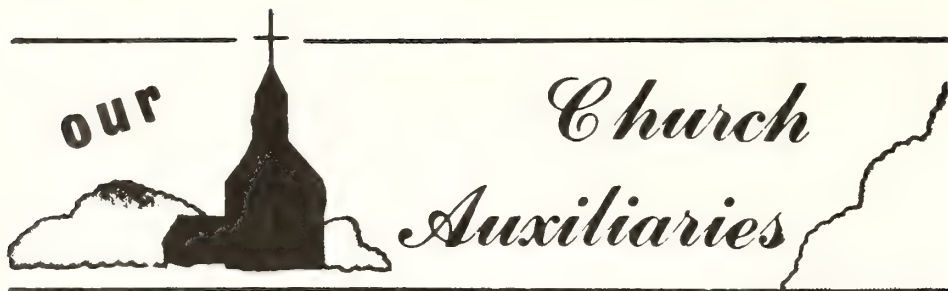
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Revival Services, First Church, Wilson Jackson to Speak

Revival services will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, October 9-13, at 7:30 each evening, the pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, has announced.

Evangelist for the revival will be the Rev. Bobby Jackson of Greenville, North Carolina. Brother Jackson has preached in thirty-five states and Canada, has held over 700 evangelistic campaigns and preached over 7,000 sermons during the past fifteen years.

He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist (continued on page nine)



Attention Ladies of the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Dear Co-Workers,

Another Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention will soon be in session. We look forward to a day of fellowship and sacred worship.

Let us ask ourselves seriously, What do we have to offer our Lord in return for the great blessing from Him we expect to enjoy? Can we really expect to receive without giving? Listen to the voice of Jesus as He speaks to us as individuals: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give . . . For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

Don't forget your love offering for missions to "win the lost at any cost." By and by when we look on His face, we'll wish we had given Him more.

Yours for Jesus and souls,

Mrs. Edwin Roper, Mission Chairman
Albemarle District

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Albemarle District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church
Creswell, North Carolina

Thursday, October 12, 1972

Theme: "Keeping in Touch with God"

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11

Morning Session

10:00—Hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

—Devotions, Mrs. Edwin Raper

10:15—Welcome, Local President

—Response, Mrs. Margaret Woolard

10:20—President's Message, Miss Alice Webster

—Recognition Time

—Appointment of Committees

10:30—Reading of Minutes

- Roll Call of Auxiliaries
- Mission Offering
- 10:40—Report on Missions, Mrs. Vance Link
- 11:00—Report on Children's Home, the Rev. Graham Lane
- Offering for Children's Clothing
- 11:20—Special Music, the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Littleton
- 11:30—Message, the Rev. Joseph Ingram
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Hymn, "The Touch of His Hand on Mine"
- 1:05—Devotions, Mrs. Ruth Ambrose
- 1:15—Report on State Work, Mrs. Bruce Barrow
- 1:25—Mount Olive College News, Miss Sara Willoughby
- 1:35—Report on Youth, Mrs. Matthew Parker
- 1:45—Business
- 2:00—Report of Committees
- 2:10—Report of Treasurer, Mrs. Oscar Webster
- 2:15—Installation Service, Mrs. Mary Winfield
- 2:30—Closing Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie"
- Benediction

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Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church
Dunn, North Carolina

October 11, 1972

Theme: "Ye Shine As Lights"

Scripture: "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15).

Morning Session

- 9:30—Registration
- 10:00—Hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"
- Devotions, Mrs. Percy Dudley
- 10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Lizzie Dawson
- Response, Mrs. Lucille Coats

- 10:25—President's Message, Mrs. Do Dudley
- Reading of Minutes
- Roll Call of Churches
- Appointment of Committees
- 11:00—Children's Home Report
- Hymn, "Send the Light"
- 11:15—Special Music, Robert's Grove Church
- Convention Message, Miss Diane Baines
- 12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:00—Hymn, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"
- 1:05—Life Membership Award Presentation, Mrs. David Lockamy
- 1:25—Youth Chairman Report
- 1:30—Mount Olive College Report
- Cragmont Assembly Report
- Missions Report
- Superannuation Report
- 2:00—Business Session
- Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie"
- Benediction

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WHY?

Why should I give money to save the heathen abroad when there are heathen in our own country? Other "why's" are just as logical:

Why should I give money to those other parts of this country when there are needy ones in my own state?

Why should I give to those in other parts of the state when there are needy ones in my own town?

Why should I give to the poor in my town when my own church needs the money?

Why? Because I am a Christian, not a heathen.

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God's Seasons

Faye Patten

Father, I thank Thee
For winter's snow,
And days of summer
With sunlight's glow.

Father, I thank Thee
That I may sing
Of golden autumn
And balmy spring.

I thank Thee, Father,
For seasons fair
That show Thy beauty
Is ev'rywhere.

NEWS NOTES

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ible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and Job Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Brother Jackson has published several books, including **Messages That Matter**, **Awakening in the Wilderness**, **Beyond the Stars**, and **Six Steps to Successful Christian Living**. As a soloist, he has released three record albums, "Softly and Tenderly," "Then Sings My Soul," and "Fill My Cup, Lord."

You are invited to hear this man of God who brings an old-fashioned gospel message.

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Annual Homecoming Day at Mount Tabor Church

Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 8.

The schedule for the day's activities will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m. Worship service will follow at 11 a.m. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. A inspiration will be featured in the afternoon.

All former pastors and former members are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship of the day.

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Sweet Gum Grove Revival in Progress

Revival services are currently being held at Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Stokes, North Carolina. They began Monday night, October 2, and will continue through Saturday night, October 6.

The Rev. Jerry Rowe of Newport, North Carolina, is serving as guest evangelist. He is assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Phillip Jones.

The pastor of the church and the church membership issue a warm invitation to the public to be in attendance. Special music is being featured nightly.

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Fall Revival Planned at Long Ridge Church

Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, located eleven miles east of Mount Olive, announces its fall revival for the week of October 9-14. The Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham, North Carolina, will be the guest evangelist. The Rev. N. D. Wiggs, the pastor of the church, will assist in the services.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services beginning each evening at 7:30.

Revival Services At Stancil's Chapel

Revival services will begin at Stancil's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, on Monday night, October 9, and will continue through Saturday night, October 14. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Robert Langley, pastor of the Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, serving as guest evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. J. B. Godwin, will assist in these services. Special music will be rendered throughout the week. A warm invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

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First Church, Wilson Plans Homecoming

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson will observe its annual homecoming on October 8.

The pastor, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, will deliver the homecoming sermon at 11 a.m., followed by a memorial service for members who have died during the year.

The afternoon will be devoted to special singing. Groups who will take part include the "Pleasant Grove Trio" of Pikeville, North Carolina; the "Master's Voices" of Greensboro, North Carolina; and the male quartet of the local church.

Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall of the church.

All former members and pastors, as well as friends of the church, are cordially invited to attend this day's activities. No evening service will be held at the church.

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Homecoming Service, Pine Level Church Pelt to Speak

Dr. Michael Pelt of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, is scheduled to be the speaker for the homecoming services at the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Pine Level, North Carolina, on October 8, 11 a.m. The worship hour will include a memorial service. Lunch will be served on the church grounds.

Visitors, especially former members of the church, are invited to attend.

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Homecoming and Revival Services Planned at Elm Grove Church

The annual homecoming service and picnic dinner will be held at Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 8. Sunday school will be at 10 a.m., to be followed with morning worship at eleven

o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Kemery Ard, will be the speaker.

Dinner will be served at the noon hour in the fellowship building. All former pastors, members, and friends are invited to come and enjoy a day of worship and Christian fellowship.

Revival services will begin on Monday evening, October 9, at 7:45. The Rev. Ed Miles will be the evangelist for this series of services. Special music will be presented each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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MY FRIEND

by Mrs. Gloria Bradshaw
Kinston, North Carolina

I love you, Lord. I love the very thought of thee. I love thy love that never fails me. I love each wee little part of thy works. I love thy birth to human life. I love thy death to set souls free. I love the way you live in constant touch with me. I love to feel you near and breathe the air you breathed. I love knowing responsibility, as you knew and know it now. I love my fellowman; quite obviously, you also do. I love to tell the story, when you came and died and arose. I love knowing the purpose in your visit and the reason for your dying. I'd like to tell you, Lord, how I feel about thy death. I feel when you died upon that cross so crude, many hearts leapt out to yours and weeping bodies fell. Lord, I honestly believe that even Satan knelt in hell. Lord, I would love to see thy person; I would love to touch your hand. But above all else, my Lord, I love just calling you "Friend."

HUMBLE THYSELF

Dear Lord, my Master, my Friend,
Guard and protect me until all life shall end.

And when you take me into heaven to live with you up there,
With eyes closed and head bowed; may I still be knelt in prayer.

Amen.

(The paragraph and poem, above, were contributed by Mrs. Gloria Bradshaw, who is a member of the New Hope Baptist Church. Mrs. Bradshaw's husband, Gary Bradshaw, is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina. They have one son, Adam, four months old.)

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

A NEW ORDER OF THINGS

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bring about the most important change human life can experience deprives its students of the most vital elements of both learning and living. The Greeks said, "Know thyself," but how can we truly know ourselves if we do not know Him in whose image we are made?

The most important things a student brings to college are not his high school record and medical report; this information may be only superficial. To understand truly a student we need to know: What does he **love** most? What are his **commitments**?

We cannot be neutral about value—about what is really important in life—because it is our values which give direction to our lives. "Convictions of some sort are the only safeguards against mental bewilderment and moral flabbiness," writes Dr. Huston Smith, professor of philosophy at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "We are never so much at the mercy of external circumstances as when we are in a state of indecision, never so free as when we have made up our minds, assuming that we have made them up well."

FREEDOM THROUGH COMMITMENT

It is not enough, however, just to be committed; for all commitments are not of equal value. The worth of a commitment depends upon the value of that to which we are committed. The importance of making the right commitment is seen in the truth that **we become like that to which we are committed**. So, in making our commitments we are choosing our future and determining our destiny.

In an ultimate sense of the word, the only real freedom we have is to choose whom we will serve. One of the central truths of the Bible is that idolatry is the commitment of life to anything less than God. Why should we give our lives for lesser values when we can give them to the highest value—God? Freedom is the commitment of ourselves to that which will fulfill our lives rather than enslave us, and the message of the Christian faith is that life finds its greatest fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

This fulfillment of life in Christ depends upon a complete commitment to Him. If Jesus made anything clear, it was that to follow Him requires a total commitment of heart, soul, mind, and body. "He who seeks to save his life,"

said Jesus, "will lose it." The commitment which Jesus requires brings about "a new order of things"—indeed, it is predicated upon our becoming new persons through a "new birth."

Too often young people focus upon what they must give up in order to commit their lives to Jesus Christ rather than upon what they gain. The premise of the Christian faith is that God is perfect love and infinite wisdom and He never asks us to give up what is best for us, but rather He invites us to free ourselves of secondary values in order that we may experience the supreme worth of abundant and eternal life in Jesus Christ.

This truth was clearly expressed by one who had made an absolute and full commitment of his life to Christ when he wrote, "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

CONCLUSION

The forces of change in this generation have indeed brought "a new order of things" in our world, but what is more important is that Jesus Christ can bring "a new order of things" in our lives. The greatest benefit one can derive from his college experience is to find a new order of things for his life, and at Mount Olive College we believe that the best order of things comes from the commitment of our lives to Him who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." "Behold, I make all things new," said Jesus.

(Note: This article is an adaptation of the 1972 fall convocation address delivered by President Raper to students, personnel, parents, and visitors.)

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Play with Your Hearts

In rehearsals Toscanini often said to the members of his orchestra, "Play with our hearts, not your instruments."

During concerts, the great maestro of depth of feeling, the great maestro would put his hand over his heart.

When he was pleased, though he never smiled, his pleasure was shown to all by his facial expression.

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"I'm Looking for God"

A missionary in Thailand asked a national who came to his home, "Do you want medicine?"

"No," the man replied.

"Are you looking for the doctor?" he asked.

"No, I'm looking for God!" was the cry from the native's heart.

"Superannuation Month"

October 1972

TO: Co-Workers in Original Free Will Baptist Churches

SUBJECT: "Superannuation Month"

Dear Co-Worker:

On Page 16 is information to remind your church that October is "Superannuation Month." You will have received a poster bearing this information that should be posted on the bulletin board so everyone will be reminded of our needs.

It isn't necessary that I remind you of the importance of the work of Superannuation in our denomination. If we do not care for those who minister to us, who will? Essentially this is our program: seeking adequate care for our ministers—present and future.

At the annual session of our State Convention, four recommendations were approved. They are important to this work, to our ministers, and to our churches. First, the budget was approved at \$30,000. This would amount to approximately one dollar per member from our churches. Second, October was designated as "Superannuation Month," and Father's Day as "Superannuation Day." Third, amendment four to the Ministerial Retirement System was approved in which the Board will match funds up to \$60 per year with ministers who participate in the retirement program. The fourth recommendation is quoted from the report: "4. We recommend that the State Convention request our churches to assist their pastors in preparing for retirement through the Superannuation program as follows:

Minimum Assistance:

1. A full-time church pay \$150 per year on pastor's retirement.
2. A part-time church pay \$75 per year on pastor's retirement.

Note: This minimum assistance should either be increased by the church or matched by the minister." We need the assistance and cooperation of every church to turn these recommendations into reality.

Respectfully,
Walter Reynolds

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Sidney Lanier, a southern poet, said "The world needs heart, not head." The world needs both. How enduring and blessed will be our service if both our head and heart are in it!

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: For whom are the judgments of the great tribulation destined?

Answer: 1. The tribulation is the time of the Gentiles: "For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the wrath" (Ezekiel 30:3); "For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me" (Jeremiah 5:15-17); "For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts. Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground" (Jeremiah 25:29-33); "Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth" (Daniel 2:35).

2. The tribulation is to be a time of anguish, a time of Jacob's trouble: "For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it" (Jeremiah 30:5-7).

3. A large percent of the world's population will come under the judgment of the tribulation. "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth" (Revelation 6:8); "By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths" (Revelation 9:18); "And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs" (Revelation 14:19, 20); "Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. . . . I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir" (Isaiah 13:9, 12); "For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many" (Isaiah 66:15, 16); "How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? For my people is foolish, they have not known

me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was a man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end" (Jeremiah 4:21-27); "I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the LORD. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD. I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests; And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham; And them that are turned back from the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor enquired for him" (Zephaniah 1:2-6).

It seems that nations other than Israel will be under judgment, but that Israel herself will suffer the loss of two thirds of her population. "And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein" (Zechariah 13:8).

Years ago, before man gained such knowledge as he has in modern days, so great a number being slaughtered would seem incredible. Today, however, now that World Wars I and II are behind us and we know from experience what atomic weapons may do, this is a little more understandable. We are told that over 78 million people were killed between 1939 and 1945. The weapons available at that time would not have been even one percent as destructive as what is now available in the stockpiles of several nations (especially those of Russia and the United States). With this in mind, and with new weapons of destruction being discovered monthly, what may we predict as being the possible achievements in another decade? If God allows and wishes to execute a great judgment, who knows but that He may
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STORIES

for our youth



WHAT MEN LEARNED FROM THE CAMEL

by Helen Ross

IT'S a camel," Cathy argued, pressing her face against the wire fence that enclosed the animals at Druid Hill Park.

"It is not," her twelve-year-old brother Brian told her with the superiority of his added year of knowledge. "It's a dromedary. Just look at the two humps."

"It's no such thing!" Cathy cried angrily. "Is it, Uncle Jim? You've seen camels, haven't you?"

Uncle Jim was just back from army duty in the Middle East.

"Yes," he acknowledged, "I've seen camels. I'd stand back if I were you."

Cathy jumped back, but Brian continued to stand with his nose pressed against the fence. "It's a dromedary, isn't it?" he persisted.

There were two animals in the enclosure. The one with two humps regarded the visitors demurely through his long-fringed eye lashes. The one-humped camel stayed in the background.

"Neither one is a dromedary," Uncle Jim told them. "A dromedary is the swift riding camel of the desert. He has long, slender legs and a long neck. He's specially trained for riding and is often called 'the ship of the desert.' These are both work camels, chunkier by far."

The one camel, still chewing his cud, fixed his eyes on Brian.

"What beautiful eyes and lovely lashes he has," Cathy said enviously. "His coat is almost curly, too. I love that cinnamon color."

Those long lashes screen the desert sand from his eyes while he is traveling,"

Uncle Jim said. "Sometimes the sand storms get pretty rough out there."

"I think he's a nice camel," Brian said, putting his foot upon the wire mesh.

"There are no nice camels," Uncle Jim told him. "They are all a surly, grumbling lot, however you look at them. They take a dislike to a man at almost no offense, and they never forget to avenge themselves."

"What do they do?" Cathy asked with interest.

"Bite and spit mostly."

"What's the two-humped one called, then, if he's not a dromedary?"

"That is a Bactrian camel from the north. He is built heavier and has longer hair than the Arabian camel. The longer hair helps him withstand the cold. He has harder feet, too. This camel walks on rocks and ice more than on sand. He is seldom seen in the south."

"Job had a lot of camels," Cathy remembered.

"Yes, he did," Uncle Jim agreed. "He may have been a camel trainer and supplier for the caravans. It has been a good trade in Arabia for a long time."

"Have you ever seen a caravan, Uncle Jim?"

"Yes. Our company escorted one while I was stationed in Syria. There were three thousand camels in that train."

"It must have stretched for miles and miles."

"It did. Camels walk in single file, each tied by a lead rope to the saddle of the camel in front of him. Every six or seven camels has a man in charge."

"Why do they need an army escort?" Brian wanted to know.

"In the old days there were robbers, and the camels carried costly cargo. Every camel packs about five hundred pounds of merchandise on his saddle. Today camel caravans need protection

from enemy action, but it amounts to about the same thing."

"Do all those camels belong to one man?" Cathy questioned.

"No. Many small groups gather together to travel in safety. They meet at the khans which are inns for camel people, like the one in the story of the good Samaritan."

"What are khans like?"

"They have big square yards surrounded by strong walls. Inside, the camels are unloaded and rest for the night. The men eat and sleep and tell tales. The khan is locked for the night and a guard set. In the morning, the caravans are away early for another day's trek."

"I wonder what a camel ride is like."

"It's quite an experience. The dromedary kneels at a tap on the neck. However, sometimes several jerks of the halter are needed to remind him what the tap is for. When he is jackknifed to the ground, the rider climbs into the saddle. Then the camel gets up, and the lurching almost unseats the rider."

"How fast can a camel go?"

"They say the dromedary travels about ten miles an hour walking all day."

"I wonder whether the Lord Jesus ever rode a camel," Cathy said suddenly.

"I don't know. But He must have seen the caravans moving through Israel to the north."

The camel was still eyeing them placidly. Suddenly he made a loud whining noise. He was stepping closer now and making a gurgling noise in his throat. Cathy jumped back, scared, but Brian continued to hang onto the fence.

"He doesn't like us being so close," Cathy cried nervously.

"Come back, Brian," Uncle Jim said. "Camels are very unpredictable."

"I'm all right. What can he do to me here?" Brian was feeling very brave. "They must be used to seeing a lot of people."

Suddenly the camel spat a loathsome slime of peculiar odor straight at Brian.

"Why you awful—" Brian was so taken aback at the camel's insult that he had no words.

"Come away from there, Brian," Uncle Jim said, getting out his handkerchief to wipe Brian's face.

"Why did he do that?" Brian spluttered in a hurt voice.

"That is the way camels act. They often do that."

"Men did the same thing to the Lord Jesus just before they crucified Him," Cathy remembered.

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INFORMATION ABOUT **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

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BAPTIST MINISTER ELECTED TO SOCIETY

New York—The Rev. Dr. James L. Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, has been elected a ministerial member of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society. He has been appointed to serve on the promotion committee, of which the Rev. Dr. Bryant M. Kirkland of New York is chairman.

Dr. Pleitz is president of the Pensacola Ministerial Association and the Baptist Pastor's Conference. He also is moderator of the Pensacola Bay Association and president of the Florida Pastor's Conference.

A native of Jonesboro, Arkansas, Dr. Pleitz was graduated from Ouachita University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, in 1949 and received a B.D. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1953. He was awarded honorary D.D. degrees from Ouachita in 1968 and from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, in 1970.

While attending college he was a member of the State Champion Senior Men's Debate Team and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Pleitz was pastor of First Baptist Church, Bentonville, Arkansas, 1953-55, when he became pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he served until going to his present pastorate in 1959.

In the Southern Baptist Convention he is a member of the committee on committees and of the executive committee.

Dr. Pleitz and his wife, the former Margaret Ann Shupe, have one son and one daughter.

Other newly elected ministerial members of the Board include: The Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Fry, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Summit, New Jersey; the Rev. Gildo Sanchez, pastor, Iglesia Espanola, the Bronx, New York, a former executive secretary of the Bible Society in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and currently a doctoral student at Union Theological Seminary, New York; and the Rev. Dr. Robert G. Torbet, executive director of the Division of Cooperative Christianity of the American Baptist Convention, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Children from The Home May Visit Your Homecoming

Recently we were visiting some of our church communities and the question was raised, "Why won't you let the children from the Home visit the church homecomings any longer?" We were taken by surprise because on that particular day three different groups of our children were visiting in some of our churches.

Our children at the Children's Home do indeed visit in the churches, but on a volunteer basis only! When an invitation comes in, a housemother is contacted and asked if she and her children would like to visit that particular homecoming. Provision is made for transportation for that

cottage and often other children and staff are able to go, also. This is and has been the policy for some time now.

There is no attempt to have all the children visit every homecoming. This is too strenuous on the children, and most of them have relatives whom they visit regularly and are not available to attend every homecoming. There are around 180-200 Free Will Baptist churches in the State Convention and it would be impossible for all the children to go to all the churches. The present system allows more of our children to visit more of our churches and meet more of our Free Will Baptist people. We hope you will invite a group from the Home soon.

(Note: The above information was submitted to **The Free Will Baptist** by the director of campus life at the Children's Home, the Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey.)

Scholarship Awarded



Alice Marie Futrelle, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Foy C. Futrelle of Goldsboro, has been awarded a scholarship at Mount Olive College for the academic year 1972-73.

Miss Futrelle is a freshman at Mount

Olive College this fall and is majoring in elementary education.

She is a graduate of Charles B. Aycock High School and a member of Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

During her high school career Miss Futrelle was named to the National Honor Society and Who's Who Among American High School Students. She served as treasurer of the Future Homemakers of America and reporter for the Business Club. She was a member of the Student Government Association and was a teacher's aide.

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A headline reads: "PARKING IS BIG PROBLEM IN RELIGION." So the pride in the family pew has been matched by that in an assured space in the parking lot at the church. Following the announcement that a church was being designed on stilts with parking space underneath for the worshipers' cars, a member predicted, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be in the basement, trying to find a place to park."

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 15



Exploitation of Persons: The Sexual Revolution

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:27-30; 1 Corinthians 7; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Proverbs 7

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

I. INTRODUCTION

Very few, if any, would deny that we are in the midst of a sexual revolution. The word **revolution** simply means change, and usually it carries the connotation of radical change. The very fact that we have a Sunday school lesson on the subject would be one indication of the change. Do you remember ever having a lesson before on this subject? The fact that sex education is taught in many of our public schools, and the knowledge of sex has become so commonplace, even children seem to know all about "the birds and the bees." The dropping of the moral standard in regard to what is printed in newspapers and aired on radio and television, the availability of sex information, and birth control pills—all these indicate that we are in the midst of a sexual revolution.

Is this change in the attitude toward sex for the better or for the worse in our country? Some would argue that it is for the better because it helps us to overcome our old puritanical ideas and inhibitions, but there are others who would deny this. There seems to be no doubt that factual knowledge about sex is good, but the dropping of the moral standard and the subsequent immoral conduct that goes with it, is not good. One of the main purposes of this lesson is to help us to understand what the Christian attitude toward sex should be.

There seems to be no doubt that the church ought to lead in trying to help people have the right attitude toward sex. Is it not the responsibility of the church to help people fight their temptations and face up to life? It is sex which is responsible for at least eighty percent

of the moral temptations of youth. Books, television, and movies reek with sex day after day. It cannot be right that the church should expound theological notions and biblical ideas without definitely relating them to those personal moral issues in the facing of which people so badly need help. The problem of how to live clean lives and fight temptation is one to which the church should address itself.

This present age seem too preoccupied with sex. Only four references to it are given in the four Gospels: (1) "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). (2) "But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery" (Matthew 5:32). (3) "... from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, . . . lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-23). (4) The story of the woman taken in adultery (John 8:1-11). There is no mention of sex in the Book of Acts. Was sex taboo? No, for Paul deals with it plainly in his epistles. The relationship between men and women was natural and normal. Sex should be thought of as a normal thing and not something wicked, evil, and to be kept constantly in mind. God has provided the proper relationship for the exercise and control of sex in marriage; and any use of sex outside of this relationship is sinful.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. We can never get away from a discussion of problems related to sex, nor should we desire to do so. Sex is vitally connected with life, not only in its origin but in every facet of it. Indeed, one of the gravest errors we can make is to separate sex from the rest of life and place it in a little compartment of its own. There is hardly any act of life

that is not somehow related to our manhood or womanhood, either directly or remotely. God made us sexual beings. Jesus said, "Have ye not read, that which made them at the beginning male and female . . . ?" (Matthew 19:4). Without sex there would be marriage, no children, no civilization, church, no people on earth.

B. The early Christians lived in a time when the same questions were being asked about sex that are being asked our day. In the Greek world they faced the same bizarre cults that we face now. In some respects the problem was greater for them because idolatrous worshippers wove sexual orgies into their religion and incorporated perversion into their worship. And the people of the Greek world had no Absolute by which to measure their moral behavior since the imaginary gods were invested with all of the passions and impurities of man.

C. It should come as no surprise that the Corinthian Christians set forth a number of questions about sexual relationships in a letter addressed to Paul. The city was the center of profligacy. Here was located the temple of Aphrodite with its one thousand cult prostitutes. The situation at Thessalonica was but little better because looseness in moral conduct was condoned as the will of the gods. To the Christians in both of the cities the Apostle Paul wrote letters of encouragement and exhortation, and one of the themes dealt with was the Christian's attitude toward sex.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The Corinthians had written Paul and had asked specific questions. One of them pertained to the marriage relationship. Undoubtedly it was prompted by the circumstances which prevailed in Corinth. For some individuals, there could be an advantage to celibacy, or the married state, if there also are self-mastery in the sexual life and victory over temptation. One's state is a "gift from God" according to Verse 7. Paul's statement in Verse 1 does not mean that the unmarried state is more holy than the married. Rather, the Corinthians had asked about being unmarried. Paul merely remarks that complete abstinence is "good," but he does not condemn marriage in God's will. He shows that if marriage were abolished at Corinth, fornications would follow because of the weakness of the Corinthians.—Biblepositor and Illuminator.

B. Visiting in a mining town, a young man (continued on page fifteen)

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minister was being escorted through one of the coal mines. In one of the dark, rocky passageways, he spied a beautiful flower growing out of the black mine earth. "How can there be such a flower of such purity and beauty in this dirty mine?" the minister asked the miner. "I throw some of the coal dust on it and see," was the reply. He did and was surprised that as fast as the dirt touched those snowy petals, it slid right off to the ground, leaving the flower just as lovely as before. It was so smooth that the dirt could not cling to the flower.

Our hearts can be the same way, if they are filled with the Spirit of Christ. The dirt and filth of this world cannot cling to the pure heart of the Spirit-led child of God, however hard it may try.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. As our society has emerged from the sexual taboos of the past and cast off traditions that were well outworn, it has shown a marked tendency to abuse the liberty which it has earned to embrace an attitude toward sexual permissiveness that is dangerous in the extreme.

D. Youth of today, like the youth of past generations, has a great deal of natural curiosity about sex and an inherent desire to know the truth about it and the role that it should play in human life. The "hush-hush" attitude of the past, which not only discouraged but forbade any discussion on this subject as though it were something common or unclean and thus encouraged the propagation and maintaining of ignorance, will not suffice to answer the questions of the youth of our generation, and it is extremely doubtful that it ever sufficed to answer the questions of any generation.

E. Though it is extremely difficult for parents or our churches to know the correct approach to this problem, it remains the responsibility of both to make known our youth God's will toward sexual expression, the sanctity of the marriage union, and the importance of maintaining personal chastity. Our failure to do this will be to our sorrow and will serve the detriment of both church and state.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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The Greatest Pleasure

Charles Lamb is quoted as saying, "The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good deed by stealth and have it found out by accident."

Questions & Answers

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allow one madman to trigger the device that will reduce the population of the world in the way prophecy suggests.

When discussing this subject my mind usually goes to those symbols found in Revelation, Chapters 12, 13, 17. The dragon, we are told, is the devil. The beast represents political figures and religious figures. When the twain meet in one purpose as is portrayed in Revelation 13, and have the power there described, it culminates in that seen in Revelation 17. There religion and religious powers committed to evil purposes meet a bitter end. The woman riding the beast or the evil religious power controlling the political is seen to be worthy of destruction, so that is what is meted out to her. Compare Romans 11, where Gentiles are symbolized by the wild olive branch and Israel, the tame branch. Israel, while in unbelief, was set aside. We the church, a remnant of the nations, took the place of special grace. When we allow unbelief to dominate the professed church (as the Jews did when led by the Pharisees and the Sadducees of Jesus's day), then it will be time for God to change in His dealing with us.

If He broke Israel, the tame branch, out of the olive tree because of unbelief, we need not boast in our unbelief; for He will one day tolerate us no longer. He will not allow us to boast in an empty profession of godliness while we despise the power of holiness. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33).

God has probably tolerated us, the professed church, about as long as He will tolerate such corrupt living by those professing godliness. Everyone is going to be salted with fire, the fire of God. "For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt" (Mark 9:49).

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All Things Are Mine

Oh, matchless mercy that rates me
Joint-heir with the sinless Son!
Oh, golden glory that awaits me
When tempests and clouds are done!

All things are mine, for I am His,
Oh, infinite gifts divine!
He gave His Son, His only one,
And all that He has is mine!

—Annie Johnson Flint.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. J. R. Matthis announces that he is available for pastoral duties on either a full or part-time basis. He will also serve as supply pastor when needed. Mr. Matthis may be contacted by writing 600 Cutchin Street, Clinton, North Carolina 28328, or by telephoning 592-5436.

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The Wildwood Free Will Baptist Church of RFD, Newport, North Carolina, is in need of a pastor. This is a small church; only those who would not have to travel long distances need apply or inquire. Please send a postcard or letter to Henry H. Goodwin, Route 1, Box 464, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557. Licensed preachers will be considered in the same way as those who are ordained.

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A newly organized mission in Wilmington, North Carolina, is seeking a minister who is interested in coming to help with the work there. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. F. T. Heath, 4306 Peachtree Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina. The telephone number is 791-4461.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"It's something they probably learned from the camel," replied Uncle Jim.

Brian shot a glance at the camel still coolly staring through his long lashes.

"He has made one thing clear anyway. This camel put a different light on that picture the Lord drew of the camel and the needle's eye."

"What is that, Brian?"

"Well, when it comes to being saved in God's way—most people think the smallness of the needle's eye is the big problem. This camel has shown me that there is another problem—he is too self-important and full of false pride to enter, anyway!"—My Pleasure.

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Be still. . .
Be quiet for a moment
And listen
To the air conditioner,
The heating plant,
The neon light flickering,
A little cricket in another room.

Across the hall you hear
A slamming door,
A scratchy pen,
A sneeze,
A cough,
A whisper,
A little laugh.

Someone sighs a long sigh,
And a baby cries,
A tiling cabinet slams shut,
Someone drums his fingers on the desktop and shuffles his feet or
taps his heel in impatience,
A whippoorwill moans his mournful call,
A typewriter pecks out an important message for someone who
couldn't care,
A dog barks.

The doorbell rings,
So does the telephone;
Someone raises or lowers a window;
There is the clanking of the radiator,
The rattle of dishes in a sink,
A cash register recording purchases,
The hum of motors.

Soft music emanates from an FM station,
Wild contemporary sounds of a juke box break the monotony,
A train whistles its lonesome cry after twilight,
The wind whips around a corner,
A teakettle sings,
Coffee perks,
A myriad of sounds impose themselves upon the ears.

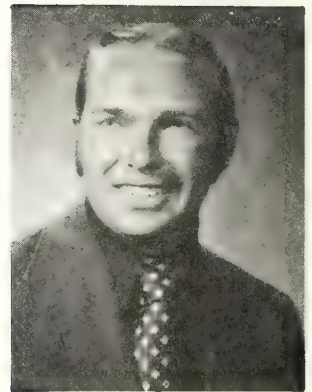
Sounds in a day and in a night. Sounds to be repeated and relived,
enjoyed and disdained.

Sounds to inturiate, to soothe, to help forget, to bring back to re-
membrance.

Sounds that reach the mind and heart. Sounds that bring laughter
and tears, thoughts and dreams.

Sounds that stifle and cause one to raise his hands to his ears to
close out the noise.

And then, above them all, and more intent. . .
The still, small voice of God.
How wonderful!



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Jack and Betty See the Synagogue at Nazareth

WOULD you like to visit the place where Jesus is said to have gone to school?" Mr. Johnson asked his children as they walked away from the church of St. Joseph in Nazareth.

"I'd rather see the place where He went to church," Betty proposed without a moment's hesitation.

"Jesus didn't go to church," her brother Jack corrected, adopting a critical tone. "There weren't any church services until after Christ's death and resurrection." The boy appealed for confirmation from his parents.

"Let's not quarrel, children," smiled Mr. Johnson. "Jack is right when he says that there weren't any churches when Jesus lived here in Nazareth, but we attended services every week at the synagogue."

"That's right," added Betty. "Before Christians met in churches, the Jews gathered in their synagogues."

"And the Bible tells us," commented Mr. Johnson, "that it was Christ's custom to go to the synagogue on the Sabbath Day."

"Jesus was a Jew under the Old Testament law," Jack commented, "and He kept its ordinances perfectly."

"He fulfilled the law," Betty concluded.

"Now we Christians are not under law, but under grace," her brother declared, "and we observe the first day of the week as the Lord's Day."

"Yes, Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday," Mr. Johnson remarked, "and the birthday of the Christian church—the day of Pentecost—was on Sunday."

"I wish that everyone who calls himself a Christian would attend church every Sunday," Betty mused, "as faithfully as Jesus went to the synagogue every Saturday."

"Well, let's visit the site of the syna-

gogue of ancient Nazareth," suggested Mrs. Johnson. "I see that it's marked on the map in our guidebook."

"We take this street west through the old Arab market area of the town," directed her husband. The Americans threaded their way through throngs of natives along the narrow, cobbled lane. "Here is where a person gets the real flavor of this town," the parent observed, calling attention to the inhabitants' flowing robes, the trilling music, and the appetizing, spicy odors coming from the

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small shops. After a short walk, Mr. Johnson indicated a structure ahead with twin towers and a central dome, announcing, "I believe that's the 'Synagogue Church.'"

"Synagogue Church?" frowned Jack. "How could it be a synagogue and a church?"

"It isn't," his father explained. "Today the Greek Catholic Synagogue Church is built where the ancient Nazareth synagogue is supposed to have stood."

"You mean the Greek Orthodox Church, don't you, Dad?" the boy responded.

"We already visited the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Gabriel and Mary's Well," Mrs. Johnson declared. "This is a Greek Catholic Church. It's a different communion."

"The main building of this church has little interest for us," Mr. Johnson announced. "What we want to visit is the annex area, where the synagogue used to be."

"How do we know that Jesus attended this particular synagogue?" Betty ask-

ed. "We've seen lots of churches in Nazareth. Didn't the town have several synagogues?"

"Isn't Nazareth a much bigger city today than it was when Jesus lived here?" Jack retorted. "Christ's home town probably needed only one place of worship."

"Nazareth indeed was just a tiny hamlet then," agreed the boy's mother. "So if this site is genuine and if a synagogue stood here, this is very likely the place which Jesus attended every Sabbath."

"This place isn't very pretentious—at least on the outside," Mr. Johnson observed as the Americans turned from the narrow alley toward a cream-colored wall to the right of a stairway. The wall was broken by a barred window above an open door. A sign in Arabic and English said simply, "Synagogue."

"I'm glad that this place hasn't been ornamented gaudily like so many other places in the Holy Land," commented Betty, approving of the simple surroundings.

"For centuries this spot was a favorite place of pilgrims who visited Nazareth," her mother announced. "During the Moslem occupation, the place was called by the name *Madrasah el-Messiah*, which means 'Christ's School.'"

"Christ's School?" questioned Betty. "I thought that this was the synagogue."

"In New Testament times," the parent explained, "children went to school through the week at the same place they worshiped in on the weekend. The only schools were in the synagogues. So if Jesus came to services here, He also came to classes here."

"A man named Anonymus Placentinus who came from Italy to Nazareth as a pilgrim in the sixth century wrote about his visit here," Mr. Johnson related. "At that time the town was largely Jewish. And the Jews would point out to Christians the very place Jesus is supposed to have occupied while He learned the alphabet. They told Christians that the bench on which Jesus sat had become too heavy for any except Christians to lift. The Jews would huff and puff and pretend to try to raise the bench, but then they would give up with a sigh. The Christian pilgrim would then reach down to raise the bench, and up it would come easily!"

Jack and Betty both laughed at the pious fraud.

The Americans found the interior of the synagogue as unpretentious as the exterior. Brass lamps hung from the ceiling. A picture of Jesus ministering

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 5:5

THE LOVELIEST CROWN

When she was nine years old, Princess Elizabeth II went shopping with her grandmother, Queen Mary, in one of London's leading stores. Crowds gathered outside the store, waiting for a glimpse of the princess. Little Elizabeth became very impatient with her grandmother for spending so much time in making purchases. She pleaded, "Please hurry, Grandmother. I want to go out and let all those people see me."

Sorrowfully Queen Mary led little Elizabeth to the rear exit of the store. They returned to Buckingham Palace in a roundabout way. She said to Elizabeth, "England must never see one of its princesses when she is full of foolish conceit, my child. England loves its rulers because they serve, not because they rule. Never forget that, Elizabeth. Your loveliest crown is not made of gold and precious stone, but of humility."—Adapted from *American Holiness Journal*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Couldn't we all take a lesson from this thought? Whether we're rich or poor, famous or not, God gives His grace to the humble.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:47

A SEARCHING QUESTION

David Ben-Gurion, a former prime minister of Israel, said to William L. Hull, a missionary: "The New Testament teaching and standards are wonderful, but where are those who live up to them? Are there any living the Christian life? Can this Book really produce that which it sets forth?"

Mr. Hull replied, "God has saved me and made me a new creature in Christ."

"But are there others like you?" asked the prime minister.

"Yes, millions," he replied.

"Where are they then? Why do they let conditions exist as they are in the world today?" asked Ben-Gurion.

Much is expected of Christians.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Much is said and written about the "no-

gooders" of this world; but seldom do you hear about the "do-gooders." Let this not be a lasting condition!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 1:8, 9

"GOD HATH APPOINTED A DAY"

A disastrous explosion and fire occurred in Boston. Two hotels were wrecked and at least thirteen persons were killed and more than fifty were injured.

In describing what occurred, William Terrenzi, district fire chief, said, "The explosion lifted up the floor of a cocktail lounge and dumped it right down below!"

A survivor said, "There were about thirty or thirty-five people in the bar at the time. Everybody began to scream and holler as the ceiling fell and the floor caved in!"

How suggestive this tragedy is of God's coming judgment, for then the flimsy foundation of people's self-righteousness will crumble beneath them, and every false way will be destroyed.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a true statement! No one knows when this day will come so we all should prepare for it today. Are you prepared to meet God?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:16

THE UNFAILING LIGHT

Every foggy night a light in the window of a little cottage between Falkirk and Slamannan, Scotland, shines over the moor.

Some years ago a boy named Robert lived in the cottage. He attended school in Falkirk, and on foggy afternoons, when he was returning from school, his mother lit a lamp and put it in a window to guide him safely home.

After Robert grew to manhood, World War II came and he was called into the army.

Before he went away, his mother said, "Robert, I'll keep the light burning in the window. Then if you come home on a foggy night, it will guide you safely over the moor."

But Robert never came home! He fell in battle. The noble mother, however, unfailingly keeps the lamp shining over the moor on foggy nights.

Many are groping in the darkness of sin. If God's children are not faithful in reflecting the heavenly light, the lost will continue in the dark way of sin and spiritual death.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The true Christian should be the guiding light for his unsaved brothers. If he practices goodness at all times, others will follow.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

Scripture Reading—Ezekiel 18:31

"WHY WILL YE DIE?"

Early one June morning, when nearly

eleven hundred guests were asleep, started in the twenty-two-story Hotel Salle, Chicago. The fire raged for hours. Many of the guests panicked. Two hundred persons were injured, seriously. Sixty lost their lives. Two died to their death. Fire Commissioner Michael J. Corrigan said, "Many of the deaths were tragically unnecessary!"

There are millions who unnecessarily spiritually when God, in mercy, has provided a way of escape for them.

PRAYER THOUGHT

When a person finds his life lost in all he has to do is look upward toward and ask for help. God will save!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Scripture Reading—John 1:29

TOO LATE

A little banyan seed implored a stately palm tree, "I am weary of being troubled about by the wind. Let me stay among your leaves."

The palm tree replied, "Certainly! as long as you like."

The little seed was not idle. It dug its tiny roots around the trunk and under the bark and into the heart of its host.

One day the stately palm tree cried, "What is this you are doing?"

The banyan replied, "I am only the little seed you allowed to rest among your leaves."

"Leave me now," pleaded the palm tree. "You have grown too large and strong."

"I cannot leave you now," argued the banyan. "We have grown together. I cannot kill you if I tear myself away!"

The palm tree tried to shake the banyan off, but could not. Little by little the palm tree withered and its trunk shriveled until only the banyan could be seen.

Beware of little sins!—Told by Marie Knight.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Yes, some of us could behave like this stately banyan seed; it is possible for us to ignore our innocent little sins until they grow into very large, impossible-to-shake sins. How dangerous!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:1

PRACTICAL OBEDIENCE

A teacher in a mission school said to a minister who visited her class, "I believe the children know the Ten Commandments."

The minister asked, "Do they obey them?"

The teacher said, "Let's find out."

She called on a little boy to repeat the fifth commandment, "Honour thy father and thy mother." The teacher asked, "What does the commandment mean?"

The boy replied, "Yesterday I showed a strange man the way over the mountain. The sharp stones cut my feet. The r

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mount Olive College Plans Religious Life Retreat

A religious life retreat will be sponsored by Mount Olive College, October 8-15.

The Rev. Ricky Braswell, assistant chaplain of the Bob Harrington Mission, located on the famous Bourbon Street of New Orleans, Louisiana, will be the key speaker, using the theme, "Sharing the Christian Life."

The retreat meeting in Oriental, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church, will begin on Friday night, 8 p. m. with a worship service, with the Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain of Mount Olive College, in charge of the services.

The retreat will consist of worship, group discussions, camp fire, and sing-along.

Mr. Harrison asks that ministers and laymen unite in prayer for God's guidance and blessings upon the retreat that may be a time of spiritual renewal and commitment.

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1972 MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

Below is a schedule giving the date and place for county dinners to be held for Mount Olive College this fall.

Wayne County: Tuesday, October 10, 7 p. m., Mount Olive College Auditorium, (downtown campus), Ben Rollins, chairman.

Craven County: Thursday, October 12, 7:30 p. m., Saint Mary's church, Ralph A. Morris, chairman.

Jones County: Monday, October 16, 7:45 p. m., Kings' Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, Mrs. Thomas Hood and Miss Margaret Carol Banks, co-chairmen.

Pitt County: Monday, October 23, 7 p. m., place to be determined, the Rev. Charles Crisp, chairman.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties: Tuesday,

October 24, 7:30 p. m., Edgewood church, Rufus Harrell, chairman.

Pamlico County: Saturday, October 28, 7:30 p. m., place to be determined, Reginald Caroon, chairman.

Johnston-Wake Counties: Monday, November 6, 7 p. m., Smithfield-Selma High School, the Rev. Edmond Gonzalez, chairman.

Wilson County: Thursday, November 9, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Greene County: Saturday, November 11, 7 p. m., Snow Hill Primary School Cafeteria, George Harrison, chairman.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties: Tuesday, November 14, 7 p. m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria, David Cahoon, chairman.

Sampson-Harnett and Cumberland Counties: Thursday, November 16, 7 p. m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

Carteret County: Saturday, November 18, 6:30 p. m., Holly Springs church, Nathan Garner, chairman.

Beaufort County: Saturday, November 25, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Oscar Webster, chairman.

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Lenoir Planning Session Rescheduled

The Lenoir County planning session for the Mount Olive College dinner has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 7:30 p. m., at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina. Representatives from each church in Lenoir County are urged to attend this important planning session.

President Raper stated, "It is not only financial support which we seek through these dinners, but also a close relationship between the College and Free Will Baptists."

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

Course In Crisis Ministry Rescheduled

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison, chaplain and director of denominational services at Mount Olive College, will teach an eight-week course on crisis ministry which has been rescheduled at the first Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield, North Carolina, beginning October 12, 7:30 p.m. The course will meet each Thursday night. It is designed to be of benefit to the minister in the local church, and to the minister as he serves in the hospital chaplaincy program.

Topics to be discussed in the course are as follows:

"Pastoral Care: Its Meaning and Heritage"

"The Pastor's Hospital Ministry"

"The Pastor's Ministry to the Dying Patient"

"The Pastor's Ministry to the Bereaved"

"The Pastor and Premarital Counseling"

"The Pastor and the Emotionally Disturbed"

"The Pastor and Preaching"

There will be a \$10 registration fee. A suggested text to read is **The Christian Pastor** by Wayne E. Oates, published by The Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, revised and enlarged edition, 1954.

Copies of the suggested text may be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press.

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Spiritual Life Conference Scheduled January 25, 26

The Mid-Year Spiritual Life Conference, which is scheduled in Raleigh, North Carolina, for Thursday and Friday, January 25 and 26, should prove to be an inspiration and an uplifting experience to all who attend. The theme for the conference is "Evangelism Is. . . ." The Palmer Memorial church has extended a very warm welcome.

Each church is asked to send its minister and his wife to the banquet on Thursday evening at 6 p.m. Each church is also encouraged to nominate its pastor for "Minister of the Year." The award will be made at the banquet.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

A Special Day For Free Union FWB Church



Miss Brooks presents check to Mrs. Waters.

September 10, 1972, was a special day for the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church of Pinetown, North Carolina. God's blessings were theirs as the president of the YFA, Miss Darlene Brooks, presented a check for \$400 to the Woman's Auxiliary for its carpet fund. The gift was received by Mrs. Christine Waters, who in turn presented a check for \$1400 to the pastor of the church, the Rev. Robert Rollins, to be applied as payment for the wall-to-wall carpeting now installed in the church.



Mrs. Waters presents check to Mr. Rollins.

Much credit is due the fine young people of the YFA and their leaders. They have labored faithfully in raising the money. Much time and effort were also offered by the women of the Woman's Auxiliary as they worked to raise their part. It should really be said that all the people of the church are due praise because they are working hard for the Lord, and He is blessing them in their

labors. The church is having an air-conditioning and heating system installed, as well as the new carpeting. In addition, the new educational building will soon be completed and ready for use. All this is because God's people want to work for His glory. The pastor of Free Union church, Mr. Rollins, writes, "We are looking for greater things to happen, because His Spirit is working through His people. So may God's blessing be upon our church and upon all of God's people everywhere."

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Mount Zion FWB Church, Revival and Homecoming

Revival services began at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Roper, North Carolina, on October 9 and will continue through October 14. Different guest speakers are being featured each evening at services beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, October 15. Lunch will be served after the morning worship service. A singspiration will begin at 1:30 p.m. featuring the Apostolic Echoes of Elm City, North Carolina.

The Rev. Charlie Overton, pastor, and the church membership invite you to attend these services and to enjoy the preaching of God's Word, the beautiful singing, and the fellowship of the church.

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King to Conduct Revival At Mount Zion FWB Church

Revival services will be held October 16-21 at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain crossroads in Onslow County, North Carolina. The Rev. Wayne King, pastor of Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, will be the evangelist. Good preaching and good singing will be heard each night at 7:30.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. Frank Crary, extend a special invitation to everyone. Especially are all young folk invited to come to hear this young man of God preach where there is no generation gap. The members of the church ask that you be much in prayer that souls will be won to the Lord Jesus.

Albemarle Union Meeting Planned at Jamesville

The Albemarle Union Meeting will convene at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church in Jamesville, North Carolina, on October 28, 1972. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 10:00—Devotions, Mr. Robert Spencer
- 10:10—Welcome, Mr. Durham Davis
- Response, the Rev. John Owens
- 10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev. Charlie Overton
- 10:20—Roll Call of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches
- 10:45—Offering for Denominational Enterprises
- Announcements

Business Session

- 11:05—Report of Children's Home, via Literature
- Report of Mount Olive College, via Literature
- Report of Missions, via Literature
- Report of Press, via Literature
- 11:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union for Information
- Report of Treasurer
- Other Business
- Announcement of Next Union
- 11:30—Minutes Read and Approved

Morning Worship

- 11:35—Hymn
- 11:40—Special Music, the Host Church
- 11:45—Message, the Rev. Jimmie Webster
- 12:30—Benediction
- Adjournment (No Afternoon Session)
- Lunch

League Convention

- 7:30—Devotions, Miss Marie Brickhouse
- 7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loy Jones Jr.
- Appointment of Digest Committee

Coming Events . . .

- October 14—Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Mount Calvary Church, Columbus County, North Carolina
- November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Forest Oaks, North Carolina
- November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

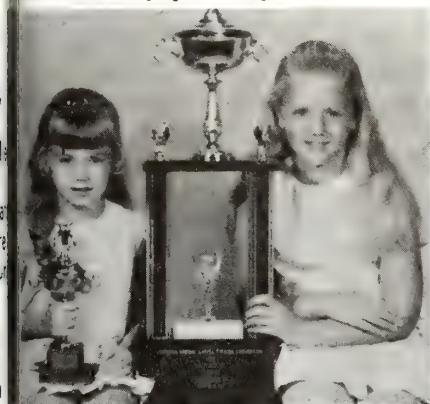
- Offering
- Roll Call of Leagues
- Sword Drill
- Hymn
- Recognition of Ministers
- Announcements
- Special Music, Host Church
- League Program
- Minutes of Last Convention
- Business Period
- Report of Digest Committee
- Awarding of Banners and Picture
- Treasurer's Report

00—Adjournment

- Pianist, Mrs. Lucy Jones

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Combs Children Win First Place Trophy in Virginia



Wendy and Jackie Combs, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Combs of Virginia Beach, Virginia, won the first place trophy at the Virginia Annual Gospel Singing Convention on August 13-14. The Combs are members of the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church. Their pastor, the Rev. Harry A. Jones, reports that the children are a great asset to the music program of the church.

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Revival Announced Grants Chapel Church

Revival services will be held at Grants Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Seven Springs, North Carolina, on October 9-14, with the Rev. W. L. Bronson of Wilmington, North Carolina, as the evangelist.

The pastor, the Rev. E. E. Jones of Mount Olive, North Carolina, and the members cordially invite the public to attend.

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Homecoming to Be Observed Stoney Creek

Homecoming will be observed at Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church on October 15. According to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Venbark, the speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Robert May, a former pastor at Stoney Creek and the present

pastor of Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Lunch will be served cafeteria style at 12 noon. All former pastors and members are cordially invited.

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Corinth FWB Church Welcomes Albemarle Sunday School Convention

Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Jamesville, North Carolina, will serve as the host church for the Albemarle Sunday School Convention on October 29, 1972. The following is the program:

Morning Session

- 9:45—Devotions, Mr. R. L. Waters
- 9:55—Welcome by the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Durham Davis
- Response, Mr. Oscar Webster
- 10:00—President's Message, Mr. Irvin Foreman
- 10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mr. Cecil Ange
- 10:30—Enrollment of Ministers
- Recognition of Visiting Ministers
- Roll Call of Churches and Delegates
- Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks
- Announcements
- Offering for Children's Home
- Offertory Prayer

Business Session

- 10:55—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information
- Treasurer's Report
- New Business
- Reports of Literature and Denominational Enterprises
- Minutes Read and Approved

Morning Worship

- 11:55—Special Music, Host Church
- Message, the Rev. Earl Menchew
- 12:30—Benediction and Adjournment (No Afternoon Session)
- Lunch

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Homecoming and Revival At Vanceboro Church

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Vanceboro, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming service on Sunday, October 15. All former pastors and friends are invited to attend the 11 a.m. worship service and lunch during the noon hour.

Revival services will begin on Monday night, October 16, and will continue through Saturday, October 21, with the services starting at 7:30 p.m. each evening. The Rev. Carol Hansley of Cove City, North Carolina, will be the visiting evangelist. All friends are invited to attend all of these services.

Revival in Progress, Homecoming Scheduled, Chocowinity



Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Chocowinity, North Carolina, is currently holding its fall revival services. The services began Monday, October 9, and will continue through Friday, October 13. The Rev. Elbert E. Edwards, pastor of Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Cash Corner, North Carolina, is the guest evangelist. The pastor, the Rev. Roy Cauley, is assisting in the services.

Services begin each evening at 8 p.m. Special music is featured each evening. A nursery is being provided.

On Sunday, October 15, the church will observe its annual homecoming service. Lunch will be served following the morning worship service.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these services. Please pray that this will be a time of spiritual renewal and commitment to Jesus Christ.

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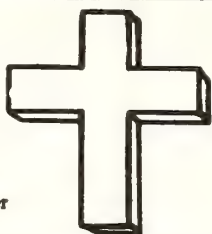
Bridgeton FWB Church Announces Revival and Homecoming

The Rev. Jerry English is scheduled to be the speaker at Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, North Carolina, in revival services to be held October 9-14 at 7:30 each evening.

On Sunday, October 15, ending the week of revival, homecoming activities are planned. The morning message will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Ralph Sumner. There will be a picnic lunch after the morning worship to be followed by singing in the afternoon. All former members, pastors, and friends of the Bridgeton church are invited to come and enjoy a day of worship and fellowship.

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Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer



MISSIONS

MISSIONS REPORT

JUNE 22 and 23

by Mattie Lou Link

We left Monclova after a hot, restless night and headed north for Rosita. After eating lunch and securing a place to spend the night, we went by the church to see if we could find Senor Ortega to find out what time services would begin that night. He was busy working on the new lot in the heat of the day when most Mexicans are taking their siesta.

When we arrived at the church that night, the people were waiting for us. The church is nothing more than a garage with two big garage doors in the front. It was lined with small benches in the middle and a speaker's stand in front. It had electricity and Ortega was playing hymns over a loud-speaker.

After being in the small "church" for about five minutes one could feel water sliding down all over his body. There were no windows, only a side door. There were many children, but the majority of them didn't remain still for any length of time. While we were teaching the Bible class, children were coming in and out, eating candy or fruit. The "corn man" came around and three little children went out and came back in eating ears of roasted corn.

Senor Ortega does have a fan in the front of his church. It's from an old car motor. It roared so loudly that we had to unplug it in order to hear anyone speak.

As the regular service began, people kept coming. It's a very common thing to see little children bringing in and caring for their baby brothers or sisters in Mexico. This place was no exception. I saw two little girls come in and stand on the side because there was no room to sit. One looked about the age of five, the other, three. Sweat stood out on their faces as well as nearly everyone's there. During the service, I saw the oldest little girl take her hand and gently wipe the face of her little sibling. The children of the congregation were very differently clad. One wore an old faded bathing suit, one had on a pleated wool skirt and a shirt; some wore pants and

shirts and others, dresses. Many little children wore what looked like hand-me-down clothes that were too big for them. Many children came barefooted, although sometimes there would be a child dressed up in a beautiful dress with patent leather shoes and socks.

The little building was made to park one car in, but before the service was over there were about 70 people crowded in and around the building. Can you

imagine people that are that hungry for the gospel?

The second night at Rosita was similar to the first one. It was just as hot and just as crowded. When the invitation was given on both nights there were ten-twelve young people who raised their hands indicating that they wanted to accept Christ. The children appeared to receive the Bible lessons enthusiastically. Everyone received the message from Vance with much joy and conviction! We were ready to return to the Bible Institute and leave the interior of Mexico. We had had the blessed privilege of taking the gospel to people of foreign soil. We had seen a small part of the harvest of the world that is waiting for reapers to come. America is full of people who could be reapers. Are you one?

Holly Springs Youth at Work



During the past year at the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church in Newport, North Carolina, there were five youth groups at work—Cherubs, AFC, Jr. YFA, YFA, and BA's. They were active in Youth Choir, monthly youth fellowship rally, and singing at the rest home at least one Sunday each month. Each Thursday night many of the youth visited with shut-ins and unsaved people in the community. They had a short devotion period each Wednesday night at prayer meeting.

This year they worked to buy commentaries for the church library. They presented the church with \$205.00 for this project. The money was raised by collecting bottles, selling dish cloths and stationery, having bake sales, a hobo

day, and car washes.

The youth had many hours of Christian fellowship during the year. They had Senior YFA Banquet, Mother's AFC-YFA Banquet, presented flowers to some of the mothers of the church on Mother's Day, delivered white Christmas gifts and sang carols to shut-ins at Christmas. They planted flowers around the church, served at church suppers, had hay rides, and played several softball games between the youth and the ladies or men. There are just a few of the things that the youth have been doing.

They are very much involved in the church meetings at Holly Springs church. This pleases the adult members very much because the young people will be the church of tomorrow.

Mrs. Worley Briley Sutton

by Mrs. Sallie Ingalls Carraway

She's not dead, just called away,
 And we will meet again some sweet day,
 Where all will be peace, rest, and love,
 With Christ our Saviour, who reigns
 Above.
 And what a happy day that will be,
 We gather on the banks of that bright
 Crystal sea.
 No more good-byes will ever be said,
 For she traveled the footsteps where
 Jesus led.
 Though her health was not so very good,
 She acted as cheerful as she well could.
 The friends that visited with her were
 Made to feel better,
 Her smile and her touch,
 And oft did wonder why she suffered so
 Much.
 Not one sigh, or word of complaint;
 She sat in her chair as humble as a saint.
 It seemed to be waiting, for the call
 From above
 With her mind on heaven where all is
 Love.
 No pain or sickness will enter there
 And she can walk the streets paved with
 Gold,
 For there she'll need no chair.
 O you children remember her as only
 Sleeping,
 And as I know mothers' hearts, she
 Would say,
 Dear children, please stop your weep-
 ing,
 Cannot stay on earth with you.
 But you can come to me though the path
 Is narrow and straight the way,
 And God bless all of you until that day,
 When we meet in heaven no more to
 Part.
 You all know I loved you, children,
 That Jesus Christ, my Saviour, had most
 Of my heart."

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A Moment in The Morning

Just take a moment of each morning,
 Ere the cares of the day begin;
 And open wide your heart's door,
 To let God's love flow in.
 Make that moment of each morning,
 And with God's own Word in hand,
 Try to catch a glimpse of heaven,
 Of that precious promised land.

Who Attended the Old Ayden Seminary?

We are very anxious to get in touch with all living persons who attended the old Ayden Seminary or Eureka College, and to learn all we can about departed former students of these institutions.

If you read this and are an alumni of the Seminary or College, or, if you know the whereabouts of any of the alumni, please contact the undersigned at the address given. Also, if you are a descendant of, or know about a former student who has died, please give us information regarding the place and time of death, where buried, and any other information of interest you may have.

During the next few months we are planning publication of a series of articles in **The Free Will Baptist** concerning the alumni, and possibly plan to publish a little memorial book honoring the departed alumni. We want to contact all living alumni regarding plans for our 1973 annual alumni meeting. Please cooperate with us in any way you can regarding these objectives.

L. E. Ballard, President
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 1225 S. Washington Street,
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"Mommy, Wrap Me Up In You!"

Every child yearns for loving care and a feeling of security.

Little Gloria was out playing one day, when she suddenly stopped and ran into the kitchen. With outstretched arms, she said, "Mommy, wrap me up in you!"

Mother took Gloria in her arms and sat down in a rocking chair. Soon Gloria was asleep.

The mother said later, "As I rocked her, I felt a great need of assurance of God's tender care. With childlike simplicity I prayed, 'Dear Lord, wrap me up in You.'"—Alice Marie Knight.

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Quite Clever, Isn't It?

A heavy smoker commented to a friend, "I'm so disturbed in reading so much about the link between cigarettes and lung cancer that I have decided to do something about it."

The friend asked, "Are you giving up cigarettes?"

"No, I'm giving up reading."

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. J. R. Matthis announces that he is available for pastoral duties on either a full or part-time basis. He will also serve as supply pastor when needed. Mr. Matthis may be contacted by writing 600 Cutchin Street, Clinton, North Carolina 28328, or by telephoning 592-5436.

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The Wildwood Free Will Baptist Church of RFD, Newport, North Carolina, is in need of a pastor. This is a small church; only those who would not have to travel long distances need apply or inquire. Please send a postcard or letter to Henry H. Goodwin, Route 1, Box 464, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557. Licensed preachers will be considered in the same way as those who are ordained.

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A newly organized mission in Wilmington, North Carolina, is seeking a minister who is interested in coming to help with the work there. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. F. T. Heath, 4306 Peachtree Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina. The telephone number is 791-4461.

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The Rev. James E. Warren was ordained Monday night, September 25, in special services held at Whaley's Chapel. He is part-time pastor at British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina. He is married to the former Margaret M. Whaley of Pink Hill, North Carolina. They have four children, Jimmy, Michael, Jeff, and Michelle. They reside at 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston.

Mr. Warren is available for another part-time position at a church. He can be reached by phone at 527-1648.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. Warren and his family in their work for the Lord.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

NEWS NOTES

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Deep Run FWB Church Plans Fall Revival and Homecoming

The fall revival is currently being conducted at the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church of Deep Run, North Carolina. The services began Sunday night, October 8, at 7:45 p.m., and will continue through Saturday night, October 14. The Rev. Norman Ard of the Christian Chapel church is the guest speaker.

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, October 15. Morning worship services will begin at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon on the church grounds. Former pastors and friends are invited to all of these services.

Bowen to Speak, Shady Grove Church, Homecoming and Harvest Day Festivities

Plans are being completed for the annual homecoming and "Harvest Day" festivities at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina, to be held on October 15, 1972.

One of the most prominent pastors in North Carolina, the Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, will deliver a sermon which promises to be most interesting to both young and old alike. The wit and humor that Mr. Bowen brings to an address on such occasions is such that everyone in attendance receives a blessing.

Following the morning service and the Harvest Day offering, a picnic lunch will be spread.

The afternoon program begins at 1:30 p.m., and will feature songs by several groups of singers. A memorial service will also be held.

The public is invited to come and to renew friendships, as well as to enjoy the day with the congregation of the Shady Grove church.

Revival and Homecoming Planned At Moseley's Creek Church

October 15 is the scheduled day for the homecoming activities of the Moseley's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Dover, North Carolina. The Rev. Preston Haddock, a former pastor of the church, will bring the homecoming message.

Lunch is scheduled at noon. There will be a singspiration in the early afternoon.

All former members, former pastors, and friends of the church are encouraged to come for homecoming.

A fall revival is planned for the week of October 16-21. The evangelist for the series of services will be a missionary,

the Rev. Joe Barrow. The Rev. Bobby Harrell, pastor of Moseley's Creek church, will assist in the services, which will begin at 7:30 each evening.

There will be special singing each night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Cape Fear Sunday School Convention Slated for October 14, 1972

The Cape Fear Sunday School Convention, with the theme "Now Is the Time," is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, at the Riverside Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina. Registration is at 9:30 a.m.

All Sunday schools are invited to participate. As voted upon last year, each Sunday school is asked to bring its own lunch for "old time" fellowship. There will be singing in the afternoon for all to enjoy.

Homecoming Services to Be Held At Saint Mary's Church

Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Fleet Street, New Bern, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 15.

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m., followed by the morning worship service at 10:45, with the pastor, the Rev. Clyde Cox, delivering the homecoming message. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour.

All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy a time of worship and fellowship.

Malachi's Chapel FWB Church To Observe Homecoming

Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will observe its annual homecoming service on Sunday, October 22.

The Sunday school lesson for the day will be taught by Mr. Mark Alexander of Chesapeake, Virginia. The Rev. David C. Hansley will bring the homecoming message.

All members, former members, and especially former pastors are invited to come for the occasion. There will be special music arranged. Lunch will be served on the grounds for all who are present.

The Rev. Floyd Cherry Conducts Revival, Watery Branch FWB Church

Revival services will be held at the Watery Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Stantonsburg, North Carolina, on October 9-14. The visiting evangelist is the Rev. Floyd Cherry, pastor of Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. Special singing will be rendered.

The pastor, the Rev. Swade Benson and the church membership extend cordial invitation to everyone to attend. They ask for your prayers that these services will be a success.

Homecoming Activities Planned at Rock Spring FWB Church

Rock Spring Free Will Baptist Church located one mile west of Bailey, North Carolina, on Highway 264, will observe homecoming on Sunday, October 15. The day will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed by morning worship with the Rev. Joe Gerald, a former pastor delivering the message.

Lunch will be served on the grounds during the noon hour. The afternoon will consist of special music.

The pastor, the Rev. Luther Bissette and the members issue a warm invitation to all former pastors, members, and friends.

Casey's Chapel Church Announces Homecoming and Revival Plans

Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 9, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will hold homecoming services on Sunday, October 15. The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, a former pastor, will deliver the homecoming message.

A week of revival services will begin Monday, October 16, and will continue through Friday, October 20. The services will begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. Evangelist will be the Rev. Rudy Shepherd. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Ed Miles.

Revival Planned at People's Chapel Church, Ingram as Evangelist

The People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will conduct revival services each evening at 7:45 p.m., from October 1 until October 21. The church is located on Route 2, Elm City, North Carolina.

The Rev. Joe Ingram will be the evangelist for this series of services. The public is cordially invited.

Annual Homecoming and Revival Service Announced for Shiloh FWB Church

The Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming on October 14, 1972. The morning homecoming message will be delivered by the Rev. J. Barrow, a missionary who has returned home. Special singing will be offered during the service. Dinner will be provided for all who attend immediately.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain "As also in his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:16). What is meant by "wrest" Scriptures?

Answer: The word "wrest" means to torture on a rock," so as to distort. It means the same as our word "wrestle," meaning to twist and turn. It is a graphic word and is used by Peter to describe perversion of Scriptures of which these false teachers of Peter's day were guilty.

The Scriptures Peter has in mind are without doubt the writings of the other apostles; Paul, in particular, since he has just referred to him saying that there were some things in Paul's writings that were hard to understand. It would seem natural that Paul in his letters should say some things hard to understand since Paul above all the New Testament writers dealt fully with the teachings or doctrines arising out of the great central truths of our redemption. However, Peter does not say that these are too difficult for a Christian to understand when the Holy Spirit has aided him. These things could have either been in connection with our Lord's return as discussed in 2 Thessalonians or something like the great doctrine of justification by faith, and of grace and our liberty in Christ as set forth in Romans and Galatians.

It is quite likely that it is this liberty that these "unlearned and unstable" were "wresting," turning liberty into license, saying: "... Let us do evil, that good may come? ..." (Romans 3:8). They were probably continuing in sin under the excuse that grace could more abound (Romans 6:1), that being under grace men could sin freely. "What shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid" (Romans 6:15). Paul says to those of this mind: "And not rather, (as you are being slanderously reported, and as

some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just" (Romans 3:8); and, as we have it in the question, Peter says the same of false teachers, as in 2 Peter 3:16. Knowing the false teachings of some of the cults of our day we see a desperate end for their converts as well as for them.

The word "understand" in 2 Peter 3:16 has reference rather to the intellectual. Faith can accept and rest in this teaching found in the Bible even though it may be hard to understand. There is a certain sense in which we who are Christians and for many years diligent students of the Bible lack in a complete apprehension of any part of the Bible. "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. . . . For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (1 Corinthians 13:9, 10, 12); "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! (Romans 11:33); "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:9-14); "For

the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

A complete understanding of God's Word comes when we have new bodies like Christ's glorified body and when we appear before Him in these bodies. Until then we are growing in grace and knowledge as we diligently study.

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Question: Some of my Catholic friends believe that the Roman Catholic Church was founded by the Apostle Peter and that he was the first pope. Do they have Scripture to substantiate such a claim?

Answer: No! Neither the Bible nor history supports such a claim. Some church history books I have read go into details in discussing this claim and in refuting it.

Dr. Nathan J. Stone in his book **Answering Your Questions** gives the following concise discussion on this subject on Page 365:

"Peter's presence in Rome is supported only by tradition. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, written about A.D. 58, contains no mention whatever of Peter. This is strange indeed, if it were true that Peter founded and presided over that church as its bishop for some twenty years, as it is asserted. The opposite is far more likely, especially in view of Paul's repeatedly declared principle not to build on another man's foundation or to encroach on another's sphere of labor (Romans 15:20, 21; 2 Corinthians 10:15, 16). Had Peter been present or influential in Rome, even as late as when Paul went there bound, we might have expected some mention of it in Acts 28, Colossians 4, and other passages. As to any primacy in Peter based on Matthew 16:18, it is certainly contradicted by Peter himself in such a passage as 1 Peter 5:1-4, in which he calls himself a fellow elder. Peter was never a bishop or pope in the sense that Rome later claimed for him, nor would he have desired it. The third bishop of Rome, Clement, knew nothing whatever of Peter as a founder or first bishop of that Church, and makes much more of the Apostle Paul in one of his writings."

In order to find a favorable discussion to your question you would need to secure a history book or some other ecclesiastical work giving the Roman Catholic view as suggested above. The Roman (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



THE BARKING DOG NEXT DOOR

by Anna Hartzes

BILLY'S two neighborhood friends were shopping with their mothers. This left Billy alone. He was bored inside the house. He wanted to go out in the back yard and play basketball, but he heard the German shepherd from next door having one of his barking spells.

"I don't have anything to do," Billy complained to Mother.

"Go out in the yard and practice shooting with your new basketball," Mother suggested.

"Can't you hear Max? He sounds like he's angry enough to jump over the fence and bite me," Billy protested.

"Billy, are you still afraid of Max?" Mother asked. "Max barks to show that he is guarding Mrs. Lyons' yard. He is one of God's creatures, and he is only serving the purpose for which he was put here on earth," Mother added.

"The only purpose I see that he serves is that he scares me and my friends and keeps us from playing in the back yard," Billy complained.

"Nonsense. Max has never jumped the fence to bother you. Go out and play and forget about his barking," Mother said.

As Billy walked outside, he could not see the monstrous German shepherd because the shrubbery around the fence in Mrs. Lyons' yard hid the dog. But he heard Max barking and running around.

Billy picked up his basketball and threw it through the net. He played for several minutes, hoping Max would stop barking, but the dog seemed to bark harder. Maybe Billy should speak to Max. It might calm him. Or he might

jump the fence and come at me, Billy thought.

"Did you lose your ball? Is that why you're barking?" Billy called to Max from a safe distance. Max liked to chase his small, hard ball around the yard.

From an opening between the large plants inside the fence, Billy saw Max running to the other side of the yard. With Max at the other end of the yard, Billy inched closer to the opening and peeked through. He saw something strange.

Suddenly Max swooped across the yard and jumped right up against the fence. Billy felt the dog's hot breath on his face. Frightened, Billy stepped back so fast that he fell backward.

Terror raced through Billy at the thought that Max would jump over the fence and bite him. He scrambled to his feet as fast as he could and ran for the back door. He was sure the dog was barking right at his heels. But as he reached for the door knob, a feeling of safety returned to him. He turned and looked back.

Max was still in Mrs. Lyons' yard barking, but something made Billy feel that he should go back there. Billy hesitated about going in; then suddenly he remembered. He had seen something strange on the ground near the other side of the fence. It had looked like one of Mrs. Lyons' flowered dresses.

Had Max got hold of Mrs. Lyons' dress and torn it? Was that why Max was excited? Curiosity outweighed his fright, and Billy edged back to the fence to look again.

By now Max's continuous barking had aroused all the dogs in the neighborhood, and they were barking, too. Billy wondered why Mrs. Lyons did not come out to quiet Max. She never let him bark this long without fussing at him.

Billy's eyes widened. No wonder Mrs. Lyons hadn't come out to quiet Max. It

was not only Mrs. Lyons' dress on the ground, but it was Mrs. Lyons herself.

Why was she lying on the ground? Had Max attacked her and knocked her down? Was she hurt?

If she was, Billy should get help. He rushed inside his house. "Something happened to Mrs. Lyons. She's on the ground in her back yard," he shouted to Mother and Mrs. Jordan, a neighbor who had just come to visit.

Mother and Mrs. Jordan hurried to Mrs. Lyons' yard. Billy looked nervous at the dog on the other side of the fence. Max could knock all three of them down at once. He knew Mother and Mrs. Jordan were afraid of the dog, too. But right now they were more concerned about helping Mrs. Lyons than being afraid.

Billy opened the fence gate, speaking soothingly to Max. He swallowed hard, feeling his heart beat wild and fast. Max barked as they hurried to Mrs. Lyons.

"I think I've broken my hip," Mrs. Lyons whispered faintly when they reached her side. "I can't get up."

Mother rushed into Mrs. Lyons' house to call a doctor and an ambulance. No time the ambulance arrived and hurried Mrs. Lyons to the hospital. Mrs. Jordan went with her.

"It was a good thing you heard Mrs. Lyons calling for help," Mother told Billy as they shut the gate and walked home. "Otherwise, she might still be lying on her back yard."

"I didn't hear Mrs. Lyons calling for help," Billy said. "It was Max I heard calling for help; only at the time I didn't realize that that's what he was doing. You were right about Max's job guarding Mrs. Lyons. God puts every creature on this earth for a purpose, and I think Max was a perfect example of that today," Billy added.

Billy walked over to the dog and looked at him through the chain link fence. "You didn't jump at us when we came into your yard to help," he told Max. "You know your job. You do a good job."

When Max did not bark at him, Billy reached through the fence and patted the big dog on the head.

Max whimpered.

"You're trying to thank me for helping, aren't you?" Billy said. "You're welcome."—My Pleasure.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

Jack and Betty See the Synagogue at Nazareth

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In the Nazareth synagogue graced a central niche. To the left was an offering box with a sign below it reading in English only, "Contributions for Repairs of this Ancient Church. Please Help." Betty dropped a few small Israeli coins into the container.

Jack studied the painting of the scene. "I wonder," he said, "whether anyone present in this synagogue when Jesus read the Scripture from Isaiah had any idea that Nazareth's only lasting fame would have to do with this Jesus whom the city rejected."

Betty opened her New Testament to the fourth chapter of Luke's gospel and read aloud Verses 16-30.

"Jesus was just beginning His ministry after being baptized by John in the Jordan River and after being tempted by the devil for forty days in the wilderness," Jack recalled. "He unrolled the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah and read the opening verses of Chapter 61." The boy was leafing through his Bible for the place.

He found it and asked, "Why did Jesus stop reading in the middle of a verse? He read only the first part of the second verse."

"Of course, then there weren't chapter and verse divisions as there are now," his mother explained. "But even Jesus did stop before the end of a sentence. Read the passage again and see whether you can understand why."

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound," the boy read. "That's the first verse of Isaiah 61. Then Jesus continued in Verse 2, 'To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.' Why didn't He go on in that verse and read, 'and the day of vengeance of our God?'"

"Why didn't He?" pressed Mrs. Johnson.

"I think I know!" Betty said beaming. "The time hadn't come yet for the day of vengeance of our God. That time still hasn't come. Jesus was announcing the acceptable year of the Lord. That's still continuing. But someday the Lord will usher in His day of vengeance."

"Very well put, daughter," complimented Mr. Johnson.

"Why did Jesus stand to read the Scripture and then sit to teach it?" Jack inquired.

"That was the custom among the Jews then," his father informed him. "It must have been a dramatic moment when this home-town Boy handed back the scroll to the minister, settled into a chair, and announced to that audience, whose eyes were riveted on Him, '... This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears' (Luke 4: 21). What an electrifying effect Christ's claim must have caused! I dare say that the congregation gasped with astonishment."

"They were gasping with anger a few minutes later, after Jesus challenged them with the fact that a prophet is usually not accepted in his own country," remembered Jack.

"The Jews of Nazareth dragged Jesus out of the synagogue and tried to kill Him by throwing Him from a cliff," Betty added. "But Jesus just walked unharmed from the midst of the mad multitude."

"I wonder whether the people weren't so busy quarreling about who got to shove Jesus down to His death that the Lord just walked away without their noticing His departure," commented Jack.

"It's too bad that Nazareth rejected Jesus," Betty remarked. "But it's just as bad, or worse, when anyone today rejects Jesus and His offer of salvation. To refuse the acceptable year of the Lord is to lay oneself wide open to the day of vengeance of our God."—Gospel Herald.

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Attention Eastern District Auxiliaries and Churches

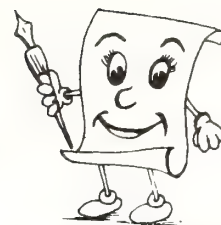
Submitted by Mrs. Adeline Gray,
Kinston, North Carolina

Rarely do we have the storehouse of material available to us that we do at this time, so make a date now to attend the district study course on evangelism and missions (which are inseparable) on Saturday, October 21. The study course will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. A special feature will be "Youth in Missions."

You are asked to bring a sack lunch. The drinks will be served by the host auxiliary.

If half of the auxiliary attends, it can be counted on the standard of achievement chart.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

God's Measuring System

Each time I measure brown sugar, firmly packed; a level cup of flour or sugar; a rounded spoon of anything; or shake the cannister so it holds more, a voice within me says "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over." God measures like that, and we very seldom do. But "The measure you use for others is the one God will use for you" (Luke 6:38, TEV).

Did you ever have a neighbor with a pecan tree? She said, "Hold out your hands for some." Deciding your hands wouldn't hold enough, she showed you how to make a sack with your skirt. After giving you three times more than your hands would hold, she could hardly miss them.

Jimmy asked for a baker's dozen of each of the "goodies" for the circle meeting. (His idea was to get twelve of each for me with one left over for himself.) But we discovered that he got fifteen of two items. I've heard some nice things about the people who run that bakery, and their generosity has made an outstanding "good will" impression on us. Needless to say, we'll be back. We certainly won't expect an overcount every time, but we feel sure they're super-honest.

The lady who gives away her roses always has more blooming. The one who visits the sick on her day off is seldom sick herself and seems to have more time than some other people. The girl who helps most in the nursery gets some baby-sitting jobs during the week. The man who works with Boy Scouts several years has a small army of friends among the boys who grew up under his leadership.

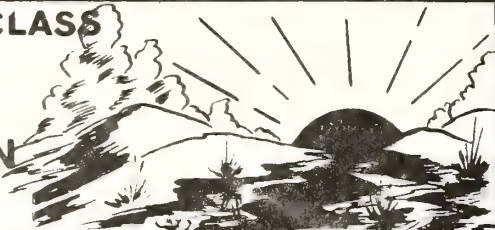
The generous person gives and works and shares without expecting measure-for-measure, and scarcely notices if God has rewarded or men have acknowledged. Working for God, don't try to balance the scales. He always outgives us and we can't keep up! (Right on, Nina G.—Ed.)

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 22



Exploitation of Persons: Race Relations

Lesson Text: Genesis 1:26, 27; Luke 10:25-37; Ephesians 2:11-18; Colossians 3:1-11; James 2:1-9

Memory Verse: James 2:8, 9

I. INTRODUCTION

Last Sunday we studied the sexual revolution and most likely we found common ground on which to agree on many things. We know that the improper use of sex is condemned in the Word of God. Today we turn to another revolution which is just as real but which involves stronger opinions and is highly emotionally toned. This is the racial revolution, confined not to our nation alone, but concerning peoples all over the world. Neither is it confined to any one race, for all races have their own prejudices and preconceived notions of superiority over others.

A Korean legend describes the problem God had in making a man "just right." According to the story, the Creator's first clay man came out of the oven too white—too light. The second clay man proved to be too dark. But the third clay man was yellow, in between white and black, and just right. The legend is told to support a Korean belief that Orientals are superior to other races. We may scoff at that, but every race has something of this same feeling.

We forget that it was God who created us, and for some reason, better known to Him, we were not all created the same color. A black man expressed it this way: "If you hate me because I am ignorant I'll educate myself. If you hate me because I'm dirty, I'll clean myself. If you hate me because I am pagan, I will become a Christian. But if you hate me because I am black, I can only refer you to God who made me black."

This lesson is not intended to offend anyone, but it is intended to reveal the truth that God loves all people, what-

ever their color or national origin may be.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. One of the most difficult problems we have to face in our generation is that of our attitude toward persons of another race or color. The problem has always been with us, but we have never before been confronted with it as we are in this generation. In the past we could pretend that it did not exist, or if we admitted that it did, we could ignore it or run from it. Now that we can do none of these we are forced to examine our own hearts, and this is often a painful experience. We tend to postpone it because we are afraid of what we will find.

What makes it such a traumatic experience to encounter the problem realistically? There are a great many factors that are involved. Let us mention a few of them.

B. First, there is the myth of racial superiority. Many people have been conditioned to believe that they are God's elite, and that all other peoples are inferior.

Modern research indicates that any superiority of one people over another results from exposure to cultural and environmental advantages. That is to say that superiority is not innate, it is acquired. Better education, better nutrition, better training from birth in the amenities of civilization—these and many others may be deprived, and cultural deprivation makes a great difference. The Christian, realizing that Jesus died for all men because of God's impartial love for them, cannot afford to perpetuate the false theory of a chosen race.

C. A second thing that has contributed to the racial problem has been the isolation of various ethnic groups so that there has been little association between them. In the past certain groups were excluded from many neighborhoods. All of us are familiar with areas, even in small villages, that were casually dismissed as "Nigger town," or the little more polite "colored section." The peo-

ple who dwelled in these areas were seldom regarded as neighbors in the sense of that designation as used by Jesus.

D. A third factor that has widened the gap between the races is stereotyping. This involves taking one or perhaps several persons in a group and projecting their characteristics to the whole group. On the basis of such judgment a group is condemned wholesale. Because of suspicion and perverseness men tend to impute the worst. They seldom take the good qualities of one in a group and assume that all others in that group share those qualities. It is noteworthy that all of us resent being stereotyped. We never want to be on the receiving end.

Shameful though it may be, one can hear professed Christians saying such things as, "You can't trust a Negro," or "It is natural for a Negro to steal." Sometimes one hears, "All Indians are dirty," or "Indians are deadbeats." Perhaps a person who never spoke to a Mexican in his whole life will say, "I never met a Mexican who wouldn't kill you for your money." Such ridiculous statements reveal not one thing about Negroes, Indians, or Mexicans. They only serve to show the ignorance and depravity of the speakers. This type of statement is indicative of prejudice and hostility that invalidates the Christian plea.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Before the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed, a dynamite charge killed four Negro girls at Sunday school in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham. On the cover of a church bulletin found in the ruins of the church was a picture of Jesus, His face crayoned black by some black child. God is spirit Being and thus has none of the human characteristics we identify with personality, such as color, race, height. But Jesus was God incarnate in human flesh, and although He came with the physical characteristics of a Jew, everyone tends to identify Christ with himself. We see ourselves in Him for through Him all men were created. "But to us there is but one God, Father, of whom are all things, and in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, whom are all things . . ." (1 Corinthians 8:6). Therefore, everyone is our neighbor.

B. Our attitude toward others is to be impartial, regardless of their status, life, their wealth, or their color. A long time ago called the pastor of

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Questions & Answers

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atholic view is contrary to what the
ible teaches and contrary to anything
have been able to find in the writings
f the Early Church fathers.

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Sunday School Lesson

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church in Washington where the Presi-
ent attended. She wanted to know
whether the President was going to be
church that day.

The pastor replied, "I do not know,
y dear lady, if the President will be
ere today or not, but God will be here."
There is room at the Cross for every-
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e ground is level. We must not show
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ation in life.—Ray O. Jones in Bible Ex-
positor and Illuminator.

C. There is nothing wrong with our
cial relations that a little Christian
ve will not cure. Love for all men is a
andate for Christians. Nowhere in
od's Word do we find that God limited
r love to whites only. The Bible is a
lor-blind book. The love of God is
lor-blind. The love of Christians should
so be color-blind. No Christian can
iscriminate in his love without feeling a
ense of unfairness and guilt. Only
ose who merely profess to be Chris-
ians can do this. Their clan is large and
ery church in America has its share
them. May this lesson help us see
e inconsistency of it all.—The Bible
udent (F.W.B.).

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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ve me some money to buy shoes. I gave
money to my mother. She needed
es, too. I thought I could go barefoot-
better than she could."

The boy obeyed the commandment in a
st practical and unselfish way.—Alice
rie Knight.

PRAYER THOUGHT

f all children would respect and honor
commandment, we would see a marked
erence in our world today.

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strations for Today, Moody Press.)

NEWS NOTES

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ter the worship service. All former pas-
tors and members are invited to come
and enjoy a good day of gospel singing,
gospel preaching, and Christian fellow-
ship.

The Shiloh church will begin revival
services Monday night, October 16, at
7:30 p.m., and will continue them
through Saturday, October 21. The visit-
ing evangelist will be the Rev. C. F. Bow-
en of the First Free Will Baptist Church
of Wilson, North Carolina. Assisting in
the services will be the Rev. Fred Bates,
pastor of the Shiloh church. The public
is invited to attend. The prayers of
Christians are desired for all of these
services.

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King to Speak in Revival At Mount Zion Church, Beulaville

Revival services at Mount Zion Free
Will Baptist Church are slated each even-
ing, October 16-21, at 7:30. The church
is located on Route 2, Beulaville, North
Carolina.

The Rev. Wayne King of Sandy Plain
church will be the guest evangelist.
There will be special music and gospel
preaching each evening.

The church and its pastor extend a
special invitation to everyone to attend
the revival and to be much in prayer for
its success.

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Revival to Be Held At Rose Hill Church

Revival services are scheduled October
16-21 at the Rose Hill Free Will Baptist
Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Caro-
lina. The Rev. Charles Crisp, pastor of
the First Free Will Baptist Church, Green-
ville, North Carolina, will be the evange-
list. The time of the services is 7:45
each evening. Special singing will be
rendered nightly.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. N.
Dan Beaman, and the congregation ex-
tend a cordial invitation to the public
to attend these services.

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Fall Revival and Homecoming Services To Be Held at Core Point Chapel Church

The fall revival services at Core Point
Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Core
Point, North Carolina, will begin on Mon-
day evening, October 15, and will con-
tinue through Saturday, October 21. Ser-
vices at 7:30 nightly feature the Rev.
W. M. Twiddy as the visiting evangelist.
The pastor, the Rev. Graham Lane, will
assist in the services.

The pastor and members cordially in-
vite everyone who possibly can to attend
these special services.

The annual homecoming will be held
on Sunday, October 22. The pastor, the
Rev. Graham Lane, will deliver the home-
coming message at eleven o'clock. This
will be followed by a picnic lunch served
on the church grounds. All former pas-
tors, former members, and friends are
cordially invited to attend and to wor-
ship with the congregation on this oc-
casion.

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Revival and Homecoming Slated At Mount Zion Church, Kenly

Revival services will be held at the
Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church,
Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina, the week
of October 16-21, beginning each even-
ing at 7:45. The Rev. James V. Joyner,
pastor of the First Free Will Baptist
Church of Kenly, will be the visiting
evangelist. He will be assisted by the
pastor of Mount Zion church, the Rev.
J. B. Godwin.

Homecoming at the Mount Zion church
will be observed Sunday, October 22. The
activities of the day will begin with Sun-
day school at 10 a.m., followed with the
morning worship service at 11 a.m. The
Rev. W. O. Lassiter of Smithfield, North
Carolina, will deliver the homecoming
message. A picnic lunch will be served
on the church grounds at noon, and a
singspiration will follow in the after-
noon.

The public is cordially invited to at-
tend the revival services, and friends,
former pastors, and former members of
the church are invited to attend the
homecoming observance and to partici-
pate in the day of fellowship.

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Homecoming, Revival Services Planned at Edgewood FWB Church

Homecoming services will be held at
Edgewood Free Will Baptist Church near
Crisp, North Carolina, on October 15.
The Rev. L. B. Manning will be the guest
minister for the morning service. Lunch
will be served in the fellowship building
of the church. There will be a special
song service in the afternoon that will
feature the church choir, the junior choir,
and guest singers.

On Monday night, October 16, revival
services will begin at the church with the
Rev. Jack Mayo as the guest evangelist.

Everyone is cordially invited to the
homecoming service and the revival ser-
vices.

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FALL AGAIN -- HAD YOU NOTICED?

A FALL GUY

The air is fresh, cool, and easily breathed. It's autumn: the season between summer and winter from the September equinox (September 23) to the December solstice (December 21).

Goldenrods nod you a greeting from the ditch banks.

Bitterweeds—small, yellow, daisy-like flowers—flank the ribboned highways.

Foxtails stand proudly on the banks, braving the wind.

Cattails stand erect; bushy horsetails—scouring rushes—rise above the other ferns and maintain their position.

Red-blazed weeds color the hedgerows in scarlet rust, contrasting the dull brown of the thorny bushes and the lacy tops of the dog fennels.

Multicolored fall flowers: autumn crocuses, straw flowers, purple asters, cornfield daisies, and others spot the landscape.

Then, there is a red maple turned golden. . .

Marsh weeds towering above the swamp thicket, a refuge for wild ducks. . .

A field of lemon-topped Japan peas. . .

Tan cornstalks and orange pumpkins with brown stems. . .

Red-leaved dogwoods, red sumac, sassafras, luscious fox grapes on the vines twisting up the trees. . .

Acorns, hickories, black walnuts, pecans, a frisky squirrel after them. . .

A white church against a blue sky, almost barren trees framing the scene. . .

Heads of wheat left in the corner of a field, wild oats heavy with grain. . .

Indian corn, sweet potatoes in a basket, jars of canned vegetables and preserved fruit in the cellar. . .

A leaf-strewn country path, a slow-running creek that whispers. . .
Splashes of color on a hillside: green, crimson, ocher, yellow, and brown. . .

Crystal-like frost silvering the windowpane, cold against your nose. . .

The harvest moon beaming its lustrous glow romanticizing the world. . .

Misty, gray fog in the early morning, hazing the horizon and nearby objects, almost veiling them from view. . .

An owl hoots a shivering message, a screech. . .

The green-brown meadow with its smooth carpet of dying grass, a blackbird overhead. . .

Flames of bittersweet in a stately oak. . .

Fruitcakes in the oven. . .

A quiet lake mirroring the painted forest. . .

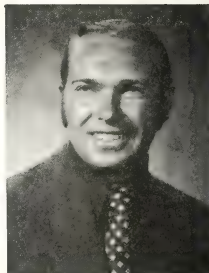
Peppers hanging on the barn door. . .

A glorious sunset. . .

Silhouetted houses with lighted windows. . .

And, God—ever present. . .

Dear friend, if you're inclined to like all of this, well, the chances are that you're just a fall guy—not in the usual derogatory way, but in (and with) the best possible sense!



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What Is the Difference?

by
CHARLES W. CRISP

One of the things which disturbs me as a Free Will Baptist pastor is the attitude of many of our people about our own Mount Olive College. There seem to be many people who think that a Bible college of another faith is better equipped to train our youth for service to our denomination than our own college. I know of no other college that teaches Free Will Baptist history and theology, nor one which has as much at stake in the future of Free Will Baptists as does our own Mount Olive College. Our school depends upon the support of Free Will Baptists, both the local churches and the denominational boards, for its very existence. And I believe that we as a denomination must depend upon the college for development of future leaders as well. What is different about our school? Mount Olive is now offering a two-year liberal arts program as preparatory to a liberal arts degree; but if our youth are preparing for service in church work, why not give them a Bible college education? There is a difference between a Bible college program and a liberal arts program. Let us take time to point out the difference.

A liberal arts college has a much broader function than a Bible college, for it seeks to train students in secular as well as sacred areas. The typical liberal arts college offers majors in English, history, the sciences, and other secular fields, along with majors in Bible, Christian education, and other sacred fields. It is usually true that the majors in the secular fields outnumber those in the

sacred. Naturally, all such schools are private rather than public-supported, so they can operate under a Christian philosophy of education.

A Christian liberal arts college usually requires all students to take a minimum of one year of Bible. By doing this they believe the Bible will speak to the hearts of the students, and regardless of the field or career a person chooses, he is better equipped for life if he has studied the Bible. Christian service opportunities are available, and students are encouraged to participate in them. Most liberal arts colleges do not require all their students to be born-again believers. So, naturally, some of the students are "unsaved." This is no ground for worry, but an opportunity to influence the lives of these students for Christ and His kingdom.

The Christian liberal arts college takes the Christian philosophy into the fields of engineering, science, arts, school teaching, and other areas by introducing the students of secular studies to the Christian way of life. It also prepares the Christian worker for service by introducing him to other fields of study. He is trained in the broadness of education that allows him to communicate with people of other fields outside the church. The Christian liberal arts college is usually accredited by the same accrediting agencies as the major universities and graduate schools. This enables the liberal arts graduate to pursue his field of study as far as he desires. He will not lose credits or be required to take make-up work in order to be admitted to an accredited graduate school.

A Bible college has four distinctions which make it unique. These have developed over the years since Dr. A. B. Simpson, founder of the Christian and

Missionary Alliance, started the first Bible institute in New York City in 1882, and D. L. Moody began his school in Chicago in 1886.

First, every student must take a thirty-hour major in Bible and theology. Those who enroll in the general Bible major or pastor's course must take forty hours of Bible and theology. This is in comparison to twenty-four to thirty-six hours for a Bible major in a liberal arts college.

Second, every student is required to engage in regular Christian service assignments. A department of Christian service is set up to receive requests for workers and to assign students to fill them.

Third, the four general majors are Bible, Christian education, missions, and music. The last three are called "second majors," taken in addition to the Bible-theology major. These are geared to prepare a student for specialized work.

Fourth, the Bible college generally requires that all students be born-again and planning to enter full-time Christian vocations before they are admitted. It is apparent that the second and third requirements mentioned above are dependent upon this. A school such as this could not send out non-Christian students to work assignments.

The difference between a Bible college and a Christian liberal arts college has nothing to do with quality of work. They both equip youth for service. The question is, Do I want training in the broad fields of the humanities as well as the field of Christian education, or do I want my education in a protective atmosphere where only born-again believers study only subjects of a religious nature? As a pastor, I am convinced of the need for our liberal arts approach to education. As long as we have Christian people working at secular jobs, we will need the principles of Christian education instilled in them. The liberal arts school can do this. We cannot have both schools, but we can do both services. We can prepare Christian youth for secular work and careers and we can prepare them for full-time Christian vocations in one school. Since we cannot have both, let us get behind the one school we have and support it and make it what it can be.

I believe we need a four-year program at Mount Olive. We can fully equip our youth by giving them a degree program with a major in Bible and theology. We do not need to send our youth to a school
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Scripture Reading—1 Samuel 20:3

TWO CAR-LENGTHS FROM DEATH

"Crash Kills Six Teachers from Akron" was the headline of the tragic story of the sudden, simultaneous death of six schoolteachers. They had been returning to Akron after attending a session of the North Eastern Ohio Teachers Association in Cleveland.

The driver of the car just behind the fatal car testified, "I was two car-lengths behind them. All of a sudden I saw a truck coming across the medial line, its bright lights shining in my eyes. I thought, This is it! I heard the crash of the impact. Then there was absolute silence. I thought, How quickly death can come! I figured that I was just two car-lengths from death!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

How often we forget this! Shouldn't we be prepared at all times? Death comes so unexpectedly and we never know when the time may be.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Scripture Reading—Luke 11:23

BLUE JACKET AND GRAY TROUSERS

A fable is told about a man who lived in a borderline state during the Civil War. He wanted to show that he was sympathetic toward both the North and the South, so he wore the blue jacket of a Union soldier and the gray trousers of a Confederate soldier.

All went well for a while. Then one day, when a fierce battle was raging, the Union soldiers shot him in the trousers, and the Confederate soldiers shot him in the coat.

The hapless man was a straddler, divided in his loyalty. He didn't take an all-out stand for either side, but swayed between two opinions.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We must search our souls for the right answer. We cannot be on two sides at one time; and God's side is the answer.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Scripture Reading—Luke 6:35

THE DIFFERENCE

There is a vast difference between a

Christlike Christian and a so-so, or merely professing, Christian.

Dr. Courtland Myers was a Christlike Christian. One day he boarded a train to fill a preaching engagement in a distant city. After he took a seat, he began to read. Sitting behind him was an elderly lady with four poorly dressed children. One of them began to reach up and push the back of Dr. Myers' seat.

Dr. Myers' first impulse was to speak roughly to the boy and put him in his place. Instead, he spoke kindly to him and bought candy for him and the other children. Then he told them stories.

Several hours passed. As the train neared Dr. Myers' destination, a well-dressed gentleman approached him and said, "The other passengers and I have observed with admiration your kindness to these children. That's real Christianity!"

"I do not understand," said Dr. Myers.

The gentleman said, "You did not know it, but the elderly lady with these children is not their mother. Their mother is in the baggage car in her casket."

Let us never forget that others are watching us. They will turn from us with revulsion if we fail to practice what we profess.

Christlike Christians bring honor to Christ in all that they say and do.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We forget sometimes that we are being watched by someone besides the ones around us. And God says that someday we will be rewarded for the good measures we do here on earth.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Scripture Reading—Romans 2:16

"I'VE TRIED MY OWN CASE"

Years ago a young man murdered his employer. In a futile, frantic effort to conceal his crime, he burned the house where the employer's body lay.

His trial was stubbornly fought by the prosecutor and the defending lawyer. At the conclusion, the judge began to give his charge to the jury. Suddenly he became greatly agitated and buried his face in his hands.

The lawyers looked at each other in consternation. Going to the judge, they asked, "What's the matter, Your Honor? Are you ill?"

With great emotion and difficulty, the judge replied, "I've tried my own case! Thirty years ago I murdered my employer and to hide my crime, I burned down the house where his body lay. If anyone ever suspected me of the terrible deed, I do not know it."

During the years, the judge's conscience had slumbered, but it hadn't died.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Even if the judge had not confessed before the crowd, he would have to bear his sin to God on judgment day, wouldn't he?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Scripture Reading—Colossians 3:5

THE STRUGGLE OF A TIGHTWAD

A covetous man confessed: "There nothing more distressing to me than to be in church and realize that I have nothing less than a dollar to give. I had this agonizing experience on a recent Sunday. The collection was about to be taken. What could I do? Should I give a dollar? That would be too much. Should I appear to be in deep devotion, praying silently, and let the collection plate pass me unnoticed?"

"As the collection plate came closer to me, I began to hastily search my pockets for a nickel, planning to give it and shield it from the view of others. I was so nervous my wife thought I was ill. As the plate neared me, I closed my eyes, and an onlooker, seeing me, would have been impressed by my devoutness."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Can't we all afford to sacrifice something for the Lord's work, when He gives us so much in return?

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:18, 19

"PAID WITH BLOOD"

A policeman curbed a speeding car. "The speed limit on this boulevard is thirty miles an hour," he said brusquely. "According to our electronic timer, you were traveling forty miles an hour. I will have to give you a ticket, which stipulates a fine of \$17.50. You may either pay the fine at City Hall or give a pint of blood to the American Red Cross."

Going to the Red Cross headquarters, the offender gave a pint of blood. Then he went to the city hall, and presented a slip of paper which showed that he had made the blood donation. Without question, the clerk wrote with red ink across the ticket which had been given by the traffic cop "Paid with blood."—Adapted from *Sunday School Times and Gospel Herald*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Don't we have to pay the price if we break the law, even more so if we break the law of God? We should think about this.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 2:10

"PA FORGAVE EVERYBODY"

After the death of Abraham Lincoln Mrs. Lincoln sorrowfully asked John F. Parker, the President's bodyguard, "Why were you not at the door to keep the assassin out?"

Parker bowed his head and said, "I have bitterly repented it. I did not believe any one would try to kill so good a man. The belief made me careless. I became so interested in the play, I failed to see the assassin enter the presidential box."

"You should have seen him. You have no right to be careless." Having said this

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our



Church Auxiliaries

Study Course in Evangelism and Missions

Dear Co-Laborer in Christ,

Paul, in writing to Timothy, his son in faith, admonished him to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

We too need to study God's Word and seek His will for our lives.

Our district is combining the inseparable evangelism and missions in a study course at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The First church is located on the corner of College and Lenoir Streets in Kinston. Please bring a sack lunch; drinks will be furnished.

We are very fortunate to have on deputization at this time to bring us the study

course the following people: the Rev. Vance Link (evangelism); Mrs. Mattie Lou Link (child evangelism); Miss Diane Baines (youth and missions); the Rev. Joe Barrow (mission methods); Mrs. Faye Barrow (missionary's wife); the Rev. Joe Ingram, missions director (missions).

Two special features on the program are child evangelism and youth and missions. Please urge the youth sponsors, young people, Sunday school teachers, and other interested persons of your church to attend.

Yours in Christian service,
Mrs. Peggy Bryan
Eastern District
Study Course Chairman

Mrs. Adaline Gray
Eastern District
Missions Chairman

P. S. If half of your auxiliary membership attends this study course, it can be counted on the standard achievement chart.

What I as a Christian Teen-Ager Can Do For My Church

(The following speech was given at "Youth Night" held recently at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Grimesland, North Carolina. The Rev. W. H. Willis is the minister.)

The majority of teen-agers today are growing up further away from Christ. This is due in part to the negligence of parents and other adults to encourage the youth of their community to take part in church activities. Since adults can't always reach the younger generation, maybe another teen-ager can. I can invite these young people to church and this will help the church to grow.

I can attend Sunday school and church regularly to learn more about Christ. This isn't always easy to do. Maybe you stayed out late the Saturday night before and the next morning when it was time to get up and get ready for church you might have said, "Oh, I'm too tired to go today. I'll go next Sunday and make

up for it." Maybe that Sunday night instead of attending church you wanted to go to a dance. You might not like to admit it, but in your heart you know what you should do.

I can read the Bible and learn to understand His Word better. I'll be helping myself and it's the people who make up the church, not the building.

As a Christian teen-ager I should help do away with some of the hate that seems to be everywhere. People are equal in the eyes of God, no matter what color or what religious beliefs they may have. The thing to do is respect the other person, but first I must learn to respect myself. God also wants us to show love, forgiveness, interest, and kindness. By showing these traits we may influence other people to become Christians. If we act snobby and ill all the time not many people are going to want to follow our example. They'll say, "If that's what a Christian acts like I don't want any part of it." I wouldn't blame them a bit. Maybe you think like this, "Oh boy, I'm a Christian. I go to

church every Sunday." But just going to church doesn't make you a Christian. You have to act like a Christian every day, not just on Sundays. You can't have the attitude that you can do whatever you want to on weekdays and just so you go to church on Sunday it's all right. You can't think like this and still be a Christian.

When I attend church I can be reverent and attentive during the service. A church is a place of worship; it's not a place to go and tell the latest local news or a good joke you've just heard. I can give the Lord one hour out of every week and be thankful that I'm able to. There's so many people that aren't allowed the freedom of worship as we are.

I can tell my school friends and even people who seem to hate me about my Saviour and how He helped me. They might say, "Well, you aren't a real Christian. You don't act perfect!" That's true but then Jesus was the only perfect Person to ever walk on earth. God knows we're not perfect and when we do sin all we have to do is ask His forgiveness and we'll be forgiven. Our God is a merciful God but we shouldn't try to take advantage of this.

Prayer is another important part of being a Christian. Prayer gives us comfort and strength to help us through our daily lives.

There will continue to be temptation and sin as long as there are people and there will be many changes that may seem too much for us to bear. But remember, Christ stays the same. He's always there to listen to our troubles and give us strength. Life isn't easy but God won't let us down when we need Him. I'm not saying God will always give us what we ask for, because it doesn't happen that way. Whether He fulfills our hopes and desires or not, remember He's doing what's best for us.

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Gardening

First, plant five rows of peas: Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness, and Prayer.

Next to them plant three rows of squash: Squash Gossip, Squash Criticism, Squash Indifference.

Then five rows of lettuce: Let Us Be Faithful, Let Us Be Unselfish, Let Us Be Loyal, Let Us Love One Another, and Let Us Be Truthful.

No garden is complete without turnips: Turn up for Church, Turn Up With a Smile, Turn Up With a New Idea, Turn Up With Real Determination.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Marlboro Church to Observe First Homecoming in New Building

During the spring of 1970, members of the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina, met to discuss building a new church. Necessity forced such a discussion for several reasons. The widening of the highways had left no parking space surrounding the church, and the church building itself was becoming so dilapidated that it needed major, costly revisions. No one, however, wanted to move very far from the site of the old church, so after much discussion it was agreed to purchase land just .6 of a mile from the Marlboro intersection.



Ground was broken for the new church on homecoming day, Sunday, October 25, 1970. Contributions gradually came in through a variety of ways, from careful planning, from suppers, dinners, selling Brunswick stew, and even, by the smallest ones' picking up bottles. Now the congregation of Marlboro church has what it considers very humbly to be a beautiful place in which to worship God each Sunday morning.

The sanctuary will seat about 300 people. To the right of the entrance hall is the pastor's study. There are ten Sunday school rooms, a nursery, two bathrooms, two closets, heat and air conditioning, a baptistry, a beautiful organ, and a piano. On the outside is a lighted cross, a tall steeple, and a large landscaped yard with plenty of parking space.

The hard work was shared by all.

Many thanks go to the pastor, the Rev. Bruce Barrow, and his wife, who have given untiringly of their efforts. Thanks are also due to the friends of the church who, with prayers and contributions, helped make the dream of a new church come true.

Homecoming will be held on October 22. The members of the congregation invite all Christian brothers and sisters, especially former pastors and members, to come, enjoy the morning service, eat lunch, and spend the day.

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First Union Meeting of Western Conference Planned at Union Grove

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will be held at Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Wayne County, North Carolina, on Saturday, October 28. The program is as follows:

- 10:00—Devotional, the Rev. Harry Brown
- 10:15—Welcome, the Rev. Bruce Jones, host pastor
- Response, the Rev. Roland Cherry
- 10:20—Business Session
- 11:30—Worship Service
 - Offering for the Children's Home
 - Special Music by Local Church
 - Sermon, the Rev. Dewey Boling
- 12:30—Lunch

(Note: At the last session the First Union voted to extend the morning session to 12:30 at which time the adjournment for the day will be observed, followed by lunch.)

Dewey Boling, Moderator
C. F. Bowen, Clerk

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Diane Baines to Speak At Eastern Youth Fellowship

Miss Diane Baines, missionary candidate to Zambia, Africa, will be the featured speaker at the Third Eastern District Youth Fellowship meeting to be held at Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Seven Springs, North Carolina, on Saturday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. Miss Baines will give her testimony and show slides from Zambia, the country to which she will be going in March.

Revival Services at Union Grove, Rivenbark to Speak

Revival services will begin at Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Fremont, North Carolina, on Monday night, October 16, and will continue through Saturday night, October 21. Services will begin at 7:30 each evening.



with the Rev. Fred Rivenbark, pastor of Stoney Creek church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, as guest evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Bruce Jones.

Mr. Rivenbark is a native of Mount Olive, and has been in the ministry for 37 years. He is a member of the State Mission Board and is on the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

You are invited to attend these services throughout the week.

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Ministers' Fellowship of Western Conference Meeting at Union Chapel Church

The Ministers' Fellowship of the Western Conference will meet on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:30 p.m. with the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina. All ministers of the Western Conference are urged to be in attendance.

Coming Events . . .

November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina

November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

Fourth Union Meeting of Central Conference

The Fourth Union Meeting of the Central Conference will convene at Aspen Grove Free Will Baptist Church on October 29, 1972. The theme will be "Present yourselves," with Scripture taken from Romans 12:1. The program is as follows:

Morning Session

- 0:00—Sunday School
1:00—Hymn, "Jesus Calls Me"
—Devotions, Miss Robin Webb
—Welcome, Mrs. Robert Oakley
—Response, Mrs. E. C. Morris
1:15—President's Remarks
—Recognition Time
—Greetings from the Children's Home
—Hymn, "I Surrender All"
11:30—Special Music, Mrs. Debra Wooten and Terry Carraway
—Sermon, the Rev. Larry Barbour
—Appointment of Committees
—Lunch

Afternoon Session

- 1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Joyce Beaman
—Special Music, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Cobb
—News from Mount Olive College
—Business Period
—Program, Local Church
2:15—Adjournment

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Futrelle to Speak at Homecoming, Dilda's Grove FWB Church

Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at the Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Fountain, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 22. Services will begin with Sunday school at 10 a.m., to be followed by the morning worship service at eleven o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. Foy Futrelle, delivering the message.

A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at the noon hour. The afternoon will feature a musical program by local and visiting singing groups.

All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy a day of worship and fellowship.

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Study Course on the Holy Land To be Held at Free Union Church

The Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Walstonburg, North Carolina, will hold a study course on the Holy Land on October 23 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Winnie Dawson will direct the course. She will be speaking and showing film on the Holy Land.

Homecoming and Revival At Elizabeth City, N. C.

The Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, will observe homecoming on Sunday, October 22. Homecoming day services will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., followed by morning worship with the Rev. Johnny Bullman of Spartanburg, South Carolina, bringing the morning message. Lunch will be served on the grounds during the noon hour.

Mr. Bullman is the visiting evangelist for the week of revival, which begins Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. and will continue through Friday night. Special singing will be presented in each service by local and visiting singers. The pastor, the Rev. John Owens, will assist in the services. He and the church membership invite former pastors and the public to attend and hear this man of God in an old-time revival.

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Missionary to Head Revival, Piney Grove FWB Church

The Rev. Joe Barrow, who has just returned from the mission field, will be the evangelist for revival services at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Pitt County, North Carolina. The services are scheduled Monday, October 23, through Saturday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m. There will be special singing during the week. The public is invited.

The church is located four miles west of Greenville, North Carolina, on Highway 264.

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Western District Youth Fellowship Meeting Announced

A meeting of the Western District Youth Fellowship will be held October 28 at 7:30 p.m., Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina. All youth of the area are urged to be in attendance.

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Homecoming and Revival At Hopewell Church

Homecoming will be held Sunday, October 22, at the Hopewell Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Smithfield, North Carolina. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, will deliver the message. Lunch will be served on the grounds at 12 noon. All former pastors, former members, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Revival services will be held during the week beginning Monday, October 23, at 7:30 nightly. The Rev. F. B. Cherry will be the evangelist, with the pastor, Mr. Gonzalez, assisting. The public is encouraged to attend.

Revival Services Announced In Fremont, Link to Speak

Revival services will be held at the Fremont Free Will Baptist Church from October 22 through October 27 at 7:30 nightly. The Rev. Vance Link will be the evangelist. The church welcomes Mr. Link as a man of God, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. The congregation looks for a great time in the Lord.

The pastor, the Rev. B. L. Shook, asks for your prayers for the revival and invites you to attend the services.

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Cabin FWB Church Announces Dates for Homecoming and Revival

Annual Homecoming Day will be observed at Cabin Free Will Baptist Church near Beulaville, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 22. Sunday school will be at 9:45 a.m., to be followed by morning worship service at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at the noon hour on the church grounds. A singspiration will be in the afternoon.

All former pastors, all members, and former members, and friends are invited to come and to enjoy the fellowship of the day.

The revival will be held Monday night, October 23, through Saturday night, October 28. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The evangelist will be the Rev. Clyde Cox from Saint Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, North Carolina. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Webster.

The pastor of the church and the members issue an invitation to the public to attend these services.

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Homecoming Services Planned At Friendship Church, Middlesex

Homecoming services are planned at Friendship Original Free Will Baptist Church of Route 1, Middlesex, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 22. Sunday school will begin at ten o'clock. The morning worship service will be at eleven o'clock with the Rev. Terry Woodard, pastor of the church, bringing the message.

Lunch will be served on the church grounds at noon. The pastor and the church members invite all former pastors, former members, and friends to attend.

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Revival in Progress, Homecoming To Follow, Holly Springs Church

Revival services are in progress at the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina, and will continue through Saturday, October 21. The time is 7:30 p.m. The visiting evangelist (continued on page thirteen)

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Director of Admissions Appointed



Mount Olive College has announced that Miss Pamela J. Hardison has been appointed director of admissions for the College.

Miss Hardison has been working in the Admissions Office of her alma mater, Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for the past year. While a student at Salem she was a member of the Student Service Council, YWCA, the Legislative Board, and the Yearbook staff. She was on the Dean's List and won the President's Prize for English.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardison of Deep Run and is a member of the Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church.

Speaking of the new appointment, President W. Burkette Raper declared, "We are most pleased with the addition of Miss Hardison to our administrative staff and we feel that her experience and Christian commitment will be great assets to her in our contacts with high school students."

"Through its excellent system of financial aid, Mount Olive College is able to provide educational opportunities for all

students with the potential and desire for higher education," Miss Hardison stated. "This is extremely important since the small, church-related college has many advantages to offer students, including the opportunity to be an individual and not just a number, the opportunity to begin preparation for a career and to study for personal enrichment. I am most happy to be associated with Mount Olive College for these reasons," she added.

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Mount Olive College Dinners-1972

Schedule of Dinners

Pitt County: Monday, October 23, 7 p.m., D. H. Conley School, the Rev. Charles Crisp, chairman.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties: Tuesday, October 24, 7:30 p.m., Edgewood church, Rufus Harrell, chairman.

Nash County: Wednesday, October 25, 7 p.m., Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Lester Duncan, chairman.

Pamlico County: Saturday, October 28, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, Bayboro, Reginald Caroon, chairman.

Johnston-Wake Counties: Monday, November 6, 7 p.m., Smithfield-Selma High School, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez, chairman.

Wilson County: Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Onslow-New Hanover Counties: Friday, November 10, 7 p.m., Dixon School Cafeteria, Leonard Hobbs, chairman.

Greene County: Saturday, November 11, 7 p.m., Snow Hill Primary School Cafeteria, George Harrison, chairman.

Duplin County: Monday, November 13, 7 p.m., Beulaville Elementary School Cafeteria, Davis Evans, chairman.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, and Pasquotank Counties: Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria, David Cahoon, chairman.

Sampson, Harnett, and Cumberland Counties: Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m.,

Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Gowan, chairman.

Carteret County: Saturday, November 18, 6:30 p.m., Holly Springs church, Nathan Garner, chairman.

Beaufort County: Saturday, November 25, 7 p.m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Oscar Webster, chairman.

Lenoir County: Saturday, December 2, 7 p.m., Kings Barbecue, the Rev. B. Futch, chairman.

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Christian Music Festival Upcoming

Mount Olive College will be sponsoring a "Christian Music Festival" on its campus. The idea came out of a committee chaired by John Williams, a ministerial student from Morehead City.

The festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, beginning at 2 p.m. and continuing until approximately 7 p.m. The program will feature gospel singing groups including the "Cymbalairs" from Morehead City, the "Mount Olive Gospel Singers" from Mount Olive, and "The Free Spirit" from Kinston.

Weather permitting, the festival will be held outside on the new campus at the north side of Moye Library. In the event of inclement weather, it will be held in the College auditorium on the downtown campus. Dinner will be served on campus for a minimal cost per person.

Caroline Castelloe, mathematics instructor at the College, reports that the purpose of the Christian Music Festival is "to glorify God and to spread His love and the good news of salvation to anyone who will come."

Everyone is invited and urged to attend the event. Anyone who cannot be present is requested to support it with their thoughts and prayers.

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MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moye Library during the month of September totaled \$205. Observe the following list:

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Mrs. Victoria Alford Watson, by Mr. and Mrs. Felton Watson, Kenly, North Carolina.

Mrs. Edith Williams, by Circle 1, Women's Auxiliary, Little Rock church, Luma, North Carolina.

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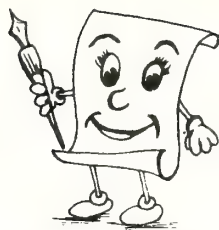
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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register Religious Snob

When our new pastor called me a religious snob, I didn't get mad. I never knew it before, but he's right. You're probably one, too, if you think about it.

From the parable of the good Samaritan, he said some people may have ignored the injured man because he didn't worship "their way."

Now, I don't believe my church is the only church. I've visited several churches and have friends in other denominations. My favorite kind of worship service is sedate, reverent, and dignified. For music I like the classics—Bach, Handel, Stainer. Loud, rhythmic services usually don't satisfy me. I believe worship is the best in man reaching up to God in an effort to become like Him. And I can't quite see God on the heavenly throne patting His foot and nodding His head.

So I leave church (ours and other denominations) sometimes feeling more like I've been entertained than that I've worshiped God.

To me, a rather formal service is the correct way to worship. You may feel closer to God by worshiping in another way. However, neither of us should look down on nor condemn the other because we disagree. Differences of opinion and variable personalities probably caused the establishment of the many denominations.

Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are mentioned in the Bible, along with cymbals, cornet, flute, organ, trumpet, viol, and stringer instruments. Yet some faiths don't believe in using any musical instruments at all in church services.

We wear choir robes; some don't. We believe in baptism by immersion; some don't. We "dedicate" young babies; others "christen" them. We have auxiliary organizations; others frown on anything except Sunday school and church.

Worshiping in slightly different ways is not what makes us wrong. But believing we're right, that ours is the only way, and being intolerant of others' de-

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Wildwood Free Will Baptist Church of RFD, Newport, North Carolina, is in need of a pastor. This is a small church; only those who would not have to travel long distances need apply or inquire. Please send a postcard or letter to Henry H. Goodwin, Route 1, Box 464, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557. Licensed preachers will be considered in the same way as those who are ordained.

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A newly organized mission in Wilmington, North Carolina, is seeking a minister who is interested in coming to help with the work there. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. F. T. Heath, 4306 Peachtree Avenue, Wilmington, North Carolina. The telephone number is 791-4461.

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The Rev. James E. Warren was ordained Monday night, September 25, in special services held at Whaley's Chapel. He is part-time pastor at British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Kinston, North Carolina. He is married to the former Margaret M. Whaley of Pink Hill, North Carolina. They have four children, Jimmy, Michael, Jeff, and Michelle. They reside at 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston.

Mr. Warren is available for another part-time position at a church. He can be reached by phone at 527-1648.

We extend our best wishes to Mr. Warren and his family in their work for the Lord.

sires and opinions make us religious snobs.

Snobbishness in religion is particularly degrading. I'm trying to kick the habit. Join me? (All of us should, Nina G.—Ed.)

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YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

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(2 TIMOTHY 2:15)

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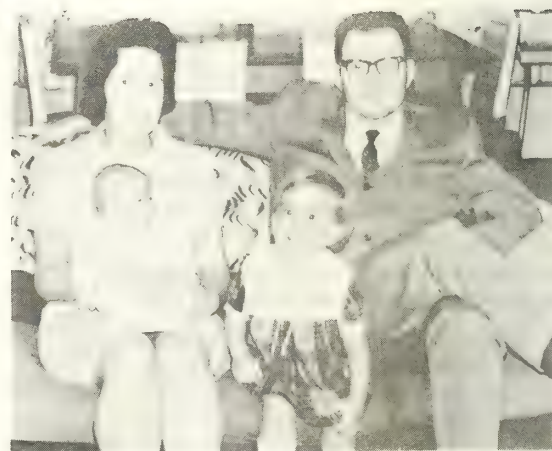
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KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA



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Mr. Link: "Evangelism"
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Mrs. Barrow: "Missionary's Wife"



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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please point out the differences between the soul and the spirit of man if there are such.

Answer: There are such to be found as expressed in some passages of Scripture where mention is made of them. "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7); compare "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit" (1 Corinthians 15:45); "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth" (Genesis 1:26); "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" (Genesis 9:6).

The explanation of this truth has been made to me by Christian scholars something like this: The Greek word for soul, *psyche*, means life or soul; it is used in the Bible sometimes to set forth the idea of natural life, sometimes to set forth spiritual life, and in some passages to describe both. All creatures possess the natural life or have a soul, whereas only human beings possess the spiritual life. In the Bible we find one passage indicating that animals have spirits. "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?" (Ecclesiastes 3:21).

There are those who say that they believe man, as a being, consists in two parts; this is the viewpoint that is labeled "dichotomous." Another view, called "trichotomous," I share, for I believe that the Bible teaches that man consists of three parts: body, soul, and spirit.

Henry C. Thiesen, in his book, *Lectures in Systematic Theology*, Pages 225-27 states these a little more briefly than the other authors:

"(1) The Dichotomous Theory. Strong states the theory thus:

'The immaterial part of man, viewed as an individual and conscious life, capable of possessing and animating a physical organism, is called **psuche**; viewed as a rational and moral agent, susceptible of divine influence and indwelling, this same immaterial part is called **pneuma**. The **pneuma**, then, is man's nature looking Godward, and capable of receiving and manifesting the **Pneuma hagion**. The **psuche** is man's nature looking earthward, and touching the world of sense. The **pneuma** is man's higher part, as related to spiritual realities or as capable of such relation; the **psuche** is man's lower part, as related to the body, or as capable of such relation. Man's being is therefore not trichotomous but dichotomous, and his immaterial part, while possessing duality of powers, has unity of substance. . . .

"(2) The Trichotomous Theory. This theory holds that man consists of three distinct elements, body, soul, and spirit. The body is the material part of our constitution; the soul is the principle of animal life; and the spirit is the principle of our rational life. Some add to this last statement 'and immortal' life. This can, however, not be made an essential part of the theory. Those who take this extreme view hold that at death the body returns to the earth; the soul ceases to exist; and the spirit alone remains to be reunited with the body at the resurrection.

"This theory rests on the following considerations: In the first place, Genesis 2:7 does not absolutely declare that God made a twofold being. The Hebrew text is in the plural: 'And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of **lives**: and man became a living soul'. We note, however, that it is not said that man became spirit and soul; but rather, that God 'inbreathed spirit, and man became a living soul, i.e., God's life took possession of clay, and as a result man had a soul.' . . . In the second place,

Paul seems to think of body, soul, and spirit as three distinct parts of man's nature (1 Thessalonians 5:23). The same thing seems to be indicated in Hebrews 4:12, where the Word is said to pierce 'even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow.' In the third place, such a threefold organization of man's nature seems also to be implied in the classification of men as 'natural,' 'carnal,' and 'spiritual,' in 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:4. These Scriptures seem to point to trichotomy. But is it not possible that they are merely intended to include the whole man? Jesus said to the young man, '. . . thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: . . .' (Mark 12:30); but no one would build a four-fold division of human nature on this statement. (Hebrews 4:12 does not speak of the separation of the soul from the spirit, but of the separation itself extending to the point."

Compare with P. B. Fitzwater's **Christian Theology**, Pages 308-309, as follows:

"What are the component parts of man's nature? This question has engaged the minds of Christian scholars through the centuries. Competent, devout scholars are divided on the question as to whether man is composed of two parts or three parts. The view that he is composed of two parts is known as dichotomy. The view that he is composed of three parts is known as trichotomy.

"The solution of the problem is not found in human reason, but in the Holy Scriptures. When man is viewed from the standpoint of matter and spirit, the Bible plainly teaches dichotomy; when the immaterial part of man is considered, spirit is distinguished from soul.

"It seems quite clear that there is a true and a false dichotomy and a true and a false trichotomy. A narrow and restricted view of either leads into serious error. Church history shows that during certain periods of church life the appearance of error kept the leaders from embracing the views set forth in the Scriptures.

"We must, therefore, go to the Scriptures for authoritative information as to the constitution of human nature, as well as to right conduct. Several Scripture passages bear directly on the essential elements of man's nature. 'And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul' (Genesis 2:7). 'For the

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STORIES

for our youth



THE ABANDONED TUNNEL

by JOY WARRELL

BOYS, before you leave," Mr. Lehrer directed his Sunday school class after the closing prayer, "I have a special announcement. Saturday morning will be the first meeting of our newly formed Christian Boys Club."

"What rotten luck!" Chuck grumbled.

"It would be a shame to miss the club's first meeting," Barry said. "But I have been keen about seeing the tunnel ever since we heard about its existence from that elderly church member."

"Yes, old Mr. Clark claims the tunnel was abandoned fifty years ago! I wonder whether there are bats living in it. It would be fun to find out," Chuck decided.

"Let's go ahead with our plans for Saturday morning," Barry suggested. "After all, we had already agreed to take a lunch and bike out to the woods to find this tunnel before Mr. Lehrer came up with his meeting."

"All right, but my mother won't like it," Chuck cautioned. "She knows you and I have joined the new club."

"Maybe we won't miss much," his friend reasoned. "We will attend next time for sure."

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"Yah-hoo-ooo!" Echoes rang through the still air as the two young boys made their way into the yawning arch of the abandoned tunnel. Chuck and Barry had hiked from the road for an hour before finding the entrance, concealed as it was by trees and thick underbrush. The tunnel itself, an impressive sight, was built to carry the rail line to the opposite side of the nearby river by passing beneath

it. Rails and ties had long since been removed from the bed. Both boys marveled at the large, well-preserved stone blocks that formed the tunnel walls.

"It's awfully cold in here," Barry observed, as they made their way forward in the ever-dimming light. "Too cold for bats," he added with regret.

"There's seepage," Chuck noted. "We are under the river now. That's why it is getting so wet underfoot."

In the blackest part of the tunnel, Barry discovered he could not see his own hand in front of his face. "Talk about spooky," he said, "we are walking in darkness in the middle of the day! Remember Deuteronomy 28:29, '... thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness'?"

"Yes," answered Chuck. "This experience makes it easier to understand how everything is dark without God's light. We can't see where we are placing our feet. It is like walking from memory. Just imagine a big train thundering through here right now!" Chills ran up his spine at the thought.

"Look, Chuck, around the bend there is daylight! Now we can see the other end of the tunnel."

"A welcome sight!" exclaimed Chuck. "I would hate to stay long in this damp, cold darkness. It feels very unfriendly." Both hurried to the sunlit opening. How good it was to come into the light again. Here they found that the railbed lay between two grassy banks. "This is a good warm spot to eat our lunch," said Chuck, as they climbed to drier ground on the sunny bank.

With the initial excitement of the tunnel over, the two friends became thoughtful as they sat enjoying their lunch. "I wonder what the Christian Boys Club did this morning?" Barry began.

"Well, I hope they made plans for a

camp-out as we intended to propose," Chuck added.

"If none of the boys present thought of the idea, we won't get a chance to do it this year!" Barry said, suddenly aware of what they had forfeited by not attending the Christian Boys Club meeting.

"Hey, what's this?" Chuck exclaimed when a folded paper fell from his lunch bag. "A note?" Quickly he opened the paper. "Listen to this, Barry!" he almost shouted. "It's from my mom. She says the Christian Boys Club meeting has been changed to this afternoon at two o'clock. And if enough boys are interested, Mr. Lehrer is going to discuss camping at Crystal Lake!"

"Great! That's the new church camp where they have a beautiful outdoor chapel for services and a swimming pool," Chuck, he went on eagerly, "it is now only noon. If we hurry, we can make it back to the road where we left our bike and reach the church hall in time for the meeting."

"Let's go!" yelled Chuck. "I'm sure thankful we were given a second chance. We won't miss it this time! Besides, I think I have had enough of the tunnel. Sharing adventures as a group of Christian boys is a lot more fun than doing things with just the two of us."

"You know something, Chuck?" Barry commented on the way back. "You've got a pretty smart mother."

Chuck beamed with pride, "You can say that again!"—My Pleasure.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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Mrs. Lincoln covered her face with her hands and wept uncontrollably.

Recovering her composure, she said to Parker, "Go now. It's not you I can't forgive. It's the assassin."

Tad Lincoln, who heard his mother, said, "If Pa had lived, he would have forgiven the man who shot him. Pa forgave everybody."

PRAYER THOUGHT

The Lord said "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." So why do we try to take His place when we know He is always right?

(Devotions used by permission, *Knights Illustrations for Today*, Moody Press.)

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Open and Shut Eyes

Benjamin Franklin wisely said, "Success in marriage consists not only in finding the right mate, but also in being the right mate. Keep the eyes wide open before marriage, and half shut afterward."

NEWS NOTES

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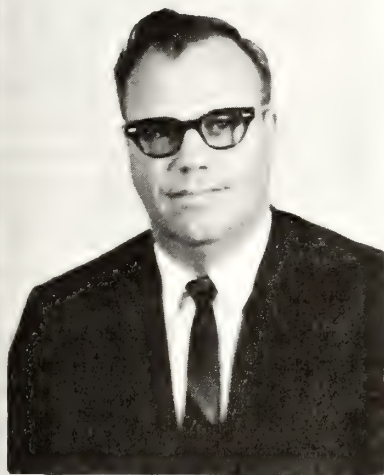
ist is the Rev. Johnnie Bullman of Sparanburg, South Carolina. Special music is being featured nightly. The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. B. Starnes, is assisting the evangelist.

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday, October 22. All former pastors, members, and friends of the church are invited to attend what promises to be an inspirational day.

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Rowe to Conduct Revival At Gum Swamp FWB Church

Revival services will be held October 23-28 at the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church near Belvoir, North Carolina.



The Rev. Jerry Rowe, pastor of Sound View Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. Good preaching and good singing will be heard each night at 7:30.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo, extend a special invitation to everyone. Everyone is asked to be much in prayer that souls will be won to the Lord Jesus.

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Homecoming and Revival Planned At Wooten's Chapel Church

Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will observe homecoming at the church on Sunday, October 22. All friends, former members, and former pastors are cordially invited.

Revival services are scheduled October 23-28, Monday through Saturday. The Rev. R. W. Allman of Garner, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. J. B. Caton. The public is encouraged to come nightly.

Second Western District SS Convention Announced

The Second Western District Sunday School Convention will be held at the Floods Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday night, October 28, at 7:45. The theme is "patriotism," with Scripture taken from Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." The program is as follows:

Song Service, Mr. Ben T. Bissitree
Devotions, Floods Chapel Church
Welcome, Jan Mitchell
Response, Mrs. Nancy Duncan
Business
Report on Superannuation
Offering for Superannuation
Missions, Miss Diane Baines
Special Music
Awarding of Banner and Trophy
Adjournment

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Lanier's Chapel Plans Homecoming And Harvest Day, Raper to Speak

Lanier's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Cove City, North Carolina, will observe its annual homecoming and Harvest Day on Sunday, October 22.

Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will deliver the homecoming sermon at 11 a.m. There will be lunch on the grounds, after which there will be special singing. All former pastors, members, and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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Revival in Progress, Harvest Sunday Slated at Faith Church

Revival services are in progress at Faith Free Will Baptist Church, Route 7, Kinston, North Carolina, with services beginning each night at 7:30. The revival will continue through Saturday, October 21. The Rev. Everett Harper is the visiting evangelist. He is being assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Joe Johnson.

On Sunday, October 22, the annual Harvest Sunday will be observed with lunch on the grounds. There will be a singspiration beginning at 1:30, featuring several groups of singers.

Everyone is cordially invited to all these services. The congregation is praying for souls to be saved and is looking forward to having a wonderful time in the Lord.

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Talent Night Held At First Church, Tarboro

The Goodwill Circle of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tarboro, North Carolina, sponsored a talent night on October 7 in the fellowship building at

the church. The purpose of the event was to raise money for the van for the Children's Home. Contributions received at the door totaled \$65.

The program featured skits, pantomimes, and music by various groups and individuals. Participation ranged from the very young to the older people as well. Prizes were awarded for the best talent in three age groups—sub-teen, teen-age, and adult.

Following the entertainment, refreshments were served by the circle. The occasion proved to be enjoyable as well as serving a good purpose for the benefit of others.

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Correction, Please

In an article in the October 11 issue of **The Free Will Baptist**, it was incorrectly stated that the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina, is completing a new educational building, which will soon be ready for use. The article should have read that heat and air conditioning are being installed in the present educational building, and that these conveniences will soon be ready for use.

We are sorry for this mistake, which was due to a transfer of information.—The Editor.

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Note of Thanks

I want to thank the many friends, churches, and ladies' auxiliaries for the beautiful cards and love offerings that I received for my birthday and at Christmastime. It really helps a whole lot. It makes me feel really good to know that people think of me even though they don't know me. I trust all who read this will be much in prayer for me.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Mary J. Parrish
Elm City, North Carolina

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Pitt County Dinner

D. H. Conley High School cafeteria is the scheduled location for the Mount Olive College dinner to be held in Pitt County on Monday night, October 23, at 7 p.m. The Rev. Charles W. Crisp, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, is chairman of the event.

The D. H. Conley High School is six miles south of Greenville on Highway 43 and Black Jack highway.

ST. CLARE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 29



Freedom Under Authority

Lesson Text: 2 Chronicles 10:1-16; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:16

I. INTRODUCTION

There is a lot of talk today about being free. Misguided militants cry for freedom from the "establishment," from the authority of government. No nation on earth today (or one that ever existed in the past), has more freedom under authority than America. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." He was speaking of freedom from sin and liberty in Christ, but the same principle may be applied to liberty in such a democracy as we have.

Being free does not mean anarchy. A state of anarchy makes every man a slave to fear, a bondsman to the whims of those stronger than he. It is a society in which only the mighty survive. False freedom leaves a man free to do what he likes; true freedom, to do what he ought. Let the following imaginary story tell it like it is.

Once upon a time there was a kite who wanted to be free. He was quite thrilled the day his master took him out, and he rose high above the earth. But suddenly he found he could go no further. His master had quit letting out the string.

"Why does he hold me back like this?" he fretted. "You think I'm high in the sky now, but if my master would only let me loose and give me freedom, I'd show you how high I could go."

One day while the kite was fretting thus, the string broke. The kite wavered for a minute, was blown from side to side, then suddenly turned topsy-turvy, and came floating down, down, down, unable to right itself. Finally it was swept by the strong wind up against a telegraph wire and there it hung, all tattered and torn. Its freedom was its ruin. —The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Just about the time it looked as if our affluent society was settling down for a long period of luxurious enjoyment, something happened to "upset the apple cart." Now it appears that authority is being questioned and challenged on every side. In the home "the old man" is resented when he seeks to restrain his offspring from antisocial behavior. On the street the policemen who try to bring order out of chaos are called "pigs." The members of the legislative bodies are subjected to shouted obscenities. The President of the United States must be protected from our own citizenry.

B. In the name of liberty literary filth flows into our bookstores and onto our theater stages. Movies reek with the stench of vile and vicious films. What is freedom? How does God regard it? What guidelines are provided for it in the sacred oracles? What responsibilities must accompany it? Where does it begin? Where does it end?

C. It is to these questions and others related to them that we address ourselves in this lesson. Surely these are important things that we must examine with care. If we deny freedom when Christ has made us free we oppose the divine will. If we confuse freedom with unbridled license we will destroy that for which our freedom was secured.

D. William Lisle Bowes once said, "The cause of freedom is the cause of God." For one who reads the Scriptures this seems to be true, for the Word of God is filled with references to freedom. However, this Word, like many others, has been warped in meaning by unscrupulous propagandists, and we must be certain that we recapture for it the sense accorded by the Holy Spirit. Our study today will deal with the concept of freedom as related to the authority exercised by governmental structures in the state and nation.

E. One of the most definitive statements on this theme is that of Paul in Romans 13:1-7. It is well to remember that this was written while Rome exer-

cised temporal sway over the known world. Jesus lived His entire life on earth in an occupied territory. Even in his wide travels Paul never got beyond the domain patrolled by the Roman legions. His letter to the Romans was written to people who lived in the world capital. It is apparent that what he said under such circumstances would be read by the Christians with more than passing interest. We should also study it with more than passing concern.

F. The passage contained in 1 Peter 2:11-17 was addressed to the dispersed Jews who were scattered throughout various provinces of Asia. Living as they were in a heathen environment, and frequently suffering persecution from the governing powers, they needed instruction as to conduct and attitude. We can profit greatly by a study of this text.

G. Is a Christian obligated to obey all of the laws, regardless of their nature? If a tax is authorized to support that which a Christian cannot approve, should he pay it in violation of his conscience? Or, should he practice civil disobedience by refusing to pay? It is noteworthy that Thoreau was once sent to jail for refusing to pay a tax that he alleged would help to support slavery, which was repugnant to him. Was he right in doing this?

H. Is it right for Christians to participate in demonstrations and marches organized for the purpose of petitioning the government for redress of wrongs? Is it right to strike against a city or state and to walk a picket line around city hall or the state capitol building to secure better wages or to bring pressure to bear in order to get improved working conditions? Can Christians become active in any pressure groups? These are a few of the things that confront us with which our fathers did not have to reckon. Obviously we cannot answer all of them and perhaps no conclusion would please us all. What we will do is to search the Scriptures for guidelines that can help us to construct our thinking in the direction of God's will.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Human nature craves freedom. No one wants to be a slave to anyone or anything. This trait of human nature has often been exploited. Perhaps this desire for freedom has never been the object of such widespread attention as it is in our own day.

B. The sad feature about all the crying for liberty and the attempts to exercise (continued on page fifteen)

What Is the Difference?

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that teaches a theology foreign to the theology of our church. We need to provide the sound, four-year program to equip them for leadership in our church. No other denominational school can do this for us; no independent school can or will do this for us. It is not their responsibility—it is our own. We must accept this responsibility and we must put down anyone who is trying to undermine our effort to do this. Free Will Baptists are able to do it. Down with the prophets of doom and division who would sell out to independent causes and go with cooperation and togetherness. Let's do this thing for the good of our own work and for the future of Free Will Baptists. (Mr. Crisp is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, and for sixteen years has been actively engaged in the Christian ministry. He has also taught public school.)

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Questions & Answers

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Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart' (Hebrews 4:12). And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Thessalonians 5:23). "In Genesis 2:7 we have a dual view of man. God formed man's body of the dust of the ground and then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life or lives. The word 'life' in the original is plural in form, giving room for the view that the immaterial part of man is composed of parts. "God's breathing into man must be considered as the creative act which brought into being the human personality to inhabit the body which He had formed of the dust of the ground. When the human spirit thus created was brought into organic relation with the material body, there was what is known as life—an 'became a living soul.' The view of man here is that he is a dual being—matter and spirit. When the immaterial part of man was brought into organic relation with the material, there resulted threefold nature. We see then that

Genesis 2:7 sets forth man as essentially a threefold being. "Hebrews 4:12 clearly recognizes a distinction between soul and spirit. The declaration is that the Word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow. It is clearly shown that the Word of God is capable of separating soul and spirit, and the soul and spirit from the joints and marrow, that is, the body. This passage makes clear that man is a threefold being. "In 1 Thessalonians 5:23 we have the classic passage on the constituent elements of man's nature. These elements stand out in clear and bold relief showing that man is made up of spirit, soul, and body. The spirit of man links him with the highest Intelligence and shows that he is susceptible to the quickening of the Holy Spirit. It is by the human spirit that man communes with God. The soul is intermediate between the body and the spirit and seems to be the sphere of the affections, the reason, and the will. When the human personality was vitally united with the material body, man became a living soul. "The body rests upon the earth of which it is composed. The soul is next above giving it life and intelligence, using the bodily senses as its agents in the exploration of the phenomena of matter and the bodily organs in expressing itself. The spirit receives impressions through the soul and body, but is above them and is capable of receiving knowledge direct from God. In the unfallen state the spirit was like a lofty observatory with an outlook upon a celestial firmament. All its windows were closed by sin, and its chambers were chambers of death until opened by the Holy Spirit,' says Dr. A. T. Pierson." The soul then is the life of man both natural and spiritual, whereas the spirit when placed in contrast to soul is that medium or attribute of man through which man relates to God in a way above that between animals and God.

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Sunday School Lesson

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freedom today is the appalling failure to see that genuine freedom must always have restrictions. If it does not, there is anarchy, and that is hardly freedom. C. If freedom is to be something which all men are to enjoy, then there must be some means of control, some

authority which provides supervision over the affairs of men. If, on the other hand, freedom is to be the privilege of a select company that in selfishness insists on disregarding the rights and privileges of others, then some means of determining who may belong to this select company must be developed. D. Members of the family of God have responsibilities not only to God, the unsaved, and other members of the family of God but also to human government. Scripture has a good deal to say about this responsibility. If there was ever a day when this truth needed to be emphasized, it is today.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

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Calvary FWB Church Plans Homecoming October 22

Homecoming will be observed at the Calvary Free Will Baptist in Wilson, North Carolina, on Sunday, October 22. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m., followed by the morning worship service at 10:45, with the pastor, the Rev. Dewey C. Boling, delivering the homecoming message. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds, followed by an afternoon program of singing. All members, former members, former pastors, and friends are cordially invited to attend these services.

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Not An Accident, But An Incident

A minister was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Hours later, he regained consciousness as he lay on a hospital bed. He asked, "Nurse, why am I here?" She whispered, "Be very quiet! You have had an accident." Later, during his convalescence, the minister said, "That wasn't an accident! It was only an incident!"

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THE PLAIN TRUTH ISN'T IN ARMSTRONG

"Jesus Christ did not come to convert the world!" Thus spoke the dynamic, impressively handsome, eloquent, authoritative Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in one of his recent telecasts. Furthermore, according to Mr. Armstrong, Christ was never divine until His resurrection. That is the "plain truth," says he. In our opinion, he wouldn't know the truth if it were to hit him in the face. Also, his intelligence must be rather limited, or at least his perception must be if he can read the Bible and arrive at some of his so-called "factual" statements. In actuality his IQ is supposed to be way above normal, but we feel that his capacity to learn has either made him a foolish discernor of facts or has made him devoid of rationality. The fact is that he *defies* his millions of listeners and viewers to prove him wrong. "Sue me," he challenges, "if you can prove that what I'm saying is not the truth." This is all part of a well-established bluff which for the most part has gone uncontested.

Granted, Garner Ted has a most pleasant voice, one that flutters the hearts of women and creates envy in men. Also, his steel gray hair and interesting features compel at least a glance from time to time, and his gestures emphasize what he's saying to the extent that one has little doubt that he really believes what he's saying; and his trying his utmost to convince those watching is a settled fact. "Don't take my word," he says, "go to your Bible." Yet, he states what he says in such a way that most of his viewers and listeners don't really feel it necessary to delve into the Word; for certainly, Garner Ted would not lie! This is all part of the plot.

Sometime ago, four months to be exact, the 80-year-old founder of "The World Tomorrow," Herbert W. Armstrong ousted his son, Garner Ted, from the organization because of disciplinary problems. According to reports, Garner Ted for some reason had fallen into the bonds of Satan. It was understood that he had taken liberties with his father's strict legalism and had failed to curb his natural inclination toward expensive taste in clothes and other nonessentials. Now the prodigal Garner Ted is back in his father's good graces and is coming on stronger than ever.

God is not a trinity, according to Armstrongism; yet our Bible conclusively states that God exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The teaching that *we* will be God sometime in the future is ridiculous. The Bible states that *we* will be with Him (if we are Christians), that our bodies will be glorified; but nowhere does it say that *we* will be God. According to Armstrongism, salvation comes not by faith only, but by faith plus the keeping of the Old Testament legalistic system (dietary laws, etc.). The New Testament might as well be disregarded, if this be the case.

Herbert W. believes that he is the only person capable of interpreting divine will. Even his go-getting son does not share this privilege. And Herbert W. further believes that he is the guardian of the Scriptures, that no gospel was preached between A. D. 69 and 1934, at which time he came upon the scene and restored truth to the world. Boy! What an opinion he has of himself! Wonder if he's kin to the Pope?

Garner Ted, like his father, has a convincing manner. He rails against divorce, campus riots, pollution, war of all types, civil unrest, and tearfully sympathizes with starving children. At first glance, one would think: "Oh, what a wonderful man of God!" And he doesn't even plead for money as do so many other radio and TV evangelists. But, to call his, "The Worldwide Church of God," the only true church, and to say that all other historical, fundamental churches are guilty of apostasy—well, it's just too much! In other words, all of today's churches, with the exception of Armstrong's, are false and heretical. The Early Church fathers must be champing at their bits to get out of their graves!

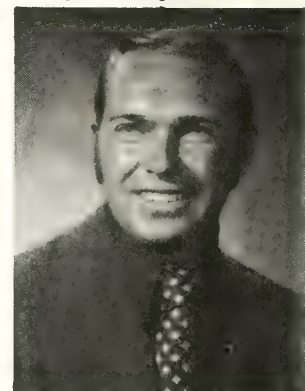
Educationally, Armstrongism reaches thousands through its publications of "The Plain Truth" and "Tomorrow's World" and its Ambassador College, impressively situated on at least three campuses in California, Texas, and England. The college program claims to provide a missing dimension in education: that ability to find peace, happiness, abundant well-being, the building of favorable character, and superior intellectual values—all very interesting and noteworthy, wouldn't you say? Yet, the personnel on the staffs of these campuses have unimpressive educational backgrounds. Most degrees owned by the professors were given by Ambassador College itself. Therefore, there is little that needs to be said here. But as a throw-in, we must inform you that we have unearthed information that shows Ambassador College to be unaccredited.

The college is not the thing that worries us most—its being or not being accredited. What worries us most are the doctrinal teachings of Armstrongism which we feel are detrimental to good Christian living. For example: As we pointed out earlier, Armstrongism denies the Trinity, teaches that man will be God, and insists that salvation involves work instead of grace. Further, Armstrongism teaches that tobacco is taboo, while the use of alcohol is acceptable. Also, Christmas and Easter are pagan holidays. There are other claims, the most erroneous probably being the belief that the only true church is that of Herbert W. Armstrong, who is the only person capable of interpreting the Bible in these last days.

Garner Ted, much like his father of years ago, knows how to sway the masses. He cannot properly be called a genius (though this term had been applied to him many times), for even one as unknowledgeable as this writer can see through him. And to call him a saint? Well, that would take a lot of something that we do not have!

Volumes could be written about Armstrong's cult. In fact, dear reader, you are probably tired of this discussion and are blessing us for the fact that we haven't the space to write more at this time.

If we may, however, let us conclude by saying that we believe that Armstrong is way off base, and that no matter how great a claim he makes, it is our contention that the plain truth just isn't in him. What do you think?



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THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

The Pastor as a Christian Educator

The most critical problem that faces the Free Will Baptist Church today at the local level is its program of Christian education. In the broad view, it is going to measure up to the challenge of the times. Our paramount need is to become aware of the changed world situation in which the church functions today. We must then reorient our educational function to the modern cultural situation in such a manner as to achieve realistic and effectively our self-given purpose.

Christian education is one of the chief functions of the church. Since its beginnings education has played an indissolubly vital role in the church's welfare and advance. The basic aims, content, and techniques of Christian education have remained the same throughout

by Charles W. Crisp

For nearly two thousand years but approaching modern forms, and programs have changed with changing times. In this crucial period in the history of the world it is imperative that pastors face the situation and take appropriate action. There are approximately thirty thousand people enrolled in Free Will Baptist Sunday schools in our state. Their potential in growth and development of our denomination and the kingdom of God is tremendous. I am convinced the pastor is the key to this development. What can the pastor do to develop this mighty potential for Christ and the church?

1. The pastor should formulate the policies for the Christian education program of the church. He should be the coordinator of ideas. He must be a resourceful person who knows the field better than anyone else in the church; it is, as it relates to the church program. He must have a strong philosophy

of Christian education, recognizing that philosophy always precedes action. He must answer the question "What?" before "Why?"

2. The pastor should take the lead in planning and promoting a realistic program of Christian education. Planning must not only be immediate but long-range as well. Long-range goals and aims must be clearly established, so as to be moving in a particular direction in the work. Planning must also move into every age area, so that within the total program of the church, there are age level programs which are meeting the needs of the pupils. The pastor also gives balance in promotion and planning in the Christian education program.

3. The pastor correlates and unifies the many educational agencies of the church.

4. The pastor interprets the educational program and its objectives to the leadership and to the congregation. He must be an enthusiast, one who is completely sold on the ministry of training. He must be an educator with a knowledge of source materials, programs, and methods that is up-to-date and relevant to the times.

5. The pastor should supervise the educational program of his church. He is the counselor for the teaching staff and sponsors of other educational agencies within the church. He is also a reproducer, one who is constantly working with others to the end that the training work of the church may be expanded. In his supervision he needs to emphasize the need for quality growth as well as quantity growth.

6. The pastor must develop a plan for the discovery, enlistment, and training of lay leadership. This is continuous work and is one of the keys to a successful program of Christian education in the church.

7. The pastor informs the church as

High Honor Conferred On Cameron Townsend

Santa Ana, California — The Seventh Inter-American Indian Congress, meeting in Brasilia, Brazil, in August, named W. Cameron Townsend "Benefactor of the Indian Peoples." Townsend is the founder of the Summer Institute of Linguistics and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The occasion marked an unusual departure for the Indian Congress, which had never before conferred such a high honor on a Westerner. The honor was thought by some to be paralleled only by the recognition of Bartolome de las Casas who in 1516 was named "Protector of the Indians" by the Spanish cardinal, Jimenez de Cisneros.

Following is a complete text of the proclamation released from the Organization of American States in Washington, D. C., on September 18 after a brief ceremony:

"The Seventh Inter-American Indian Congress, held in Brasilia from August 7 to 11, 1972, recognizing the outstanding services rendered by Doctor William Townsend, director of the Summer Institute of Linguistics, to the majority of the countries of the Americas and to many others in the world; and

"Aware that, thanks to those services, the monolingual forest peoples, in general were able to communicate with other communities, thus achieving a growing integration among nations and beneficial relations with other peoples,

"Agrees to proclaim William Townsend benefactor of the linguistically isolated human groups in the Americas."

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"I'll Exchange You"

An aged Scot told how he was converted: "When I was sixty years old, the Lord Jesus said to me, 'Sandy, 'I'll exchange you! Then he took my misspent life and gave me a new life.'"

to educational needs. He must be aware of up-to-date trends and must present the needs of the program clearly to the congregation and especially to those on whom he must depend for support.

Christian education for today and tomorrow must be God-based, Bible-centered, and pastor-led, if it is to be successful. May we as pastors rise up and lead in this part of the "Great Commission."



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Scripture Reading—Joshua 24:15

SOMETHING PRECIOUS BROUGHT INTO THE HOME

One Sunday a deacon heard a stirring, heart-gripping message on the family altar. He resolved, "I'm going home and begin to have family prayers and read God's Word."

After dinner the deacon got his Bible. He had never prayed before in the presence of his two children, aged nine and eleven. He read the Bible with little difficulty. Then he tried to pray, but without success. Words would not come to him. His children began to giggle. The mother smiled; he, wanting to be a good sport, smiled too. Beneath the forced smile, however, was an aching heart. Going to his room, he knelt and asked God to forgive him for his failure.

After dinner the next night, the deacon again opened his Bible and began to read. Then he prayed. There was no laughing—only a sense of God's presence and peace. At the conclusion of the prayer, his children put their arms around his neck and affectionately kissed him. He had brought something abidingly precious into his home.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Doesn't God say "Ask, and it shall be given you"? So, if you wish for help in your daily worship, ask God and see if He doesn't answer your prayer.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 1:30, 31

"IF YE WILL NOT HEARKEN"

Early one morning a rockslide occurred near the summit of Snoqualmie Pass in the state of Washington. Boulders crashed thunderously down a mountain, splintering trees on their downward, destructive plunge. They swept over a highway, demolishing two huge trucks and trailers.

When the rumbling was first heard, a flagman stopped both trucks and shouted, "Don't go farther! Run for your lives!" One driver heeded the warning and ran, and he barely escaped with his life.

The other driver remained in his cab, just to see what would happen. Hours later, his crushed body was removed from

the demolished cab by workmen using large jacks, pry bars, and shovels to remove the debris and boulders.

How like that heedless truck driver are many today who, heedless of God's warning, go on in the downward way to death and destruction!

PRAYER THOUGHT

Don't become a "second truck driver." It's much easier to put yourself in God's hands, and let Him show you the right way to salvation.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Scripture Reading—Psalm 126:6

"HE THAT GOETH FORTH AND WEEPETH"

When visiting a little-known island in the Pacific, Dr. John G. Paton was amazed to find the natives observing the Lord's Day. Two old men kept track of the day. On the first day of the week, all work ceased. The two oldsters put on their calico shirts, which were kept especially for Sunday wear. They told as many as would listen all that they could remember of what a stranger had told them about Jesus many years previously.

Dr. Paton asked them, "From whom did you learn the things you are telling others about Jesus?"

They said, "Long, long ago someone came to our island, gave each of us a calico shirt, and told us the story of Jesus."

"Do you remember his name?" asked Dr. Paton.

"Oh, yes," they said. "His name was Paton!"

Dr. Paton recalled that thirty-three years before, he had stopped at this island for a few days. The calico shirts were well worn, but having been used only on Sundays, they were in fairly good condition.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Wouldn't it be a wonderful experience if we could witness for the Lord as this man did and wouldn't be forgotten?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Luke 18:1

AN ANSWER FROM THE WORD

Ben Wilcox, a fine Christian layman of Cleveland, Ohio, was close to death's door. Peritonitis had set in. After being told that immediate surgery was necessary, he began to pray, "Lord, You know I love You. My chiefest joy has been to tell others about You. Now, Lord, give me some assurance from Your Word that I will come through this ordeal to praise You and continue to tell others that the day of miracles hasn't passed.

Quietly Ben said, "Thank you, Lord. Your grace is now sustaining me. I have no fear."

The operation lasted for four and one-half hours. "There is only a slim chance that he will recover," the surgeon said to the waiting loved ones.

After seven days in the hospital, Ben emerged. Today he is an active, practicing

Christian. His life exemplifies a portion of the verse that God gave to him: "And thou shalt glorify me."

PRAYER THOUGHT

This is a true example of what the Lord said many times; he that asks may receive God's blessings.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Scripture Reading—Matthew 16:26

"HAVE YOU COUNTED THE COST?"

The thrilling story of the rescue of Morris Baetzold from a rocky cave in Hinckley, Ohio, was told in newspapers throughout the nation. The boy's seemingly hopeless entrapment brought to Hinckley members of the National Capital Cave Rescue team, members of the National Speleological Society, and an expert rescue team from the U. S. Bureau of Mines in Cincinnati, Kentucky, near Mammoth Cave. Cave experts were flown in from Washington and a lot of rescue equipment was brought.

In commenting on the great expenditure of time and money to rescue the boy, 18-year-old Chief Paul Chodera said, "Our services for the voluntary services of the rescue squad were free. After all, what is a life actually worth? I estimate the total cost of the rescue of the boy was around \$250,000."

After twenty-five and a half hours, Morris was brought up from what would have been his tomb without the heroic and sacrificial efforts of many volunteer helpers.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We do need help when we become "lost" but the help we should want is from our Lord.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Scripture Reading—1 John 3:15

INWARDLY WICKED

One day Walter said, "Larry did a mean thing to me. I feel like knocking his head off." In God's sight, Walter was guilty of hurting Larry though he never did it.

One day Jane said, "Pamela said something about me that was not true. I'll even with her if it's the last thing I do." Shortly after, Pamela and her family moved to another city. Jane never got even with Pamela, but she was as guilty before God as if she had. It was in her heart to turn evil for evil.

Jesus taught that if the desire to do evil is in our hearts, we are as guilty before God as if we had done the evil.

PRAYER THOUGHT

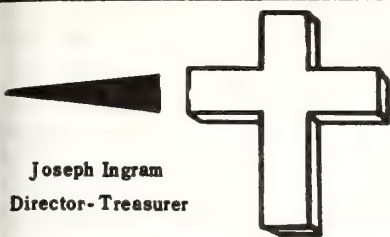
We should not hold grudges against fellowman for his wrongdoings. Pray the Lord to forgive us if we do.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Scripture Reading—Genesis 31:49

"YOU CAN'T GO, MOTHER"

"But you just can't go, Mother. I can't get along without you," said Jane who was the oldest girl in a large family. (continued on page thirteen)



MISSIONS

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer

Sunday in Acuna— June 25

by Mattie Lou Link

All night long Vance had tossed and turned. What a miserably hot night it had been! It was Sunday morning and had to get ready to go into Mexico to spend the day. Mrs. Timmons and I decided to take a picnic lunch so we wouldn't have to eat out in a restaurant. When I started frying the chicken Vance got so sick of the smell of hot oil that he left and went over to the classroom and stood in front of the air conditioner for a few minutes! He ate no breakfast.

Mr. Timmons came over for a few minutes and, seeing the condition Vance was in, suggested that we come home to our church and drive back over to Acuna that night.

We had been to Acuna before, but not to Gethsemani Church. We arrived at 1:03 and I was delighted to find out that we were late! That meant that Sunday school started on time—it was 1:03 Mexican time! (To us, starting church services on time is a good testimony!)

A slightly bald man was leading the singing. He would announce a song and begin to sing it. No matter what key he pitched a song in, their guitar player, Mr. Sanchez, picked it up and played the accompaniment. The music was so beautiful! How it blessed our hearts! After much singing, Scripture reading and prayer, the children were dismissed and their young pastor, Isaias Lugo, preached and taught the adults. He spoke with expression and asked many questions. How we wished we could understand what he was saying.

Later we sang hymns again. Brother Sanchez had met us before and knew that I played the piano. After getting a look with the music in it (most hymn books only have words), I went to the front and played as we sang a few hymns. It was a thrilling experience; I couldn't even understand the words they were singing!

Later, something was said about the

"ninos." Mrs. Timmons told me that we were to give the child evangelism class that morning instead of in the evening. The children still had not returned, so we were taken to a home right beside the church for the children's Bible class. As we walked into the home, the children were sitting down very quietly while Mrs. Lugo talked to them. She had just finished her lesson so we started right in with our class. They listened so intently. How sweet they were with little bright sparkling eyes and white teeth showing behind their friendly smiles. At the close of our lesson, several made professions of faith and we closed in prayer. Then we walked quietly back to the church.

Vance had preached the morning sermon! (He barely finished before he had to excuse himself and run outside. After losing his Saturday night supper he returned.) As the children entered the church they went up to the front and stood. I had to ask them questions (through Mrs. Timmons) and let them answer before the church. This technique is used to get the children to pay attention during Sunday school and the children's church.

Everyone was so friendly to us. After church Mr. Sanchez played for us and sang a beautiful song he had written himself: "Solo Es Christo."

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That night we enjoyed another service in the church on the cliff. Mr. Timmons preached. It sounded like a very powerful message, but we couldn't understand the words. That night there were two young boys who also played stringed instruments with Mr. Sanchez. This church is painted yellow on the inside and is made of wood (unusual, in Mexico). Their little homemade benches were painted yellow also. It was perhaps one of the most attractive churches we visited. The white curtains were tied together in the middle of the window and a refreshing breeze blew across the congregation.

There were egg carton flowers and decorations on the wall that looked like Bible school craftwork. I learned later that that was part of the decorations

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and Thou Shalt Be Saved"

JUNE 26

by Mattie Lou Link

When we turned the corner they saw us! With a cry of glee the children jumped up and down and came running to meet us. They followed us into the church and seated themselves and waited expectantly!

This church was small and incomplete. It was built out of cinder blocks and had a tin roof. The floor was made of dirt and there was a platform extending across the front which was also made of dirt. There were three light bulbs extending from the ceiling but only the front one worked. This was the Bethel church of which Mr. Antonio Lopez is the minister. He and his family live directly behind the church in an adobe home.

The church was filled with children. The older ones held little ones. They listened well and there was a good response to the invitation. There were benches along the sides of the church as well as benches in the middle. All of these were filled by the time church began. People stood at the windows, some little children sat on the floor at the door on the side, and other people stood at the back of the church!

Vance preached, and Mr. Timmons translated. Even though it was dark inside the church, the warm glow of the eternal light brightened our hearts, and moved in lives of hungry souls. Three adults were wondrously saved. Among these was an old white-haired man.

We have been constantly amazed at the wonderful power of God. He can use plain, ordinary folks like us, who can only speak in a foreign language to these people, and who have to depend on someone else to tell them everything we say. The odds were against us, but praise God, for the One who created us was in control. "With God on our side, who could be against us!" God doesn't depend on our abilities; He just needs people that are willing to be available.

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HEAVENLY-MINDED

Said Dr. Vance Havner, "Some people are so heavenly-minded that they are of no earthly use."

being prepared for a big event happening there on Tuesday.

News & Notes

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DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Hinnant Attends Meeting, Board of Directors, FWB Press

The Rev. R. N. Hinnant of Denham Springs, Louisiana, former president of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, was in attendance at a meeting of the board on Monday, October 16. The members of the board welcomed Mr. Hinnant's presence cordially.

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Peace FWB Church Plans Revival, Glenn to Speak

A revival will be held at the Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, during the week of October 30—November 4. Services will be at 7:30 each evening, with the Rev. Earl Glenn as the visiting evangelist. The Rev. W. L. Poythress, pastor, will assist in the services.

The pastor and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

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Union Meeting of Piedmont Conference To Be Held on October 28

A union meeting of the churches and ministers of the Piedmont Conference will be held on Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m., at the Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church in Hamlet, North Carolina. In order to reach the church, take the East Rockingham road on U. S. 1 (South).

Churches and ministers of the Piedmont Conference are urged to be in attendance.

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Saint Mary's Grove Church Announces Youth Revival

Youth revival services will be held at Saint Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, on November 9-12. The Rev. John Williams, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, will be the evangelist. The week-day services will begin each evening at 7:30 and the Sunday morning service, November 12, at the eleven o'clock hour.

The pastor, the Rev. Ranton H. Jackson, and the members cordially invite the public to attend these services.

Second Union Meeting, Western Conference, to Be Held

The Second Union Meeting of the Western Conference will be held at People's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Elm City, North Carolina, on Saturday, October 28. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.; adjournment will be at 12 noon.

The following is the program:

Hymn
Welcome, People's Chapel Church
Response, New Sandy Hill Church
Devotion, People's Chapel Church
Moderator's Remarks
Appointment of Committees
Reading of the Minutes
Treasurer's Report
Roll Call of Churches
Roll Call of Ministers
Denominational Reports (including Cragmont, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes)
Offering
Hymn
Business Session
Special Music, People's Chapel Church
Message, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
Hymn
Benediction
Adjournment

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Second Union SS Convention Of Central Conference to Meet

The Sunday School Convention of the Second Union of the Central Conference will meet October 29 at 3 p.m. at the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina. Steve Little, president of the convention, invites all area Sunday schools to be in attendance.

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Revival Services in Progress At Juniper Chapel Church

Revival services are being held this week at Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Vanceboro, North Carolina. The services began Monday, October 23, and will continue through Saturday, October 28. The Rev. Billy Twiddy of Lowland, North Carolina, is the guest evangelist.

The public is invited to attend the remaining services.

Fifth Union Meeting of Eastern Conference Planned, October 28

The Memorial Free Will Baptist Church of Chocowinity, North Carolina, will host to the Fifth Union Meeting of Eastern Conference on Saturday, October 28. The host pastor is the Rev. F. Cauley. The program is as follows:

10:00—Hymn
—Devotional, the Rev. Charlie Rice Jr.
—Welcome, the Rev. Roy Cauley
—Response, Mrs. Marie Whitford
10:15—Roll Call of Ministers
—Recognition of Visiting Ministers
10:25—Reading of Minutes
—Roll Call of Churches
—Offering for Children's Home
10:50—Reports of Denominational Entities
11:15—Business Session
11:30—Report of Finance Committee
—Announcements
11:40—Special Music, Host Church
11:55—Worship Service
—Message, the Rev. C. R. Ethridge
—Adjournment
—Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Pleasant Hill Church Plans Revival and Homecoming

The Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Calico crossroads on N. Highway 43 in Pitt County, North Carolina, will hold revival services Monday, October 30—Saturday, November 4. Services will be at 7:45 p.m. The Rev. Robert Lee Norville will bring the message.

Homecoming will be held at Pleasant Hill church on Sunday, November 5. A full day's activity has been planned. Sunday school, morning worship, luncheon, and an afternoon singspiration. Harmony Quartet from Kinston, North Carolina, as well as choirs, groups, and soloists from other churches, will be featured during the homecoming.

The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Willis, and the congregation invite former members, former pastors, and friends to be in attendance.

Coming Events . . .

November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference
Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Fayetteville, North Carolina

November 8, 9—Central Conference
Original Free Will Baptists. Friends Church, Greene County, North Carolina

Annual Session of Central Conference Meeting at Friendship FWB Church

The two hundred twenty-fourth annual session of the North Carolina Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will convene at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina, on November 8, 9. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday Morning

- 8:00—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
- 9:00—Devotions, Mr. Dannie Braswell
- 9:15—Welcome, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 9:20—Response
- 9:25—Moderator's Message, the Rev. Jack Mayo
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Appointment of Committees
- 9:45—Report of State Convention
- 9:55—Report of Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 10:05—Report of Superannuation Board, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 10:15—Report of Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Rev. Graham Lane
- 10:30—Morning Worship
 - Introductory Sermon, the Rev. Charles W. Crisp; Alt. Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 11:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

- 2:15—Devotions, Mr. Scott Sowers
- 2:25—Business Period
 - Partial Report of Credentials Committee
 - Report of Executive Committee
 - Report of Central Conference Missions
 - Report of Trustees
 - Report of Central Conference Historian, Mrs. H. L. Spivey
 - Report of Cragmont, the Rev. De Wayne Eakes
- 3:15—Adjournment

Thursday Morning

- 9:00—Final Registration
- 9:30—Devotions, the Rev. James Lupton
- 9:40—Business Period
 - Reading of Minutes of Previous Day and Business Period
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Report of Obituary Committees
 - Report of Temperance Committee
 - Report of Resolutions Committee
- 10:30—Ordaining Council Report
- 10:40—Report of State Mission Board, the Rev. Joe Ingram
- 10:50—Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. B. Raper

- 11:05—Report of Church Finance Association, the Rev. Hubert Burress
- 11:15—Final Report of Credentials Committee Treasurer, the Rev. L. B. Woodall
- 12:00—Morning Worship, the Ordaining Council

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Cape Fear Conference Session To Meet at Faith FWB Church

The one hundred eighteenth session of the Cape Fear Conference will convene at the Faith Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina, on November 2, 3. A copy of the program follows.

Thursday Morning

- 9:15—Registration
- 10:00—Congregational Singing
 - Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez
- 10:10—Welcome, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley
 - Response, the Rev. C. M. Coats
- 10:15—Call to Order, Conference Secretary
 - Registration Rules Explained by Credentials Committee Chairman, the Rev. John David Hill
 - Roll Call of Officers
 - Roll Call of Churches
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Moderator's Remarks, the Rev. Henry Armstrong
 - Appointment of Committees
- 10:30—Congregational Singing
 - Sermon, the Rev. Eddie Edwards
- 11:00—Report of Children's Home, the Rev. A. Graham Lane
- 11:15—Song and Praise Time
- 11:30—Sermon, the Rev. Earl H. Glenn
- 12:00—Recess for Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:15—Congregational Singing
- 1:30—Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Earl Johnson
 - Partial Report of Credentials Committee
 - Report of Executive Committee
 - Report of Ordaining Council, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez
 - Report of Cape Fear Sunday School Convention, Mr. John Adcox

Friday Morning

- 10:00—Congregational Singing
 - Scripture and Prayer, the Rev. O. K. Peedin
- 10:10—Report of Cape Fear Mission Board, the Rev. Taylor Hill
- 10:20—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Carl Dudley
- 10:30—Report of Cape Fear Ministers'

Conference, the Rev. J. Walter Stanley

- 10:35—Report of Board of Education, the Rev. John Raeford Lee
- 10:40—Congregational Singing
 - Sermon, the Rev. Melvin Moore
- 11:10—Mount Olive College Report
- 11:25—Song and Praise Time
- 11:45—Sermon, the Rev. Herman Wooten
- 12:15—Recess for Lunch

Friday Afternoon

- 1:30—Congregational Singing
 - Scripture and Prayer, Mr. Atlas Hogg
- 1:40—Report of Denominational Enterprises
 - Report of Temporary Committees
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Closing Business Session
 - Adjournment
- Gene B. Britt, Song Leader

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Union Meeting of Cape Fear Conference Meets October 28

The Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference will convene on Saturday morning, October 28, with the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina. The moderator is the Rev. C. Felton Godwin. The pianist and organist of the local church will play for this service. The program is as follows:

- 10:00—Hymn, Congregation
 - Devotions, the Rev. Roy T. Clifton
 - Welcome, the local minister
 - Response, the Rev. Eddie Edwards
- 10:15—Enrolment of Officers and Ministers
 - Recognition of Visitors
 - Reading of Minutes
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Roll Call of Churches
 - Reports of Denominational Enterprises
 - Miscellaneous Business
- 11:15—Worship Service
 - Hymn, Congregation
 - Special Music, Shady Grove Church
 - Offering
 - Message, the Rev. Gene B. Britt
- 12:00—Report of Treasurer
 - Unfinished Business
 - Adjournment and Benediction
 - Lunch and Christian Fellowship

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Christian Chapel Mission Plans Revival

The Christian Chapel Free Will Baptist Mission on the old Highway 421 out of Lillington, North Carolina, is holding revival services during the week of November 5-10. A different evangelist (continued on page ten)

INFORMATION ABOUT **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. A. GRAHAM LANE, Acting Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the months of July and August, 1972. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing but totals are shown here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for July and August, 1972, compared with July and August, 1971.

JULY

| Religious Contributions Received | 1972-73 | 1971-72 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 486.58 | \$ 254.73 | \$ 231.85 |
| Blue Ridge Association | 11.70 | 33.88 | (22.18) |
| Cape Fear Conference | 628.57 | 984.40 | (355.83) |
| Central Conference | 1,835.00 | 1,625.03 | 209.97 |
| Eastern Conference | 2,205.74 | 2,421.95 | (216.21) |
| Pee Dee Association | 182.93 | 430.05 | (247.12) |
| Piedmont Conference | | 80.00 | (80.00) |
| Rockfish Conference | | 13.00 | (13.00) |
| Toe River Association | | 58.79 | (58.79) |
| Western Conference | 2,257.64 | 1,755.47 | 502.17 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 123.33 | 16.00 | 107.33 |
| Other States | | 55.00 | (55.00) |
| Total Religious Contributions | \$ 7,731.49 | \$ 7,728.30 | \$ 3.19 |
| Legacies and Bequests | | 184.15 | (184.15) |
| Parents and Relatives | 834.20 | 1,107.65 | (273.45) |
| Friends and Others | 1,790.00 | 215.00 | 1,575.00 |
| Canteen Sales | 203.50 | 276.50 | (73.00) |
| Refunds | 112.11 | 53.59 | 58.52 |
| Farm Income | 1,444.86 | 1,161.59 | 283.27 |
| Dividends | | 1.24 | (1.24) |
| Miscellaneous | 36.81 | | 36.81 |
| Total Other Income | \$ 4,421.48 | \$ 2,999.72 | \$ 1,421.76 |
| Total for July | \$12,152.97 | \$10,728.02 | \$ 1,424.95 |
| The above was received for the following: | | | |
| General Fund | \$12,112.97 | \$10,598.02 | \$ 1,514.95 |
| Van Savings Account | 40.00 | 25.00 | 15.00 |
| Education Aid Fund | | 100.00 | (100.00) |
| Jesse Woodard Education Fund | | 5.00 | (5.00) |
| | \$12,152.97 | \$10,728.02 | \$ 1,424.95 |

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING — JULY

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|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------|
| Albemarle Conference | | Hopewell | 65.00 |
| Corinth | \$100.00 | Johnston Union | 200.00 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 100.00 | Lee's Chapel | 15.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 43.65 | Palmer Memorial | 13.76 |
| Union Meeting | 17.73 | Robert's Grove | 20.00 |
| S. S. Convention | 64.64 | St. Mary's Grove | 5.00 |
| Union Chapel | 160.56 | Shady Grove | 45.00 |
| Blue Ridge Association | | West Clinton | 125.70 |
| Cedar Hill | 11.70 | Yelverton Grove | 119.11 |
| Cape Fear Conference | | Central Conference | |
| Casey's Chapel | 10.00 | Aspen Grove | 160.00 |
| Goldsboro | 10.00 | Ayden | 50.00 |

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| Black Jack | 117 |
| Community | 70 |
| Daniel's Chapel | 180 |
| Elm Grove | 10 |
| Faith | 19 |
| Free Union | 198 |
| Friendship | 49 |
| Greenville | 10 |
| Gum Swamp | 55 |
| Harrell's Chapel | 45 |
| Hickory Grove | 43 |
| Howell Swamp | 6 |
| Hull Road | 21 |
| LaGrange | 30 |
| Fourth Union | 197 |
| Second Union | 9 |
| Ormondsville | 8 |
| Owen's Chapel | 24 |
| Peace | 17 |
| Piney Grove | 35 |
| Reedy Branch | 230 |
| Roanoke Rapids | 7 |
| Rose Hill | 20 |
| Rose of Sharon | 35 |
| Spring Branch | 10 |
| Tarboro | 65 |
| Williamston | 3 |
| Winterville | 104 |
| Eastern Conference | |
| Antioch | 90 |
| Arapahoe | 10 |
| Beulaville | 30 |
| Bethlehem | 10 |
| Bethel | 10 |
| Bridgeton | 20 |
| British Chapel | 2 |
| Christian Chapel | 20 |
| Core Point | 10 |
| Core Creek | 68 |
| Deep Run | 71 |
| Edwards Chapel | 75 |
| Friendship (Jones) | 41 |
| Holly Springs | 233 |
| Juniper Chapel | 5 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 25 |
| Memorial | 10 |
| Eula Jones | 5 |
| Eastern Auxiliary Convention | 20 |
| Fifth Union | 136 |
| Mt. Zion | 30 |
| New Bethlehem | 20 |
| New Haven | 42 |
| Oriental | 220 |
| Pearsall's Chapel | 98 |
| Pilgrim's Home | 20 |
| Rock of Zion | 81 |
| Sandy Plain | 20 |
| Saint's Delight | 20 |
| Spring Hope | 10 |
| Sound View | 27 |
| St. Mary's | 560 |
| Vanceboro | 10 |
| Warsaw | 10 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 10 |

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| White Oak | 100.00 | Milbournie | 62.50 | Greenville | 110.00 |
| Wintergreen | 10.00 | Mt. Zion | 40.50 | Grimsley | 50.00 |
| Woodrow | 15.00 | New Sandy Hill | 25.00 | Gum Swamp | 5.00 |
| Pee Dee Association | | Oak Grove | 20.00 | Harrell's Chapel | 20.00 |
| Beaverdam | 100.00 | People's Chapel | 195.00 | Hickory Grove | 93.50 |
| Second Union | 50.00 | Piney Grove | 214.67 | Howell Swamp | 250.00 |
| Oak Grove | 32.93 | Pine Level | 25.00 | Hull Road | 159.00 |
| Western Conference | | Pleasant Grove | 72.00 | Fourth Union | 121.49 |
| Barnes Hill | 30.00 | Rains Crossroad | 20.00 | Ormondsville | 88.00 |
| Branch Chapel | 5.00 | Rosebud | 5.00 | Owen's Chapel | 50.00 |
| Everett's Chapel | 87.90 | Selma | 55.00 | Peace | 9.50 |
| Flood's Chapel | 50.00 | Sherron Acres | 200.00 | Reedy Branch | 75.00 |
| Fremont | 40.00 | Stancil's Chapel | 45.15 | Rocky Mount | 100.00 |
| Friendship | 37.32 | St. Mary's | 106.00 | Rose Hill | 50.00 |
| Holly Springs | 10.00 | Stony Hill | 25.00 | Rose of Sharon | 10.00 |
| Little Rock | 5.00 | Union Grove | 5.00 | Winterville | 318.32 |
| Marsh Swamp | 37.00 | Wilson | 745.00 | Eastern Conference | |
| Memorial Chapel | 92.60 | Statewide Bodies | | Bethlehem | 100.72 |
| Micro | 2.00 | Auxiliary Convention | 123.33 | British Chapel | 2.00 |

AUGUST

| Religious Contributions Received | 1972-73 | 1971-72 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 237.97 | \$ 500.03 | \$(272.06) |
| Blue Ridge Association | | 16.87 | (16.87) |
| Cape Fear Conference | 595.77 | 215.54 | 380.23 |
| Central Conference | 2,160.00 | 2,601.69 | (441.69) |
| Eastern Conference | 1,862.57 | 1,751.27 | 111.30 |
| Jack's Creek Association | 60.00 | 60.00 | |
| Pee Dee Association | 35.00 | 22.96 | 12.04 |
| Piedmont Conference | 207.09 | 36.13 | 170.96 |
| Toe River Association | 19.00 | 5.00 | 14.00 |
| Western Conference | 1,598.66 | 2,472.49 | (873.83) |
| Other States | 71.17 | | 71.17 |
| Auxiliary Convention | | 187.58 | (187.58) |
| Total Religious Contributions | \$ 6,847.23 | \$ 7,869.56 | \$(1,032.33) |
| Parents and Relatives | \$ 847.07 | \$ 864.30 | \$(37.23) |
| Friends and Others | 325.00 | 535.00 | (210.00) |
| Legacies and Bequests | 468.12 | 402.77 | 65.35 |
| Lantern Sales | 120.50 | 345.25 | (224.75) |
| Farm Income | | | |
| Refunds | 83.49 | 207.46 | (123.97) |
| Miscellaneous | 6.10 | | 6.10 |
| Total Other Income | \$ 1,850.28 | \$ 2,354.78 | \$(524.50) |
| Total for August | \$ 8,697.51 | \$10,224.34 | \$(1,556.82) |
| The above was received for the following: | | | |
| General Fund | \$ 8,687.51 | \$10,164.34 | \$(1,476.83) |
| Van Savings Account | 10.00 | | 10.00 |
| Jesse Woodard Fund | | 10.00 | (10.00) |
| Education Aid Fund | | 50.00 | (50.00) |
| | \$ 8,697.51 | \$10,224.34 | \$(1,556.83) |

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING — AUGUST

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|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Albemarle Conference | | Shady Grove | 90.00 | Jack's Creek Association | |
| Mt. Tabor | \$ 34.00 | Smithfield | 250.00 | Vale | 60.00 |
| Auxiliary Convention | 75.00 | Central Conference | | Pee Dee Association | |
| Shiloh | 78.97 | Aspen Grove | 151.00 | Union Meeting | 35.00 |
| Sound Side | 50.00 | Bethany | 10.00 | Piedmont Conference | |
| Cape Fear Conference | | Black Jack | 75.00 | E. Rockingham | 67.34 |
| Casey's Chapel | 10.00 | Community | 100.00 | Friendly Chapel | 30.00 |
| Daly's Chapel | 20.77 | Dilda's Grove | 120.98 | Piedmont Conference | 100.00 |
| Hopewell | 10.00 | Faith | 17.00 | Mt. Olive | 9.75 |
| Lee's Chapel | 60.00 | Free Union | 132.29 | Toe River Association | |
| St. Mary's Grove | 155.00 | Friendship | 43.92 | Minister's Fund | 19.00 |

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NEWS NOTES

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will bring the message each night. Special singing will be featured nightly. The public is invited.

In other news, the mission wishes to report that rest rooms are in the process of being built and should be completed by November 5. Any support that could be offered this project will be appreciated very much.

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Rice Honored at Service For "Pastor's Appreciation Day"

The Rev. Clifton Rice, pastor of the Ormondville Free Will Baptist Church, Ormondville, North Carolina, was honored at a "Pastor's Appreciation Day" service during the morning worship hour on Sunday, October 15.

Mr. Kenneth Bowen served as master of ceremonies for the service. A biography of Mr. Rice was read by Mrs. Sylvia Allen. Mrs. Lillian Tripp led the roll call of churches pastored by Mr. Rice; members then responded with greetings from their churches.

The speaker for the service was Mr. Charlie Council of Durham, North Carolina. Benediction was by Mr. Raymond McLawhorn, Ayden, North Carolina.

Mr. Rice was presented a love offering, along with other gifts in appreciation of his service.

Special guests included Mr. Rice's mother, Mrs. Rosa Rice of Arapahoe, North Carolina; two sisters, Mrs. Lois Scott of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Mrs. Leona Lee of Arapahoe; and a brother, Ronald Rice of Greenville, North Carolina.

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Revival Services Announced At Peace FWB Church, Pinetops

Revival services will be held at Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetops, North Carolina, during the week of October 30-November 4 at 7:30 each evening.

The evangelist will be the Rev. Earl Glenn of Goldsboro, North Carolina. The pastor, the Rev. W. L. Poythress, will assist in the services.

The church extends a cordial welcome to everyone.

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Halloween Party Activities Scheduled at Walstonburg

The annual anniversary of witches, ghosts, and goblins will be observed with a halloween party on Saturday, October 28, sponsored jointly by the Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Sunday School of Walstonburg, North Carolina, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Festivities will begin with a barbecue supper sponsored by the Laymen's League during the hours 5-7 p.m. The supper will be followed by a carnival and party in the educational building of the church from 7:15 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Games, booths, and prizes have been planned to please people of all ages. The evening will be climaxed with a cake walk, to be followed with refreshments.

Everyone, young and old, has a cordial invitation to attend and to participate in these hair-raising activities. As is now the custom, many churches sponsor these programs to keep the children off the streets and from possible unforeseen dangers.

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Revival to be Held at Daly's Chapel Church

Revival services will be held at Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Seven Springs, North Carolina, the week of October 30-November 4. The Rev. Bryce Rouse, pastor of May's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, will be the evangelist.

Services will begin each night at 7:30. Special music will be featured.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. Chris Singleton, extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

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Holy Springs Church to Hold Revival, Rivenbark to Speak

Revival services will be held at Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, beginning October 30 and continuing through Saturday, November 4. The Rev. Fred Rivenbark, pastor of the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Goldsboro, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Mr. Rivenbark will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. W. Royster Martin, who with the church membership invites everyone to attend.

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Annual Fall Revival At Pleasant Grove Church

The Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Route 2, Pikeville, North Carolina, is holding its annual fall revival this week, October 23-28, with services beginning each evening at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Joe Ingram is the guest evangelist. He is being assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald.

Special music is being featured each night. The pastor and the church membership invite the public to attend.

Welcome Home FWB Church Announces Homecoming

The annual homecoming of Welcome Home Free Will Baptist Church, Bettie, North Carolina, will be held on Sunday, October 29. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the homecoming message by the pastor, the Rev. Frank Brinson, during the eleven o'clock worship service. A picnic lunch will be served on the church grounds at noon.

A special song service featuring various groups from the area will follow after lunch.

All former members, pastors, and friends of the church are invited to attend.

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Reedy Branch Church Announces Homecoming and 172nd Anniversary

On Sunday, November 5, Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Winterville, North Carolina, will celebrate its one hundred seventy-second anniversary with homecoming day activities. The day will begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., to be followed by morning worship at eleven o'clock. At noon, the families of the church will spread a dinner on the grounds. At 1:15 p.m., as has been a custom for many years, the singers of the church will join singers from other churches for a songfest.

The pastor, the Rev. Willis Wilson, who is celebrating his ninth year with the church, will bring the message at the morning worship.

In the event of extremely bad weather, the dinner will be spread in Keel's Warehouse on Dickerson Avenue in Greenville, North Carolina.

Reedy Branch church invites all friends to come and to enjoy the day.

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Grimsley FWB Church Announces Mission Service

The Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, North Carolina, will hold a special mission service on Sunday October 29, at the eleven o'clock worship service. Special guests will be the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link. The pastor the Rev. Tom Miller, and the congregation invite you to join them for this special service.

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NOT FAR ENOUGH BACK

A critic told Billy Graham, "You preaching has put Christianity back one hundred years."

Graham replied, "That's not back far enough. We must go back to the cross of Christ and to the 'faith which was once delivered to the saints.'"

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid" (1 Timothy 5:24, 25).

Answer: The Bible tells us: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:9, 10); "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13); "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:9-11).

The Bible also teaches us who are Christians that all the saints must appear before the judgment seat of Christ to be judged for our rewards. "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:9, 10); "But he that doeth wrong shall receive the recompense of his work, according to the work which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" (Colossians 3:25).

The unsaved, but not us, shall appear before the great white throne judgment to be judged with Satan, the antichrist, and the false prophet, and to be consigned eternally to the lake of fire. "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on

it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:10-15).

Notice what was revealed to John concerning those that are saved: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4-6). This says that the dead not resurrected at this time will not be resurrected for another thousand years. The above describes the judgment for unsaved and gives as their final abode the one identical to that of Satan and his two spiritual workers—the same final abode. 1 Timothy 5:17-25 is, I think, including the saints, if not speaking exclusively of them.

Dr. Timothy J. Stone has the following to say on the latter verses of Scripture on Page 361 in his book, **Answering Your Questions**:

"In this passage (5:17-25), the Apostle Paul exhorts Timothy to exercise care in the choice of persons to fill public office in the church, and in some cases also with regard to discipline and restoring to fellowship. In some instances, virtue and good works are open and quite evident. In other instances, they do not always lie on the surface. On the other hand, there are open sinners, but also those whose hidden sins are not manifested as yet, but come to light later. Timothy, as the pastor and leader of the church, must use observation and good judgment in distinguishing among all these."

The Christian truly born again and taking advantage of "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. . . . If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7, 9) will have his sins going before him and they will be blotted out. "Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth" (Isaiah 38:17, 18); "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:55-57); "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile" (Psalm 32:1, 2); "He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19).

The sinner has Christ to whom he may come and be saved. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Hebrews 7:25, 26); "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18); "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are
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STORIES

for our youth



THE RUNAWAY

by KITTY MILLER

WHEN the school bus stopped near the trailer court, Mickey Blake trooped off and ran down the blacktop road toward the Blake farm. As soon as he reached the barn, he called out to the filly in the stall. "Hey, I'm home." Stroking her mane, he asked, "Did you miss me, girl? Were you waiting for me to come home?"

The filly lifted her head and let out a joyous whinny.

Mickey laughed and kept on talking to the filly. Then he looked up. Standing at the barn door was Lisa Dale, a new girl in his class at school. She lived at the trailer court.

"What do you want?" Mickey asked.

"Your sister invited me to play with her," Lisa replied.

"She's not home from school yet. Come back later."

"Could I wait for her?" Lisa asked.

"All right, but wait at the house."

"We always lived in the city. I've never touched a real horse before. Could I touch yours?" she asked.

"The filly's not mine," Mickey said. "We're boarding her for Mr. Walker. He works with my dad. He bought her at an auction last month for fifty dollars."

"I thought the horse was yours," Lisa said. "You're always talking about her at school."

"She knows me better than anybody else because I take care of her. Mr. Walker doesn't come out to see her very often. He's too busy."

"Do you ride her?" Lisa wanted to know.

"She's only eight months old. No one should ride her until she's almost two years old," Mickey told Lisa.

"Do you let her out of the barn?"

Mickey grinned. "Sure. I'm going to put her in the corral as soon as I change into my old clothes."

"Can I pet her?"

"Boy, you ask a lot of questions. All right. You can pet her, but don't do anything else until I come back."

"Thanks," Lisa said reaching out to touch the filly's head.

Mickey had just pulled on his sweat shirt when he heard a high, thin whinny. Then Lisa began to scream. He bounded down the stairs and flew out of the house, shouting, "What happened?"

Lisa started to cry.

"Where's the filly?" Mickey cried as he ran toward the barn.

"G-gone."

"Where?"

"She ran away." Lisa pointed to the black-topped road. "I wanted to help you. I opened the stall door, and she ran past me. I didn't know that horses run away."

"I told you not to do anything," Mickey called back as he jumped on his two-wheeler and pedaled down the road, mumbling to himself, "She's raring to go. Once she feels the freedom of the open road, she'll never stop until—" He winced at the thought of what could happen.

As he neared the highway, he saw his sister Kathy running toward him. "Mickey," she cried, "the filly ran away."

"Which way did she go?" he asked.

"Down the highway. I saw her when I got off the bus. She crossed the barrier and went into the other lane."

Mickey gripped the handlebars of his bike so hard that his knuckles turned white.

"I heard brakes screeching and saw two cars pulling off the road. The last I

saw of her she was cutting through Maple Gardens."

Mickey pedaled as fast as he could toward Maple Gardens, through the development, and onto the Tenth Street Bridge. He kept praying, Dear Lord, please help her not to get hurt or killed or get anyone else hurt or killed.

His lungs hurt. He could hardly breathe. He asked himself, What will Dad say? And Mr. Walker? I've got to save her.

As he reached the middle of the bridge, Mickey spied the filly. It was getting dark, and the automobile lights frightened her. She reared and let out a piercing neigh.

"Dear Lord, don't let her jump," he prayed. Jamming on the brakes, he walked toward the filly. "I'm here now," he said softly. "Everything's going to be all right now. I'm here, girl."

Mickey's breath caught hard in his throat. He reached for the filly and tried to calm her down. She neighed and shook her right foreleg. Mickey looked down and saw the bruise. He was examining it when a police car screeched to a stop behind him.

While the policeman phoned a veterinarian, Mickey kept talking to the filly. When Doc Foster arrived, he examined the filly's wound. "It's a bad bruise, but with proper care it'll be all right," he told Mickey, adding, "She's scared. You had better come along with her, or we'll never get her into the trailer."

At first the horse would not go into the trailer. But Mickey coaxed and soothed her, and she finally limped up the plank. The policeman pushed Mickey's bike into the trailer, and they started for home.

Lisa and Kathy met them at the farmhouse. Their eyes were red from crying. "It's her leg," he told them as he led the filly into the barn.

The girls followed Mickey. "I'm sorry," Lisa said.

"I know you didn't mean it, but next time, don't fool around when you don't know what you're doing," Mickey told her.

"I prayed all the while you were gone," Lisa said.

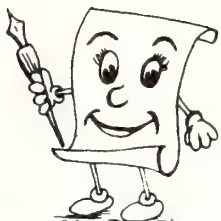
"So did I," Kathy whispered.

Mickey nodded. "I did too." Then he remembered to send up a prayer of thanks.

"Will you forgive me?" Lisa asked.

"Yes, but don't do it again," Mickey replied. "Now go home and don't come back—until tomorrow anyway." He leaned back.

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NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

Going to School with Jesus

Now that school is in full swing, some grades have been given already and you and your children have adjusted to the schedule: up early, grumpy, protesting; hustle, shuffle, hurry.

Even if you have no children in school you probably avoid some streets at particular times of day due to children crossing, or certain roads because of the school buses. You've adjusted to the schedule, too. School involves the whole country.

The children look forward to getting out. Some of them would be happy to lose up tomorrow and never have school again. A few upon graduation will say, "Well, that's that; I learned it and I don't have to learn anything again."

How many adults do you know who did just that? But the learning process is to continue throughout life. Products change, methods improve, and the housewife must know about cleaning products and how to use them, repackaging of familiar materials, new food products, equipment, wearing apparel and we're grateful for the "no-irons"! and furnishings. We learn something almost every day.

Learning should be a continual process for the Christian, also. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; . . ." (Matthew 11:29). We are old to grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18), and be like Him, meek, loving, forgiving, serving.

But how can one learn of Him who never reads the Bible? How can one be like Him who never talks with Him? How can one love like Him who never feels His love? How can one forgive who has never asked forgiveness? How can one work for Him who doesn't know what He wants done? One must read the Bible, pray, and meditate daily to learn of Him; for in reading His words,

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Wayne County Dinner Sets New Record

Wayne County held the first of the 1972 series of dinners for Mount Olive College on October 10 and set a new record in contributions. Gifts totaled \$6,000, an increase of 64 percent over the \$3,652 given last year.

Sixteen additional dinners will be held throughout eastern North Carolina during the next two months. "We believe the response to Mount Olive College this year is going to be the best since these annual dinners began ten years ago," President W. Burkette Raper declared. "We are experiencing a new awareness of the importance of the College to the Free Will Baptist Church, and I believe our people are ready to provide the funds we must have to keep our College strong and to enable it to grow," he added.

President Raper also noted that several churches used the dinner as an occasion to present special gifts to the chapel fund and in each case these churches had met or exceeded their dinner goal. "From the beginning of the chapel project we have operated on the faith that the chapel would stimulate rather than reduce support to the general fund, and the Wayne County dinner has vindicated this faith."

Ben Rollins of Goldsboro was chairman of the Wayne County dinner. Contributing churches and the amount of their gifts included:

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| Black Jack Grove, | \$ 5.00 |
| Casey's Chapel, | 517.50 |
| Fremont, | 100.00 |
| Goldsboro, First, | 250.00 |
| Grant's Chapel, | 50.00 |
| Indian Springs, | 100.00 |
| May's Chapel, | 125.00 |
| Mount Olive, | 1,130.00 |
| Northeast, | 215.00 |

talking with Him, and walking with Him, one learns to be like Him.

It isn't drudgery like regular school. With Him, it's a pleasure.

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| Pleasant Grove, | 1,400.00 |
| Pleasant Hill, | 387.50 |
| Spring Hill, | 475.00 |
| Stoney Creek, | 500.00 |
| Union Grove, | 590.00 |
| Walnut Creek, | 150.00 |
| Watery Branch, | 5.00 |
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| | \$6,000.00 |

Sufficient for The Day

Oh, ask not thou, "How shall I bear
The burden of tomorrow?"
Sufficient for the day its care,
Its evil and its sorrow;
God imparteth by the way,
Strength sufficient for the day.

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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Mother had been suddenly called away on a necessary mission.

Mother replied, "Dear, everyday I will write and encourage you. I will give you instructions for the care of the smaller children."

Mother kept her promise. Daily a letter came for her. How valuable were the suggestions she made from time to time:

"Forget the wrinkles in Johnnie's shirts, but be sure to kiss him and encourage him when he leaves for school. Don't forget Sally's birthday. Have a surprise party for her. Her love is not secure like yours, and she needs more care and attention!"

When Jane knelt to pray one night, she said, "Thank you, dear Lord, for taking Mother away from us for awhile. I would never have known about her beautiful thoughts about us. I know now that You used her absence to teach me lessons in kindness and helpfulness for others—especially the weaker ones!"—Adapted from a family experience.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a lovely story, but, oh, so true. We, oftentimes, forget that the weak need us far more than the strong and they can use all the love and help we can give them.

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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR NOVEMBER 5



The Church in the Secular State

Lesson Text: Daniel 6; Matthew 22:15-22; Acts 5:17-29

Memory Verse: Matthew 22:21

I. INTRODUCTION

This is a companion lesson to last Sunday's discussion on "Freedom Under Authority," in which we examined the Christian citizen's responsibility to government and its leaders. Today we continue this study by examining the relationship of the church to the secular state. What is that relationship? What responsibilities does the church have toward the state and the state to the church? What are our liberties inherent in the Constitution of the United States? These and similar questions are vital in today's changing secular society.

The Bill of Rights of our nation insures to the church freedom from interference and accords it certain rights that no other institution in the nation has. This is the inalienable right of separation of church and state.

Free Will Baptists have historically and practically endorsed and encouraged this separation. History tells us of the myriad ancient ills that the church suffered when joined to the state, and also tells us of the blessedness of liberty from the encroachments of unregenerated men who at times have led our government. But the principle of church-state separation does not grant Christians license to disregard government nor the right to disobey her civil laws. Nothing was more plainly taught by our Lord than obedience and subjection to the secular state and its laws and statutes—except when the allegiance required of us supersedes our primary obligation: loyalty to God and the ideals of Christian righteousness.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It is easy to say that one must render unto Caesar the things that are

Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. But this very statement recognizes that one must exist in two areas of relationship simultaneously. This would not present so much of a problem if those areas were always well defined. But sometimes Caesar forgets his role and tries to usurp divine prerogatives. This was true in the days of the primitive church. Eventually Caesar was deified, and citizens everywhere were required to bow down and worship the emperor's image and affirm, "Caesar is Lord!"

B. The pagans could do this without the least hesitancy because it made no difference to them how many gods were in the pantheon. But the Christian was placed under real stress because of his conviction that there was but one God and one Lord over all of life. There was ever the question as to whether to bow down before Caesar's image as a mere formality, and with mental reservations, and live, or to refuse absolutely and endure torture and die.

C. It is still not easy to sort the things of life out into two neat piles, one bearing the name of Caesar and the other labeled, "For the Lord!" One must sometimes overcome his own rationalizations and seek earnestly to know the will of God for his life. The person who says it is no problem for him is often shallow and superficial in his judgment. Citizenship in two domains will always be a source of tension, and for this reason we must learn tolerance with one another as we seek to know the will of God for ourselves.

D. It is not always easy to determine what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. The Father has not given us a prepackaged, ready-mixed easily-prepared recipe for life. He has not negated our rational powers nor abrogated the right of choice. There are involvements that demand study, meditation, and honest weighing of all facts. It should not be our goal to supply all of the answers that God has not supplied. It is enough that, as Christians, we try to measure

up to our responsibilities and order our lives as Jesus would have us do.

E. It has been the bane of religion in the past that men have set down in creedal statements what must be accepted by all in order to continue in their fellowship. These creeds intend to define and confine all relationships. They sometimes have driven good men out and kept bad men in. They have regulated, enforced, and punished the thinking of men. But God has never provided for such a dogmatic statement of principle. He has given us His Son as a pattern, and we must grow up in that Son into a maturity that makes personal decisions and is willing to take the responsibility for such choices at the final judgment.—Standard Lesson Commentary

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The Christian is in an unique position; he is a citizen of two worlds. He is a citizen of the country in which he lives physically in this world, and he is a citizen of heaven. It seems that Jesus gave the principle which binds the two loyalties of the Christian. He declared that the "heavenly country" is final and supreme; and a man in the state is to pay his tribute, and do his duty to the state; but always under the guidance and inspiration of his loyalty to God.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

B. Christians in our country and in many others are under two sovereigns—church and state, God and country. In times past, many countries of the world endorsed and practiced the union of church and state, and while it is true that for the most part these countries tolerated other religious persuasions, only the state religion was encouraged and aided.

C. The inherent weakness of such a system was not long in coming to light and it soon became apparent that genuine religious freedom could be had only through a complete separation of church and state; thus our founding fathers, desirous that religious freedom should be the privilege of all people, wisely founded a government wherein church and state exist as two separate entities neither of which has any jurisdiction over the other in matters pertaining to their own sphere of activity.

D. Though there have been some in every generation who have lamented the fact that the civil government does not enact laws that would encourage attendance and render assistance to their own particular persuasion, these have been in the minority, and most men are

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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ed over the stall and watched the veteri-
narian treat the filly's wound.

When the doctor finished, he told
Mickey how to make the applications for
her leg.

"Thanks, Doc, thanks a lot," Mickey
aid. "I'll see you again when you check
n her leg."

When the veterinarian left, Mickey
elephoned Mr. Walker. "I'm sorry it
appened. I wouldn't want anything to
appen to the filly," he explained.
"From now on I'll take extra good care
f her, Mr. Walker. Honestly I will."

"I know you will, Mickey," Mr. Walk-
r replied, adding, "I'm being transfer-
ed to South America for three years. I
an't take the roan with me. I know
ow much you love her and that she
oves you. If you want her, she's
ours."

"Oh, boy! Do you mean it, Mr. Walk-
r? Do you really mean it?"

Mr. Walker laughed. "She's yours,
Mickey. Take good care of her."

"I will, Mr. Walker, and thanks a lot."
Mickey flew out to the barn and shout-
d, "Guess what? The filly belongs to
ne now. Mr. Walker gave her to me.
sn't that great?"

Mickey squealed with delight.
Mickey stroked the filly's coat ten-
erly.

The filly let out a joyous whinny and
egan nuzzling the boy's face.

Mickey laughed and grabbed her
round the neck. "Boy, oh, boy," he
aid, "what a runaway you turned out
o be!"—My Pleasure.

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Questions & Answers

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heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
ake my yoke upon you, and learn of
e; for I am meek and lowly in heart:
nd ye shall find rest unto your souls.
or my yoke is easy, and my burden is
ght" (Matthew 11:28-30). The preced-
ng verses make clear an invitation to
ll that comes with a clear, definite
romise of salvation to those who re-
pond to God's call.

Then there are such verses as "He that
elieveth on the Son hath everlasting
fe: and he that believeth not the Son
hall not see life; but the wrath of God
oideth on him" (John 3:36), and "And
e said unto them, Go ye into all the
world, and preach the gospel to every

creature. He that believeth and is bap-
tized shall be saved; but he that be-
lieveth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:
15, 16).

Those who hear, including those who
read, may be saved if they only believe.
Then they have an opportunity to walk
in the light as He is in the light, to walk
by faith. Such individuals will come be-
fore Jesus at the meeting in the air,
having their sins to have gone before
them and judged in Christ. All whose
sins have not been confessed and for-
saken will go with such sins to the great
white throne judgment and will with
them be cast into the lake of fire. There
they will spend eternity with these wick-
ed companions whose lies they have ac-
cepted instead of the truth of God as
presented to us in the Bible.

Everyone who has had access to God's
Word and has not read it or heard it
will be whipped with many stripes as
compared to the heathen who finds he
must put forth effort to come by the
truth of God. None, however, are ex-
cused because it takes more effort. The
Bible says: "If any man will do his will,
he shall know of the doctrine, whether
it be of God, or whether I speak of my-
self" (John 7:17).

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Sunday School Lesson

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well pleased with this arrangement and
are fully convinced that the welfare and
the well-being of both church and state
is dependent upon maintaining it.—The
Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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| Western Conference | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Barnes Hill | 10.00 |
| Elwood Lane | 8.46 |
| Everett's Chapel | 197.10 |
| Friendship | 79.56 |
| Little Rock | 5.00 |
| First Union | 46.40 |
| Second Union | 20.27 |
| Marsh Swamp | 60.00 |
| Milbournie | 62.50 |
| New Sandy Hill | 50.00 |
| Oak Grove | 35.00 |
| People's Chapel | 230.00 |
| Pine Level | 5.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 2.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 75.00 |
| Pleasant Plain | 85.00 |
| Rosebud | 5.00 |

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|---------------------|--------|
| Sherron Acres | 125.00 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 27.37 |
| St. Mary's | 200.00 |
| Stony Hill | 45.00 |
| Unity | 50.00 |
| Union Grove | 38.00 |
| Wilson | 12.00 |
| Other States | |
| Laurel City, W. Va. | 41.17 |
| Shelby, Ohio | 30.00 |

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Housemother's
Message

by Miss Wendy Poole
Associate Housemother

I started working at the Home on May
4, 1972. I am really proud of the Chil-
dren's Home. It's had some hard times,
and there are always many needs, but
somehow it manages to keep going.
We're without a regular superintendent
at the present time, but the Rev. A. Gra-
ham Lane is filling in for us and doing
a fine job. Mr. Humphrey, our director
of campus life, does a wonderful job not
only in being a dad to the children, but
also in making sure that all necessary
jobs are done to keep us going.

During these few short months, I have
seen a lot of **happiness** and **loneliness**.
There is a familiar verse that goes "For
God so loved the world, that he gave his
only begotten Son, that whosoever be-
lieveth in him should not perish, but
have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God
has this much love for us—how much
love do we have for Him? To love God
we have to love one another. By loving
one another we will fill the lonely with
love, dry each tear with a smile, and
make life worth living for awhile.

Would you like to share God's love
with these 66 precious children?

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For Those Who Love
and Care

The Rev. Walter Carter, pastor of the
East Rockingham Free Will Baptist
Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, is
a patient at the Hamlet Hospital in Ham-
let, North Carolina. His room is num-
ber 233. Mr. Carter would like for all
of his friends to pray for him, for he is
in pain.

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FRAGILE
Life is fragile—handle it with prayer.

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS



THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW
Managers
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Cragmont Assembly Report for September, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor, treasurer of Cragmont Assembly Inc. reports as follows for September, 1972:

Balance September 1, 1972 \$4,990.29

| Receipts | |
|--|----------|
| Sunday Schools | \$118.66 |
| Sunday School Convention | 40.00 |
| Unions | 42.77 |
| Auxiliaries | 52.00 |
| YFA | 138.50 |
| Gifts | 80.00 |
| Piedmont Conference | 100.00 |
| Mrs. H. L. Spivey | 61.00 |
| N. C. FWB Woman's Auxiliary Convention | 100.00 |
| Mrs. Dola H. Dudley (Gifts raised) | 650.42 |
| Churches | 952.57 |

Total Receipts 2,335.92

Total for Which to Account \$7,326.21

| Disbursements | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Operating Expenses | \$ 30.00 |
| Insurance | 66.00 |

Total Disbursements 96.00

Balance October 1, 1972 7,230.21

Savings (Earmarked) 2,339.34

Grand Total \$9,569.55

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Dining Room and Kitchen Building Project Contributions

by Mrs. Ruby Hancock

It is with a great deal of pleasure and excitement that I report the following contributions to the Cragmont Dining Room and Kitchen Building Project. Names to be added to the honor roll are as follows:

State Woman's Auxiliary Convention \$100.00

| | |
|--|-------|
| Eastern Woman's Auxiliary Convention | 66.43 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Griffin Jr. | 50.00 |
| Circle No. 1, St. Mary's Auxiliary, New Bern (in honor of Mrs. C. M. Harrison) | 50.00 |
| Christian Chapel Church | 50.00 |
| Christian Chapel Auxiliary | 50.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gaskins Sr., New Bern | 50.00 |
| Eastern District Youth Convention | 50.00 |
| Other | 5.00 |

Total \$471.43

We are very proud of the response of our young people in the eastern district to this project. Through their contributions they have evidenced their interest in the needs of Cragmont.

I praise the Lord for this response and request that those ministers who have received a letter to their church membership from me will please act on this. Let's get this project completed! My sincere thanks to those who have responded. May God bless you as you pray about this matter and do what God lays upon your hearts.

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Cragmont Assembly: Progress Report

by De Wayne Eakes
Publicity Director

On January 5, 1970, the Cragmont Board of Stockholders approved plans for developing our Assembly on the slopes of Mount Allen. Since then, cottages six and seven have been added to our campus. These buildings are very nice and are a very much needed addition. These two new buildings provide us with four units housing twenty campers each plus their accompanying counselors. This has enabled us to discontinue the

use of the second and third floors of the main building for youth encampments.

Constructing the new buildings, furnishing them, running water and sewer facilities, and reconditioning the road were done at a cost of \$40,366. We began our building with \$15,000 cash and we borrowed \$25,000. As of May 16, 1972, we owe a balance of \$9,500. It is urgent that this debt be retired this year (1972).

Upon the retirement of this debt, dining and kitchen facilities have top priority. We hope to be ready to begin construction on this building by early 1973. Following this building a decision will be made as to whether we shall renovate or replace the "Old Main Building." Each year the amount of upkeep required on this building increases. The question of renovating or replacing this building is going to be largely dependent upon how well funds are received. We urge meaningful support from each individual church, and church organization.

God has given us a wonderful "mountaintop ministry" on Mount Allen. If we are to continue improving and developing this ministry, we must have your greater support. Support us with your prayers, your youth, and yourselves in encampments, and your meaningful and prayerful financial support.

From June, 1971-January, 1973, a \$30,000 campaign is being carried out by the Cragmont Board of Directors and other interested ministers and laymen. This is a revamping of the initial \$10,000 campaign used to buy the Cragmont property in 1946. There will be 30 captains responsible for raising \$1,000 each. Every person or organization giving as much as \$50 will be named on the honor roll; however, \$100 donation will be our central figure. Support this drive. These funds will be used in building the kitchen and dining hall unit.

The Cragmont ministry will be what we allow it to be. I believe the future of Cragmont is secure. I believe that Free Will Baptists want Cragmont to continue to be a growing ministry. Let's build to God's glory and the benefit of our Church!

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HATS OFF

Our hats off to the past; our coats off to the future.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1972



SAY IT WITH LOVE

SAY IT WITH LOVE

Does someone need chiding today? Has he done something particularly wrong—something that merits a reprimand from you who are wiser and more experienced? Can you perhaps make his life easier and freer of knocks by letting him know the error of his ways and instructing him into a more meaningful existence? If so, do what you need to do.

Did someone express an unbecoming attitude because he had felt slighted by one whom he respected highly? Did his consternation show itself in his refusing to acknowledge a long-standing friendship? Did he refuse the offered apology, stating in effect, "I'll never have anything to do with him again"? Does this person perhaps need your counsel or maybe just a long look from your eyes which will soften the self-induced hardness of his heart? Do what you can.

Did a cutting remark bring tears to some tender soul's heart? Did his countenance fall and his injured expression bring empathy to your heart? Did you wish to correct the situation and advise the abuser to be more careful in what he said and the manner in which he said it? If, under such situations, you feel so inclined, do it.

Did someone spread a rumor, false information about an unsuspecting and totally innocent individual? Did you know the story to be a lie that could destroy his career or possibly cause irreparable damage to his emotional state? Did you make it your business to squash the gossip, to set things straight? If not, perhaps you should have—even at the expense of shifting undue criticism to yourself. If you know of instances when your stepping in can be of help, by all means step in; and step in **firmly**. Someone has to be brave enough to be different.

Was a poorly dressed man ignored by some "proper," cultured, discriminating people at some gathering? Did the man feel ill-at-ease, and did he suffer inwardly because of his possible lack of education, money, prestige, and refinement? Did you, like the others, fail to recognize his worth as a person; or did you rather extend your hand and welcome him warmly? Your doing so might have added a star to your crown and delight to his soul. If ever you have the opportunity to make someone feel important, do it.

You have the ability to show kindness. Within each of us is a certain amount of tenderness, genuine concern for our fellowman. Within each of us is at least a minute quantity of compassion—it just needs to be brought to the surface and activated.

If you are inclined to speak to someone, to offer advice, to reprimand, to instruct, or merely to offer a greeting, do it.

Express your fond feelings with flowers, if you will; but say what you have to say **with love**.

And if you're tired of hearing about this thing called love, this could be an indication that you need to exercise more of it.



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Some Thoughts on Woman's Identity

A PARTIAL ANSWER TO WOMAN'S
LIBERATIONISTS

by Celia Hales

Miss Hales is a member of the editorial staff at the Press and holds a Master's Degree in English from Duke University.)

An increasingly favorite topic in conversational circles around the country is the question of woman's role, an age-old question usually focused now under the label of "woman's liberation." At issue is a problem of identity that every woman faces in greater or lesser degree, whether she be rich or poor, white or black, young or old. More often than not, the question is viewed specifically as one of woman's role in relation to man. From here, unfortunately, there is but one short step to the rivalry of male versus female in an undeclared contest for dominance. This latter concern has been the movement of woman's liberation much of its fury.

Yet, when the storm subsides, the woman liberationist who has stressed the rivalry may find that she has been fighting over the wrong issues. She believes that if certain inequalities in society's treatment of women are corrected, woman will be on her way to the elusive goal of fulfillment. This is a false issue; the pot of gold is not found at the end of that rainbow. The battle to be won is not in a fight against men, whether it center in the newspaper or on TV, in conference halls, or even in Congressional chambers. Men are, in fact, only subsidiary to the real problem. The real problem reveals itself as a solitary fight—a battle to be won only in the heart, and each woman's fight is uniquely her own.

Let us look for a moment at the issues viewed by contrasting groups of women.

The traditionalist is often the woman

who married young, has several children, and has never worked in the open market. She defends her dignity as a woman and as a human being by affirming that which has taken all her time—the establishment and maintenance of a home. One such woman expressed the view of the traditionalists in admirable fashion in a letter to "Dear Abby" (September 8, 1972): "I am happy as a homemaker, and I wish women who find fulfillment in other ways would quit downgrading me. Since this wonderful country of ours began, the source of its strength has been the family. The wife and mother have made the house a home and held the family together."

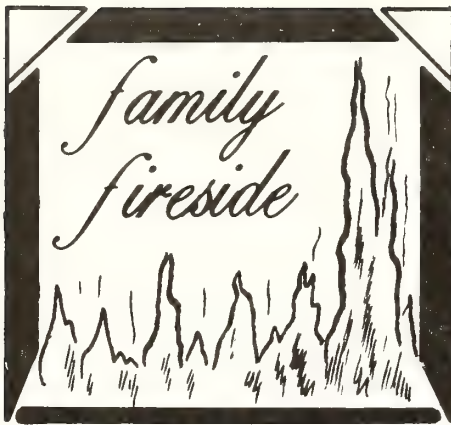
These thoughts, apt as they may appear to millions of contented housewives, have been pushed aside, reduced in importance by the fast-paced liberationist of today. She often may take as her starting point the analysis of the housewife's situation made by Betty Friedan in *The Feminine Mystique* (1963). Miss Friedan described a condition of apathy and dejection said to characterize the American homemaker; the homemaker was, according to Miss Friedan, a victim of "a problem without a name." The basic idea was that women, by and large, do not find the demands of home and family sufficient to absorb all their creative energies, and consequently long for fulfillment elsewhere. Miss Friedan's answer was vocational; she suggested that work outside the home, for which a woman would receive pay, was the answer to the situation of unrest that she found among American women.

As the movement has gained ground in the late sixties and on into the seventies, its members have become increasingly more vocal. The Equal Rights Amendment passed by Congress and now before the state legislatures is a victory, if as yet only a partial one. Sex discrimination in employment has, at least by law, been eliminated. Other demands, such as liberalization of existing birth control and abortion laws, have

met with some evidence of transition. These changes, though we probably agree with some and disagree with others, have one aspect in common: They are societal changes, effected by changes in the laws by which our nation and its people are governed. But the question we must answer is really this: Can a change in laws, however sweeping, effect fundamental change in those issues most at the heart of the problems women face? We think that the answer is "no."

The problems stem from confusion over the question of what constitutes fulfillment for a woman. This is in turn due to an identity crisis prompted by the current-day controversy over values, but in essence not unlike that faced by women throughout the ages. There is a three-part structure. Woman is, first of all, a separate entity, an individual soul in the eyes of God who ultimately must derive her satisfaction from relationship to Him. Secondly, woman stands in relationship to those individuals closest to her, in most cases her husband and children. Thirdly, woman's place is determined by her larger responsibility to twentieth century society; that is, she derives sustenance and support from giving and receiving to those outside her close family circle. If these three areas are evaluated, we find that, truthfully, all must be present for woman to occupy securely her niche in the world. If any of the three are neglected or ignored, woman is likely to suffer, either directly or indirectly.

Let us turn to the first chapter of Genesis for some help from the biblical answer to woman's position. Genesis 1:26-28 reads as follows: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Several aspects of the account are important for our purposes. In this first tradition (we will view the second in a moment), "man" is seen to be plural in intent: ". . . Let us make man. . . and (continued on page sixteen)



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Scripture Reading—Psalm 102:27

IF SOMEONE HAD GUIDED THEM RIGHT

A certain boy in a Sunday school made things very difficult for his teachers. The last one went to the superintendent and submitted the ultimatum "Either that boy goes or I will go. Take your choice." The superintendent escorted the boy to the door and said, "There's the street. Go! And don't come back to this Sunday school."

The boy went into a life of crime which has possibly never been paralleled in the history of the nation. He left a trail of blood behind him wherever he went. Fabulous rewards were offered for his capture, either dead or alive. At last, one night, as he emerged from a Chicago theater, a hail of bullets riddled his body!

In one of the Chicago papers a most intriguing picture appeared. It showed only the feet of the criminal. In boldface the caption read: "These are the feet of John Dillinger." It was followed by the searching question "Who knows where these feet might have gone if someone had guided them right?"—*Told by C. Leslie Miller.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Don't we as Christians have the responsibility to seek out the troublesome ones and show them the right way to salvation?

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Scripture Reading—1 John 1:5-7

"MORE LIGHT"

Some years ago, a young Texas circuit rider was given the oversight of three rural Methodist churches.

At one of the churches, the chairman of the board of trustees—a tall, gaunt cattleman—greeted the circuit rider and said, "Pastor, we sure are glad to have you preach to us. We want to help with the work. Is there anything you can see which needs improvement?"

The pastor's gaze lingered on the single light bulb which hung from the ceiling, and then shifted to the bronzed face of the lay leader. "I think that a chandelier would be most helpful" was his modest suggestion.

Weeks later, he mentioned it again.

"Well, pastor," drawled the chairman,

"we hit a little snag on the request. In the first place, none of us could spell it, so we couldn't order it. Furthermore, nobody here can play one. Besides that, we all decided that the first thing this church needs is more light."

And the trustees needed light on the subject of chandeliers!

PRAYER THOUGHT

We should be very careful to make sure that darkness doesn't overshadow the Light. We all need the Light to reach heaven. As ridiculous as the little story may sound, there is a lesson to be learned from it.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—Leviticus 19:18

THE NEIGHBOR TEST

Farmer Brown lived in the country near a crossroads. He was friendly to everybody. One day a wagon loaded with furniture passed his gate.

"Hi, friends," said Farmer Brown cheerily. "Where are you moving from and where are you moving to?"

"We are from Jamestown and are moving to Johnstown. What kind of neighbors will we find in Johnstown?"

"What kind did you leave in Jamestown?"

"The worst, the very worst. They were mean, snoopy, and gossip!"

"You'll find the same kind of neighbors in Johnstown," said Farmer Brown.

The next day another wagon loaded with household effects passed Farmer Brown's house.

"Hi, friends," said Farmer Brown cordially. "Where are you moving from and where are you moving to?"

"We are moving from Jamestown to Johnstown. Can you tell us what kind of folks we will find in Johnstown?"

"What kind of folks did you have in Jamestown?" asked Farmer Brown.

"The best, the very best! They are kind and friendly. How we hated to leave them!" replied the stranger.

Farmer Brown smiled, "You'll find the same kind of folks in Johnstown!"—*Told by Alice Marie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

This is true everywhere: Show respect and concern for others and at most times you will have these same qualities returned to you.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Matthew 5:6

"I'M WORRIED"

Kate Smith, radio and TV star, commented, "I tell you, I'm worried about the future of America, because I'm meeting more atheists everyday. If you don't believe in God, how can you believe in a country like ours? When you lose God, forget the whole thing. Every other value has got to go, sooner or later. You can destroy a country just as fast by taking away the things it stands for, like respect for God and the flag, as you can by adding

elements that are against everything stands for, like Communists. When I was a kid, we said prayers in school and saluted the flag everyday before we started lessons. With that kind of upbringing, you have a feeling in your heart about your country. It just seems that people don't want to hear the truth anymore. They don't want to admit they're proud of the country. They drink more. That's just escape thinking. You walk into somebody's house and the first thing they say no matter what time of day, is 'What are you drinking?' I tell you I'm very proud to stand up and say, 'Nothing, thanks. I don't indulge!' It makes me feel important and different!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Those who seek righteousness in this world today, even if it seems impossible, will be blessed someday. Real conviction pays off!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 1:12

WHERE THEY MENDED

Two pastors' wives sat mending the trousers of their husbands. One said dejectedly, "My husband is so discouraged. His people are unfaithful in attending church, and they are behind with his salary. He is so blue that he does not like to visit them anymore. So he sits around the house much of the time."

Said the other wife, "My husband is getting along fine! He spends much of his time visiting and helping people. The attendance at our church is good, and because of all, souls are being saved and the people are growing in grace and Christlikeness."

The wife of the prospering pastor was mending the knees of her husband's trousers. The wife of the dejected pastor was mending the seat of her husband's trousers.

What a day is ours in which to put skin leather to our prayers!

PRAYER THOUGHT

The ministry is a very special, but very difficult, profession. If the minister takes his work seriously, he will need patches on the knees of his trousers only!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Scripture Reading—John 5:28, 29

"THEY MUST NOT RISE!"

Robert Moffat, a pioneer missionary in Africa, won the confidence and respect of Makaba, a powerful native chief. One day as Moffat visited with the chief, he said "I have come to tell you good news: The dead will rise again!"

"What! The dead will rise again?" the chief asked, unable to comprehend the truth. "Will my father and those I have slain in battle arise?"

"Yes," replied Moffat.

A look of fear and anguish came to the face of the chief as he thought of the cruel, heartless things he had done. In

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Our Great One--What Christ Means to Me

Scriptures—Psalm 104:1-9; Luke 1:37)

He Is All to Me!

by Jo Kay Coward

The following is the last in a series of speeches printed in *The Free Will Baptist* that was given at "Youth Night" held at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Grimesland, North Carolina.)

I find it hard to define in words exactly what Christ means to me. It is easy to repeat a phrase so well-known to everybody, "Christ is all and in all," but this is how I've found Christ to be my daily life.

I've found Christ to be my daily supplier of my every need as a Christian. All of my fears and dread of growing up in this world of many problems are calmed when I begin thinking of Him and the feeling of knowing He's real becomes true! Also "Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace; whose mind is stayed on thee; because He trusteth in thee!" I need the ability to be able to choose between right and wrong and be able to refuse the evil and choose the good. My wisdom or ability has been promised from above, but it doesn't mean I couldn't take Him as my wisdom; He gives me wisdom! This wisdom doesn't make me incapable of error, or render my stakes impossible, but I learn of Him. I also need power in the way He has shown me is right and, through His own personal presence in me, He becomes my power. This does not make me have unlimited power and such personal power is not under my control, but I am under His control. When I go against Him, I will lose Him as my power. Self-surrender is the way of power.

He is my wisdom and my power; He is also my righteousness. He takes away all of my filthy rags of my own righteousness, my sins. He covers my nakedness with garments that are pure and white. So when you get right to the very end and think I'm hidden in Him—what more could I desire?

There's still one thing I haven't mentioned yet, and that is love. I know at times that I'm hateful and hate others, it's very hard to get along with, and

that nothing good dwelleth in me. I could name so many people now that I love—my mom, dad, sisters, brothers, all my friends, all my enemies. I also love God because He first loved me; and without love there would be no communication between people everyday at work, play or even just walking on the same sidewalk. This also goes back to the Ten Commandments that were laid down for us to live by. But I can't think of a person I know that has not some love in his heart. I'm glad that I have the willingness or just being able to know and try to show people I love them.

Victory is next—I know that a Christian ought to live the life of victory over sin, but when left to myself I find that "what I hate, I do" and "the good which I would not do." Also a preacher especially has to have the victory and power to win souls to Christ. He just can't get in the pulpit on Sunday and read from the Bible, say a few words, and close and let that be the weekly thing. It has to be daily, so we have to be with Him daily. This is the victory that overcometh the world. So we boldly say, "The Lord is my helper—whom shall I fear?" Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Jesus Christ!

To sum up what I've said: He is my peace, my wisdom, my power; He is my righteousness, my love, my victory; **He is my all.**

What is He to you?

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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quavering voice he said, "I do not wish to hear again about the dead rising. The dead must not rise. I have slain thousands! They must not rise!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Would we, in a similar way, regret to meet again all those we have wronged during this life? Let us think on this and be warned.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Scripture Reading—Matthew 20:28

GOD'S SERVICE STAR

Late one wintry afternoon during World War II, a Scottish father was out walking with his little son. The boy was especially interested in the little star-centered service flags in the windows of homes from which sons had gone into the armed forces.

"There is a star in that window!" he would exclaim excitedly when he saw a service flag.

Looking up toward the western sky, the boy saw the evening star shining brightly. He exclaimed, "Look, Daddy! God has a son in the service, too!"

Yes, God had one Son. He sent Him to the earth to serve.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Don't we have something for which to be thankful? Suppose God hadn't sent His Son to earth!

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Illustrations for Today*, Moody Press.)

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Financial Report, Board of Superannuation

The following is the report of the Rev. Walter Reynolds, the director-treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Convention of the Free Will Baptist Church for third quarter 1972 (July, August, September):

| Receipts | |
|---|-------------|
| Balance July 1, 1972 | \$ 5,659.67 |
| Religious contributions for third quarter | 2,185.74 |
| Insurance and retirement premiums for third quarter | 4,645.12 |
| Interest income | 103.33 |
| Ministers' Widows' Fund | 10.00 |
| Total to account for | \$12,603.86 |

| Disbursements | |
|---|-------------|
| Ministers' & Widows' checks for third quarter | \$ 805.00 |
| M.R.S. Retirement checks | 211.50 |
| Insurance premiums for third quarter | 2,834.14 |
| Operating expenses for third quarter | 595.17 |
| Total disbursements | \$ 4,445.81 |

Balance September 30, 1972 \$ 8,158.05

Information on the superannuation work may be secured by writing the N. C. Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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FOUND THE POT OF GOLD

Dale Evans Rogers said, "I sought the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow. It eluded me. By simple faith, I found it at the foot of the cross!"

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Frank and Paul Grubbs Receive Licenses to Preach



Frank and Paul Grubbs receive certificates of license from their pastor and father, the Rev. H. A. Grubbs Sr., in ceremonies at Tee's Chapel Church.)

In recent ceremonies at Tee's Chapel Church near Smithfield, North Carolina, Frank and Paul Grubbs, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Grubbs Sr., were presented official licenses to the ministry. These young men are the fourth and fifth sons of the Grubbs family to enter the ministry. Three others have been serving full-time churches for some years.

Paul, a senior at Princeton High School, committed himself to serve the Lord at the State Mission Rally last fall. The Cape Fear Conference Council granted the privilege after examination on recommendation of his church. He has already begun training and is available to fill the pulpit or to take other speaking engagements.

Frank, a ministerial student at Mount Olive College and the sixth child of the Grubbs couple to enter the College, committed himself to the ministry at a youth rally in February after a strong challenge by the "Oriental Experience." Feeling he could no longer resist the call, he presented himself to his church, which in turn recommended him to the Council this spring. He now serves the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, as an aide.

Both young men have filled several capacities in various youth groups. They have always been active in local churches

wherever their father was pastoring. Their address is Route 1, Box 68, Princeton, North Carolina 27569. Their sincere wish is to be of service to God through their denomination. Our prayer for them is that they may so be.

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Cape Fear SS Convention Awards Attendance Plaques

The Palmer Memorial and the Eastwood Sunday schools of the Cape Fear Conference won attendance plaques at the ninety-fourth session of the Sunday school convention. The plaques were offered for the highest percentage of increase in attendance for two separate periods. The February-March period was won by Palmer Memorial with a 35.9 percent increase. The August-September period was won by Eastwood with a 38.3 percent increase.

The convention met at the Riverside church on October 14. It was the most inspiring convention in many years. God's presence was real throughout the convention.

Plans were started that will involve each Sunday school during this year. Approved were two attendance contests and participation in the state's "Perfect Heart for Christ" in Sunday schools and at the state convention. The need for all Sunday schools to be a part was recognized and greater efforts are being put forth to accomplish this.

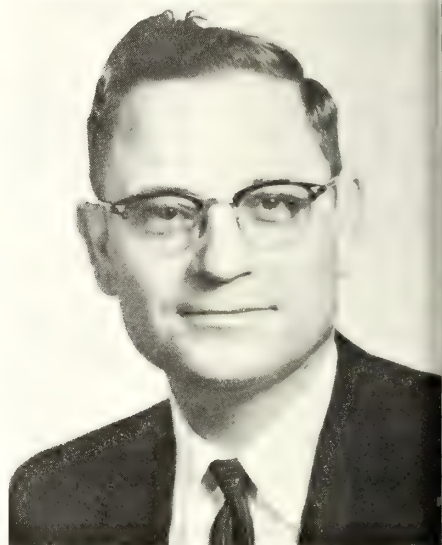
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Fremont Church Looks Forward to Homecoming

Homecoming will be held at the Fremont, North Carolina, Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, November 5. Sunday school, beginning at 9:45 a.m., will be taught by Mrs. Nancy Chase, representative in the North Carolina House of Representatives from Wayne County. The morning message will be delivered by the Rev. J. W. Pittman, a former pastor now from Wilson, North Carolina.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by special music. The Rev. B. L. Shook, pastor of the Fremont Free Will Baptist Church, invites everyone to attend.

Gethsemane Church Announces Week of Revival Services



Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church will hold revival services Monday, November 13, through Saturday, November 18, with the Rev. W. H. Willis of Kinston, North Carolina, bringing the message. He will be assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Eldon Brock. Special music will be presented during the week at the services, which begin at 7:30 nightly.

Gethsemane church is located in the Tuscarora community, off Highway 7 near New Bern, North Carolina. The public is invited to come to this series of services.

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Friendship Church Plans Week of Revival, November 13-18

The Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, plans a week of revival services during November 13-18. The Rev. C. Patrick will be the evangelist at the services, which will begin nightly at 7:30.

You are encouraged to bring your family and friends for Bible preaching, gospel preaching, and spiritual fellowship.

Coming Events . . .

November 2, 3—Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, Faith Church, Route 2, Fox Oaks, North Carolina

November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

November 11—Third League Union of Eastern Conference, Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina. Meeting time is 10 a.m.

Revival to Be Held at Grimsley Church

Revival services will be held at the Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church Monday, November 6, through Friday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. The church is located on Highway 102 between Maury and Snow Hill, North Carolina. Evangelists for the series of services will be the Rev. C. L. Patrick. The pastor, the Rev. M. Miller, will assist.

Special music will be featured during the week. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Revival Services to Be Held at Reunion Chapel FWB Church

Revival services will be held November 12-18 at the Reunion Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Vanceboro, North Carolina, on Maul Swamp Road. The services are scheduled to begin nightly at 7 p.m. The Rev. T. C. Smith, pastor of the church, will be the speaker.

The Reunion Chapel church invites any Christian singing group or choir to come and sing to the glory of God. The public is invited to come and to worship with the congregation during this special week.

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Revival to Speak at Revival at Snow Hill Church, Mount Olive

Revival services will be held at the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Mount Olive, North Carolina, during the week of November 6-11. The Rev. Vance Link will be the guest evangelist with the pastor, the Rev. Leon Grubbs, assisting in the services.

The services will begin at 7 p.m. each evening. There will be special music considered each evening by various guest groups. A nursery will be provided.

A warm welcome is extended to the public to attend these services.

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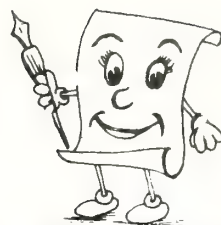
Dilda's Grove Church Plans Revival, November 6-11

Revival services will begin at Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Mountaintop, North Carolina, on Monday night, November 6, and will continue through Saturday night, November 11. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. Fred Rivenbark, pastor of the church, Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina, as guest evangelist.

The church and its pastor, the Rev. F. Futrelle, extend a special invitation to everyone to attend these services and to be much in prayer for the success of this revival.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

MARTYRS FOR CHRIST

All Saints' Day originated in the 7th century A.D. November 1 was designated the day to honor God and all His saints, known and unknown. It is observed in several churches, but it began before the Reformation. The Early Church seemed more conscious than the modern church of the sacrifices made by preceding generations for the spread of the gospel.

Persecution of church members began soon after the death of Christ. Stephen is known chiefly as the first Christian martyr. The first generally recognized persecution began in A. D. 67 under the Emperor of Rome, Nero Domitius. Nero delighted in thinking up new, barbaric persecutions. One was to dress Christians in shirts stiffened with wax, fasten them to axletrees in his garden, and set them on fire.

Severus, who became emperor in A. D. 192, instituted the fifth general perse-

Revival Planned at Saints' Delight Church

Revival services are scheduled for the week of November 5-10 at the Saints' Delight Free Will Baptist Church on Aurora Road outside the city limits of Bridgeton, North Carolina. The guest evangelist for this series of services will be the Rev. J. B. Starnes, pastor of the Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church of Newport, North Carolina.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30 with the pastor of the church, the Rev. Luther Swinson, assisting. The church membership wishes to extend a cordial invitation to the public to be in attendance. Special music will be welcomed.

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NOTICE

In sending information for revivals, church meetings, etc., please include the address of the church. This will aid our editorial staff in properly locating said churches.—the Editor.

cution. Pagans were alarmed at the progress of Christianity, and each fire, storm, earthquake, or other misfortune was blamed on the Christians. Tertullian, however, said that if the Christians had left the Roman territories, the population of the empire would have greatly decreased.

About A. D. 202 the persecution spread to Africa, and the first female martyr listed in "Foxe's Book of Martyrs" was a young married woman named Perpetua. She was about twenty-six years old and had an infant child. After she was seized for being a Christian, her father visited her to console her, and tried to persuade her to renounce her faith for the sake of her child. She refused. He became so angry that he beat her severely and refused to visit her for many days. In the meantime, she and others were baptized.

Perpetua was carried before the Pro-Consul Minutius, who ordered her to sacrifice to idols, but she again refused to denounce Christianity. This time she was taken to a dark dungeon and her child was taken from her. Her father visited her there, and tenderly and lovingly begged her to save her own life; but she only answered "God's will must be done."

At her trial, the judge begged her to consider her father, her infant's life, and her own. She put aside all human sentiment and clung to her faith in Christ and the immortality He offers.

Perpetua and another Christian lady, Felicitas, were thrown to a beast. He stunned Perpetua and then attacked Felicitas, but killed neither of them. The executioner completed the work with a sword. Foxe dates this event in March, A. D. 205.

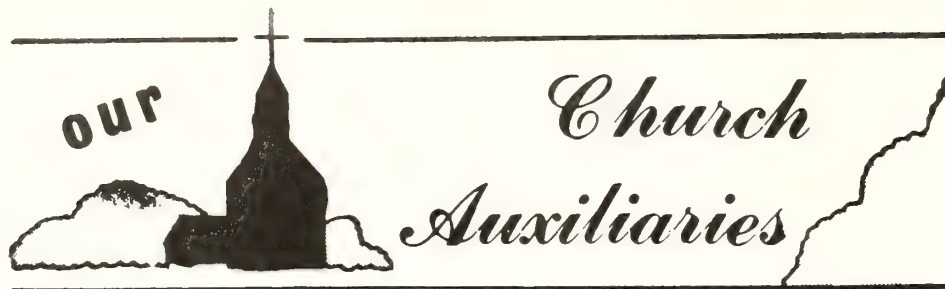
Mother love has been compared to the love God has for His children and the sacrifice He made for us. What a choice this woman had to make! Her sacrifice in giving up her child can hardly be described. Perpetua's bravery and faith are inspirational. She truly deserves to be called "saint."

(We often boast of our love for God; but if the proof of it were required of us, how many of us would be able to sacrifice as did this noble woman? Few, to be sure!—Ed.)

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Martin Luther said, "When Satan knocks at the door of my heart and asks, 'Who lives here?' I reply, 'Martin Luther used to, but he has moved out, and Jesus Christ now lives here.'"



Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Fall Convention Report

by Mrs. Nelson T. Simpson Sr.

The Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened with Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, North Carolina, on Thursday, September 21. The theme for the convention was "Salvation in Our Time," with Scripture taken from Romans 1:16.

The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. M. Register. Mrs. Wesley Morris brought the morning devotions with very impressive remarks on "The Cross: the Power of Salvation," stating that we should arise from our sleep, and get busy for the Lord. The devotions were followed with prayer by Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. Lenora Hill from the host church extended a very warm welcome to everyone present. The response was given by Mrs. Horace Whaley.

The president expressed her appreciation for each one present, and recognized eleven ministers who were present. They were the Revs. Nerry Wall, W. L. Bronson, Carol Hansley, Walter Sutton, Willie Stilley, E. C. Morris, Elmer Thompson, Fred Johnson, Graham Lane, Ralph Sumner, Joe Ingram, and Vance Link. Three state officers, Mrs. D. W. Hancock, Mrs. Burkette Raper, and Mrs. S. W. McCoy were present. Mrs. E. C. Morris represented the Central Conference. These were recognized by the president. In addition, there were present eleven district officers, forty-eight registered delegates, and approximately seventy-five visitors.

The president gave her remarks with timely thoughts on "Things." The remarks asked "What Things?" The response was "Things thou hast heard: Tell someone else the plan of salvation—family, friends, associates, faithful men who will be able to train for tomorrow, Sunday school teachers, officers in the church, auxiliary members, ministers, and missionaries."

Mrs. Carol Hansley, Children's Home chairman, gave a report of what we sent to our adopted child, Randy Faircloth, at the Home. She introduced the Rev. Graham Lane who is serving as acting superintendent of the Children's Home. He gave information concerning the Home, and stated that at this time there are 66 children living there. He asked for prayers and support of the Home, and also asked that we send a contribution on the van, which is one of our state projects.

Mrs. Ellen Dixon represented the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. She gave information pertaining to it, and told of the growth of the Bible and Bookstore in New Bern, North Carolina.

Cragmont Assembly was represented by Mrs. Milton Kennedy. She gave her experience and told of activities at the Woman's Conference. Mrs. D. W. Hancock, State Convention president, stressed the importance of the need for a new kitchen and dining room there. The Eastern District is asked to contribute toward this. A special offering was received on the kitchen campaign in the amount of \$46.43.

Mrs. Burkette Raper represented Mount Olive College, and brought greetings from the president, staff, and students. She stated that Christianity is basically stressed there, and that it is the hope that the strong will grow stronger, the weak may be strengthened, and the wanderer may find Christ. Mrs. Raper quoted Scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 3:6.

An offering of \$103.12 was received to be equally divided between the Children's Home and Mount Olive College. The offertory prayer was by Mrs. Nora Dixon. Committees were appointed. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Percy Davis and Mr. Reginald Styron of the host church.

The Rev. Joe Ingram, missions director, introduced the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link, who worked this summer in Mexico Missions. Mrs. Link spoke on child evangelism, and gave her experience on this in her hometown using Scripture from Matthew 18.

The Rev. Vance Link brought the morn-

ing message with Scripture taken from Romans 12:1, and portions from Ephesians. He stated that we have only one life to live—so make the best of it with a full commitment to God. We must be willing not only to live, but to die for Him.

The morning session adjourned with benediction and grace by the Rev. Nerry Wall.

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," followed with prayer by Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

A very impressive memorial service was offered by Mrs. Willa Marie Padgett. There were eleven deceased members during the past year. They were Mrs. Nannie Mae Hill, Mrs. Minnie King, Mrs. Nettie Goodman, Mrs. Margaret McGowan, Mrs. Essie Edwards, Mrs. Virginia Dixon, Mrs. Louis Fountain, Mrs. Ma Alice Willis, Mrs. Mary C. Smith, Mr. Robert Lewis, and Mrs. Rosa Styron.

Denominational Reports

Mrs. Nerry Wall, youth chairman, stressed the importance of beginning now to get the youth started with their devotions and essays for the spring conventions.

Mrs. Richard Bryan encouraged the local auxiliaries to have the required number of study courses to be an A standard auxiliary. A study course in missions and evangelism will be held on the third Saturday in October at First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mrs. G. C. Gray, mission chairman, stated that several missionaries will be there.

Mrs. Rivers Winstead, field secretary, gave her report, and challenged local auxiliaries to continue the mission of winning lost souls.

Mrs. Carol Hansley, superannuated chairman, introduced the Rev. Carol Hansley who spoke on the need for support of this work. He also gave information on it. The Rev. Luther Swinson brought timely information concerning Carol Vandemere. He challenged the women to help raise \$2,000 next year.

Mrs. S. W. McCoy brought greetings from the State Convention.

The secretary read the executive minutes. The following recommendations were passed: (1) That since we will no longer continue to support Mrs. Fay Barrow after the first of the year, each local auxiliary will continue to send \$15 per year for the support of Mrs. Sandra Jones, missionary in the Philippines. (2) To have a district study course together on evangelism or missions. That Miss Velma Morris be reelected

serve for another term of two years on the finance committee; (4) To give Mrs. Rom Mallard \$25 each spring and fall for convention services rendered; (5) By request of the State Convention we will elect and install district officers at the Spring Convention (elect for two years) beginning in the spring of 1973, but since our officers will be serving this year anyway they will continue to serve until March, 1975; (6) Mrs. Rhoda Prescott and Mrs. Louise Mallard were to receive life membership certificates and award pins.

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, pin award chairman, presented pins and certificates to Mrs. Rhoda Prescott and Mrs. Louise Mallard.

The secretary gave her report.

The treasurer, Mrs. Rom Mallard, gave her report; and by motion and vote, it was accepted.

The finance committee's report was given. The members of this committee recommended to the convention that we give \$20 to each of the following causes: Cragmont, Camp Vandemere, the van at the Children's Home, the organ at Mount Olive College, and superannuation. By motion and vote this was carried.

The resolutions committee reported as follows: "Be it resolved that we as auxiliary women continue our efforts to support all phases of our denominational work; to pray earnestly for our missionaries and for Mount Olive College; to support the College financially, and to encourage our young people to attend it."

The courtesy committee requested that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Davis church for its warm hospitality, the beautiful flowers, special music, the delicious meal, and for everything that went into making the convention a success. This request was granted. By vote of the convention the next one will be held at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Ernul, North Carolina.

Other district conventions will be represented by delegates or letter. The convention adjourned with the congregation singing "Blest Be the Tie."

EASTERN DISTRICT WA'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 1972

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| Balance | \$ 86.54 |
| Offering for Mount Olive College | |
| on Children's Home | 103.12 |
| Lunch Money for Mount Olive College Chapel | 109.00 |
| Receipts from Churches | 242.00 |
| | 540.66 |
| Special Offering for Cragmont | 46.43 |
| Total for Which to Account | \$587.09 |

Disbursements

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| Child's Clothing | \$75.00 |
| Child's Christmas Gift | 30.00 |
| Child's Birthday | 5.00 |
| Secretary's Salary | 20.00 |
| Treasurer's Salary | 25.00 |
| Secretary's Expense | 10.44 |
| Treasurer's Expense | 6.00 |
| Offering for Children's Home | 51.56 |
| Offering for Mount Olive College | 51.56 |
| Lunch money for Chapel at College | 109.00 |
| Special Offering for Cragmont | 46.43 |
| | \$429.99 |
| Left on Hand | \$157.10 |
| Child's Spending Money | \$94.00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 21, 1972

| | Paid Out | Balance |
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| Balance on Hand from March, 1972, Convention | \$ 218.94 | |
| Balance on Child's Spending Money | | 94.00 |
| Receipts from Auxiliaries since March | | 3,205.63 |
| Total for Which to Account | \$3,518.57 | |

Disbursements

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| Christian Service Fund | \$ 442.39 |
| Alice E. Lupton Scholarship | 81.00 |
| Cragmont Assembly | 172.00 |
| Camp Vandemere | 30.00 |
| Superannuation | 69.50 |
| Mount Olive College Organ Fund | 256.38 |
| Mount Olive College General Fund | 23.00 |
| Mount Olive College Chapel Fund | 45.37 |
| Missions | 658.58 |
| Foreign Missions | 99.15 |
| North Carolina State Missions | 70.86 |
| Home Missions | 67.25 |
| Bibles for Mexican Mission | 5.00 |
| The Harold Janes Mission Fund | 68.00 |
| The Barrow Fund (Missions) | 237.00 |
| The Children's Home (General) | 435.95 |
| The Children's Home (Van) | 299.00 |
| Child's Clothing (Deep Run Auxiliary) | 75.00 |
| E. C. U. Fellowship | 15.00 |
| Anna Phillips Loan Fund | 16.00 |
| Adopted Widow | 24.00 |
| Life Award Pins | 50.00 |
| Auxiliary Pins | 10.92 |
| Executive Board Expense | 21.48 |
| Child's Trip to Cragmont | 50.00 |

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| Total Paid Out September 1, 1972 | \$3,338.03 |
| Balance on Hand, Convention Money | \$ 86.54 |
| Balance, Child's Spending Money | 94.00 |
| Total Balance | \$ 180.54 |

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PLOWED INTO HISTORY

Emerson is quoted thus: "The name of Jesus is not so much written into history as it is plowed into history."

Life Membership Award

(The following speech was given by Mrs. Bonnie Lockamy on the occasion of the presentation of a life membership award to Mrs. Lizzie Belle Dawson.)

All this year auxiliary members have been studying landmarks left to us by our forefathers. Surely one of our dearest landmarks is the devoted auxiliary woman herself. I do not have a life story of such an ancient woman before me, but I do have one of a present day woman who in years to come will be such an example to others.

This woman has lived a Christian life the greater part of her life. She has the love and respect of her husband. She has borne a son and a daughter and provided a Christian home full of love for them. Just ask her about her grandchildren and see her face light up.

However, this contentment at home does not fill her desire to see all lost souls won to Christ.

I wonder how many hearts have been lifted by her words of encouragement? Although I do not know, I am sure our Father in heaven does. In times of joy, sorrow, despair, or sickness, her concern is always felt.

Service to the Lord is rendered by her as a home-to-home witness. She is a Bible school teacher, a Sunday school teacher, and a Bible study group teacher. She writes the Young People's League Quarterly half-time. She has served on various committees, has held different offices in her own auxiliary, and is now serving as president. In the district she has served as president for two years, and is now serving as study course chairman. On the state level she has served on committees as well.

In her vocational service she has worked as a secretary at the First Baptist Church and at First Citizens Bank of Dunn.

In the community she has served on the planning committee for the internationally famous Spivey's Corner Hollering Contest.

This year she was able to fulfill a long-time desire. She visited the Holy Land. Her slides and enlightenment have given spiritual growth to even some of you as she has visited many of your churches and shown them. Her wonderful description of the Holy Land is "It vibrates Jesus."

I know you want to join me in thanking God for this landmark. Her greatest

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Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Free Will Baptist Fellowship Is Active on Campus!



Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship officers for the 1972-73 academic year are (left to right): Nyra Hill, Carlton Lucas, Gilda Avery, Marvin Waters, Kristie Raper, Tommy Evans, Janie Jones, and Miss Jean E. Fillingame, advisor.

Something good is happening at Mount Olive College! Again this year, the Free Will Baptist Fellowship is taking an active role in campus life. The goal of the organization is to provide Christian fellowship and services for all students. Many programs and activities have already been sponsored by the group. In an effort to reach out and share with more students, members of the fellowship have distributed books on prayer and the **Reach Out** New Testament. The literature was given to any student who was interested. During the weekend of October 13, 14, and 15, another retreat was held at Oriental. The fellowship participated and played a major role in the retreat. As preparation for the retreat the film "No Need to Hide," the life of Nicky Cruz, was shown. In fellowship with nature, a cookout and devotional service were held at the Cliffs of the Neuse earlier this fall. On October 21, the fellowship took an active part in helping to present a music festival with

a variety of gospel singing groups. All students and churches were invited to this five-hour gospel festival.

The fellowship feels it has a fine group of Christian leaders this year. The list includes Marvin Waters, president, First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth; Tommy Evans, vice president, Saint Mary's Church of New Bern; Kristie Raper, secretary-treasurer, Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church; Gilda Avery, song leader, LaGrange Christian Church; Janie Jones, pianist, First Free Will Baptist Church of Washington; Carlton Lucas, publicity chairman, First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston; and Nyra Hill, Deep Run Free Will Baptist Church, and Linda Carter, Belhaven Free Will Baptist Church, are out-reach chairmen.

With this group of officers and the increased membership, the Free Will Baptist Fellowship looks forward to an exciting year in Christ.

RAPER TO SPEAK

Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, October 29, as "Mount Olive College Day." The Rev. DeWayne Eakes, pastor, has announced that Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, will teach the young people's Sunday School class at 10 a.m. and preach at the morning worship service.

President Raper will also be the speaker for the Duplin County Crusade to be held October 29—November 5. The crusade is a cooperative evangelistic endeavor sponsored by churches of several denominations in the county. Services will be held each evening in the Beulaville Elementary School, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The Rev. S. A. Smith of Beulaville is general chairman of the crusade.

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College Has Successful Spiritual Life Retreat

by Frank R. Harrison, chaplain

On October 13, 52 students and eight staff members loaded up for Oriental, North Carolina, to participate in a spiritual life retreat. The services began on Friday night with a worship service followed by group discussions. Saturday morning was devoted to group discussions on sharing the Christian life.

A Spirit-filled service on Saturday night was devoted to music and sharing Christian testimonies, followed by a campfire on the Neuse River. The eighty-three worship service on Sunday morning concluded the retreat with a dedication service.

The moving of the Holy Spirit was evident throughout the retreat as the participants sought to open themselves to His moving presence and power.

How does one account for a significant spiritual experience? Perhaps all one can say is that God moves in His own way and at His own time. Yet it is His promise that when we seek Him in sincerity of heart and singleness of purpose, He will be found of us.

Our students went to Oriental to participate in the retreat with the words of Jeremiah 29:12-14 as their guide: "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: . . ."

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Will you please explain, But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come" (Matthew 10:23) and Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled" (Matthew 24:34).

Answer: In Matthew 10:23 we have the words of Jesus from a discourse quite far reaching when it comes to the time element. Here He was not only giving His disciples instruction for the work of witnessing immediately at hand, but also instructing them as He did in the next chapters, Matthew 24 and 25; here He was looking at future events, including His second coming and His return to this earth in glory. This particular verse more specifically deals with the unfinished work saints in testimony complete after the church has been raptured, and Jewish believers are among those represented in the tame olive branch of Romans 11 and the 144,000 of Revelation 7. These witnesses, like the witnesses of each age, will preach. The 144,000 will preach, as did John the Baptist, of the kingdom at hand. So Matthew 10:23, like the chapters of Matthew 24 and 25, is given of the Lord to influence witnessing by His disciples in the whole breadth of time from that in which the words were spoken to that when the last witness on earth is no longer responsible to give the testimony which saints on the earth are responsible to give.

Dr. Louis T. Talbot in **Bible Questions Explained**, Page 191, speaks briefly on the subject as follows:

"In this chapter our Lord was not only giving the disciples instructions for their immediate work of witnessing; but He was also, as in the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth chapters of Matthew, looking on down the future, even to the time of His return to the earth in glory. The verse about which you ask was spoken concerning this yet future event, and refers to the **unfinished** testimony to the

nation of Israel, when the 144,000 witnesses of Revelation will proclaim once again the message, 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

The word from which "generation" is translated in Matthew 24:34 means "race" or "breed" as is discussed on the same page of the book quoted from above. It reads as follows:

"The Greek word used for 'generation' means 'race, kind, family, stock, breed.' Matthew 24 and 25 refer to the end of the age, and this verse must not be taken out of its context."

Then Jesus here, as He refers to the Jews, is saying that "this race" of people, the Jews, shall not pass away until all the things He has predicted concerning them are fulfilled. They are to be set aside as a race or nation until God gives both Jews and Gentiles an opportunity to come to Christ, be saved, and become a member of His spiritual body or become a member of the church. When the body of Christ is complete, then the rapture of the church, composed of all kindreds and tongues of the earth, will be caught up into the air with Christ and the Holy Spirit, leaving the earth with the church. Then will come the great tribulation or the time of Jacob's trouble. At this time God's specially chosen 144,000 Jewish saints will witness until all of them fill martyrs' graves; everyone of them will lay his life down for Christ. In this witnessing they will win a great multitude that no man can number from every tribe, tongue, and nation of the world who will seal their testimony with their blood. The battle of Armagedden will follow, then the judgment of the nations. The battle will end when Christ returns to the earth and personally takes the preeminent place in it. As He comes to the earth His feet will touch the Mount of Olives in the place where He stood when in the presence of His disciples He ascended into heaven at the end of His first coming. "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came

to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven" (Luke 24:50, 51); "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

"Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one" (Zechariah 14:1-9); "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen" (Revelation 1:7); "But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



CALL ME BILL

by Olive W. Mumert

BILL felt disgusted every time he thought about how small he was. To make it worse, people insisted on calling him Billy. Why couldn't they call him Bill? He closed the door of the school and headed for the ball diamond.

He tried to shake himself free of his grumbling thoughts. There was a new boy who'd just come onto the school ground, too. He looked grumpy and unpleasant, but Bill knew he should go over and try to be friendly with him. Mom was always telling him that people wouldn't notice his smallness if he would be friendly.

A lot she knows about it, he thought crossly.

"Let's go and talk to that new kid," he said to Con, his best friend.

"Aw, he looks mean," Con said. "Let's not."

"Maybe he's just lonely," Bill said. He was sure deep down in his heart that as a Christian he should try to be friends with the new boy. "Come on. Let's go over and talk to him."

Con gave in and followed Bill. "My name's Bill," he said to the new boy. "And this is Con."

"Who cares, Billy boy?" the other boy sneered. "My name's Murph. No sissy name for me."

Bill stretched himself as tall as he could and repeated, "I said my name was Bill, not Billy."

"Yeah? Bill's not a name for a little kid like you," Murph scoffed.

He smiled at Murph and asked, "How'd you like to come on a hike and wiener roast with our boys' club tomorrow?"

"Church stuff, huh?"

"That's right. We have lots of fun, don't we, Con?"

"You wouldn't catch me at a thing like that," Murph snorted.

"Why not?" Bill asked. "You'll never know what you're missing if you don't come."

"Maybe I will go. I could liven things up a bit," Murph sneered.

Bill suspected that Murph was planning trouble, but he said, "We'll leave the church tomorrow morning at ten o'clock."

"Yeah?" Murph answered noncommittally.

Shortly after ten o'clock the next morning, as the last load of boys was piling into the cars, Murph sauntered over. "Hi, Murph," Bill called, "you're just in time."

An hour later the cars let the boys out on the flat above the river valley. It was about two miles to the Red Deer River, and the young people had planned to hike it. Some of the boys immediately began walking toward the draw where a trail led down to the water's edge. The car drivers were going to have lunch started on the river bank for the boys by the time the boys got to the river. Bill and Con wanted to explore and maybe find some fossils and unusual rocks for their collections.

Murph didn't seem to want to do anything but grumble. "What's there to do here?" he growled, standing watching the other boys hiking away in groups.

"Lots of things," Bill said. "Let's go, or we won't get to the river by lunchtime. And I want to stop for a while on the way down."

"What's the hurry, Billy boy?" Murph asked. "I'm going over there to see those horses." He started out across the prairie to where a herd of horses were grazing.

"Hey! Don't go over there!" Bill yelled. "There's a stallion with the mares, and the rancher warned us to stay away from him."

"I'm not afraid of horses," Murph yelled back.

Bill was boiling mad. "Why did I ever ask him to come?" he fumed. "He's going to spoil everything."

"Are you scared, Billy boy?" Murph called back.

Bill opened his mouth to yell—I'm Bill. But what was the use? Being called Bill wouldn't really make him any taller. "You'd better go on, Con," he said. "I'll have to try to keep this character out of trouble."

"I'll stay with you," Con said. "Maybe it'll take the two of us to get him started in the right direction."

"If we ever do!" Bill said, running to catch up with Murph. But Murph just ran faster, right toward the herd of horses.

The noise the boys were making disturbed the horses, and the herd moved away at a gallop—all except one big black horse. It was the stallion. He screamed a warning and came toward Murph, who stopped suddenly and stared.

Bill caught up with Murph, grabbed him by the shoulder, and threw him to the ground. "Stay still," he warned. "You, too, Con, and I'll try to lead him away." He knew it would take a miracle to get the stallion away from the others without getting hurt himself.

He breathed a silent prayer even as he heard Con flop down beside Murph and growl, "Lie still." Then Bill was too busy to see or hear anything except the horse.

It was hopeless to try to run away from the big stallion, so he moved clear of the pounding hooves and backed slowly toward an old shed. It must have been a cow shed which belonged to some pioneer who lived here sixty years ago, he thought. The horse thundered past Bill, barely missing him.

As he moved backward, he talked and prayed softly, saying the words aloud. He didn't know whether talking out loud soothed horses or not. It worked on dogs. He sure hoped the stallion liked being talked to.

The big horse pawed the ground. It was almost impossible to avoid the flailing hooves. But Bill didn't dare move too suddenly. He tried to move silently as he talked, but when the black horse got too close, he felt an almost uncontrollable urge to turn and run. Sternly

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MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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Many of our students, like thousands of others in this land, are seeking something that will give meaning and direction to human existence. That meaning and direction is found in a meaningful relationship to Jesus Christ, the Lord of life. It is my personal conviction that God is seeking to enter into our lives to bring renewal that His purpose of redemption in Jesus Christ may be fulfilled.

The God we honor and serve is One who wishes to be found by all who earnestly seek Him, and He will let Himself be found by humble and contrite seekers. Praise, honor, and glory be unto Him who reigns from everlasting to everlasting, whose love is pure as fire, whose grace is without measure! Blessed be the name of the Lord God omnipotent!

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Two Awarded Humbles Scholarships



Two Kinston, North Carolina, residents, Sharon Owens and Gail Ball, are the 1972-73 recipients of the Humbles Scholarships.

These scholarships are made possible through two \$10,000 trust funds established by the late Mrs. Mittie Sumrell Humbles of Ayden, North Carolina. One of these trust funds is in her name and the other is in the name of her husband, James Edward Humbles. Mr. and Mrs. Humbles were members of the Little Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County.

RIDING DADDY'S SHOES TO HEAVEN

by Pearl Branham

"Look, Mother! I'm riding on Daddy's shoes," cried little four-year-old Larry Wayne. He was standing on the toes of his Father's shoes, holding to his hands as his father walked into the dining room.

After the family was seated around the dining table, with a serious look on his little face, Larry looked up at his father and said, "Daddy, can I ride to heaven on your shoes?"

His father was shocked at the question; then he said, "No, Son. You cannot."

The purpose of each fund is to provide an annual scholarship to two eastern North Carolina students at Mount Olive College.

Sharon Owens, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Owens, is a sophomore at Mount Olive this year and is majoring in education. She is a graduate of Kinston High School and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston.

During her freshman year at Mount Olive College, Sharon was named to the Dean's List for both semesters, was a Dorm Council representative and a member of the Freshman-Sophomore Committee. She is also a member of the Free Will Baptist Fellowship, Pep Club, Lettermen's Club, manager of the cheerleading squad, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society, and is serving this year as treasurer of the Student Government Association.

Gail Ball, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Ball, is a freshman at Mount Olive this fall and is majoring in voice. She is a graduate of Kinston High School and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston.

During her high school career, Gail was a member of the National Honor Society and won many outstanding honors for her singing ability. She was also a member of the Drama Club, Pep Club, and Keyboard Club.

Gail has been selected as a Bryan Scholar this year at Mount Olive. Only high school students with a very high academic average are selected to serve on the Bryan Scholars Honors program. As a result of being selected, Gail will have the opportunity to work with third graders at Carver Elementary School during the fall semester. She is also a member of "The Mount Olive Singers."

"Why not, Daddy? I walked to the table on your shoes."

"Yes, Son. We were playing and you walked to the table standing on the toes of my shoes as I held your hands. I cannot take you in to heaven that way."

"Why, Daddy?"

"Son, let us say, to go to heaven is like coming to this dinner table. I worked to make the money to buy the food. Mother cooked the food and put it on the table. You are sitting there in that chair, eating the food. Now, your Mother, nor I can eat the food for you. You must eat it for yourself.

"Mother and I will help you all that we can on your way to heaven, by praying and reading the Bible to you and trying to teach you about God, the great Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. We will go to church with you and try to help you to understand what is good and right and what is mean and ugly here in this life. We shall try to teach you the things that you should do and what you should not do. We will try to lead you in the right paths.

"Son, on this road of life, you will soon come to the place where the roads separate. The road to the left is a road of sins, that leads down to ruin and destruction; while the road to the right is a clean, Christian road that leads to eternal happiness and peace with God.

"When you come to the parting of the roads, you, yourself must choose the one you will travel on. You may take the left road of sin, or you may choose the right one by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour through the pardon and forgiveness of your sins, through prayer, trust, faith, and love. You must make the choice for yourself just as you must eat your own food for your body to grow on.

"No, Son. You cannot ride my shoes into heaven."

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Miss Diane Baines wishes to announce a change of address for the convenience of those who may wish to contact her. Her former address was Route 1, Box 65, Spring Hope, North Carolina 27882. Her new address is The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Route 2, Box 13, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557. Her phone number is 235-5547. Those wishing to correspond with her are advised to observe the change of address.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR NOVEMBER 12



All Nations Under God

Lesson Text: Isaiah 45:1-6; Amos 9:7, 8; Jonah; 1 Timothy 2:1-5

Memory Verse: Acts 17:26

I. INTRODUCTION

Let us begin by getting clearly fixed in our minds exactly what we mean by nationalism and internationalism. Webster's New World Dictionary defines nationalism: "The doctrine that national interests, security, etc. are more important than international considerations." Of course, internationalism would be just the opposite.

There is no doubt that God's Word teaches that one should love his own country above all others. Patriotism or love for one's country is taught in the Bible. From the earliest encounters of the Israelites with the Egyptians to their later clashes with Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks, Syrians, and Romans there is a consistent thread of nationalism. The fact that the Old Testament teaches that God's people the Israelites were to be a separate people does not mean that they were to have no interest in other people and other nations. The Bible does teach that the Jews were to be very careful about mixing their religion with that of other nations. They were the only people in the world at that time who worshiped the true God, and they were to be careful that they did not mix it with paganism. Several times in the history of Israel they tried the mixing the worship of the true God and paganism and in every instance it brought trouble. On the other hand, the very law that God gave them through Moses taught that they were to have a concern for others when it said that they were to love their neighbors.

The problem that we are concerned about today is this: What should be our attitude as Christians toward our own nation and then toward other nations of the world. As we have studied in past lessons, the Christian should love and obey his country: but this does not mean

that we are to have no compassion toward other nations of the world. It seems to us that the missionary program of the church is built on a concern for the people of other nations.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. It is difficult for most of us to realize that when God looks at our whirling globe He sees one world. And it is His world. He made it and He loves it. It is not always easy for us to love as God loves. We can love those who are like ourselves. That presents no great problem. People who live in the same type of house, eat the same kind of food, and wear the same kind of clothes as ourselves, these are safe. They can be trusted. They exhibit a great deal of good sense because they are our kind of people.

B. But we are suspicious of nomads who live in tents in the desert, or of jungle dwellers who have tree houses that they reach by climbing up swinging vines. We draw back from those who eat snails or indulge in bird's nest soup, or whose chief delicacy is ants or roast spider monkey. And we have so long clothed God in western dress that we wonder if He is not a wee bit embarrassed by some of His human creatures who run around barefoot, wearing only a semblance of a loincloth.

C. But it is the language barrier that really throws us. We feel a sense of frustration when we are around those who are not fortunate enough to speak English. A man may be fluent in five languages, but if our own is not one of them, we feel superior to him. How sad to have to go through life without being able to converse directly with people like ourselves. Some of us may think that prayers said in other languages have to be interpreted by a bilingual angel before they can really get through.

D. Now this kind of thinking is not a reflection against others, but it certainly says something about ourselves; and it does not speak well for those

who profess to believe in one God who made of one blood all nations of men. Indeed, it proves that we are about as far from God-thinking as we can be. Our vaunted superiority is mere snobbery and our pride is actually prejudice. This is bad, but what makes it worse is that we flatter ourselves that it is an exhibition of real devotion for God.

E. We should love our nation and respect it. If we do we will labor to establish justice and equity, to eliminate poverty and blight, to preserve our heritage of natural resources, and to pass on to posterity the blessings that we received from our fathers. One need not cease to be an American in order to be a Christian. Instead, it is the Christian who should be the finest American, or Frenchman, or Italian.

F. But a Christian must be more than an American. He is an American by physical birth, or naturalization, but he becomes a part of universal humanity in Christ Jesus. Jesus did not come to die only for Americans. God is not a nationalist. And if we love as God loves, we will not be able to restrict our concern to a particular kind of man, but we will extend it to mankind! Since we are in the flesh we are limited by time and space. We cannot literally be in Toledo and Tokyo or in Spokane and Stockholm at the same moment. But our hearts are not so limited, for our minds are not naturalized, but spiritualized.

C. It is inconceivable that followers of Jesus should be unconcerned about the state of anyone with whose state Jesus is concerned. No Christian can be an isolationist, because Jesus is involved in the whole world. We cannot confine the Holy Spirit within our national boundaries or force Him to secure a visa in order to go elsewhere. Christians can be banished from a realm but Christ cannot be. And as long as Christ is there it is doubtful if every Christian has been driven out. The Holy Spirit is heaven's best "secret agent." He does not need to steal secrets. He already knows them.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The Bible reveals that while God gives men free wills with which to choose between doing good or evil, this does not mean men can thwart His plans. A man's exercise of his free will is always within the greater framework of God's sovereignty. An individual may resist God for a time, but his destiny is still in His hands. God's will is going to triumph eventually. God's sovereignty

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shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father" (Revelation 2:25-27); "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" (Zechariah 12:10). "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and so I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. . . . Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left there. . . . And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God" (Zechariah 13:1, 2, 7-9); "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth

and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:6-15).

As these passages show, there will be several separate events, just as there were during the first advent of Christ. During the first advent, these included the announcement of His birth by the angel Gabriel to Mary, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the angel's visit to Joseph and his confirmation of Mary's testimony concerning the Annunciation, Joseph's conformity to Gabriel's direction, the birth, the visit and the song of the angels, the visit of the Magi (wise men), Herod's destruction of the children, and the visit of the angel to Joseph who directed Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt for safety against Herod's mad scheme of destruction. As Jesus grew older, the events included His answering of perplexing questions at age 12; His ministry, including the "many signs and wonders" beginning with turning the water into wine in Cana of Galilee; His death by crucifixion; His resurrection; His 40 days on earth and all the events of those days after He was raised from the dead; and His ascension, etc.

The second coming will be at a time when the church is in its lowest spiritual depression, as His first coming was at the time when Israel was living in the depths of spiritual despair. Demon possession had become a common thing. Jesus cast out many demons including seven from Mary Magdalene. When He comes the second time, men and women and children will be giving heed to false teachers, to the doctrines of devils and, if possible, the very elect will be deceived by the devil's false doctrine of demons. There was a righteous remnant of Jews when Jesus came. Among these were Zacharias, Elizabeth, Anna, Joseph, and Mary. When He comes the second time, He will find a few faithful in the church. Their rapture together with the resurrection of all saints will

be the first event in His second coming; judgment at the judgment seat of Christ in the air will follow.

In the meantime the false prophet, the antichrist, and Satan will be causing the greatest tribulation ever, either past or future, to take place on the earth. But in spite of the terror of that day God will have a Jewish witness on the earth in the persons of two witnesses (see Revelation 11:3-12) and in the persons of 144,000 Jewish witnesses, an equal number of them from each tribe. See Revelation 7:4-17.

The battle of Armageddon will precede the millennium (or 1,000 years' reign of Christ on earth). Satan and the false prophet will be imprisoned in the bottomless pit during that 1000 years; Satan will afterward be loosed for a little while to tempt those who have not been tempted for a thousand years. Then will follow the great white throne judgment and with it destruction of the old heavens and the old earth. God then will give a new heaven and a new earth, and a new city with no blemish will come from the new heaven to the new earth. Christ and the Father are the light of that city. Christ's eternal reign includes the city as well as the new heavens and the new earth.

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Woman's Auxiliary

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triumph will not come until she stands before her Master and receives her reward. I can almost hear Him say to her: "And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman." (Ruth 3:11) "Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. . . . Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. . . . Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (Proverbs 31:25, 26, 29, 31). His promise is ". . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

It is with great pleasure, by unanimous vote of the executive committee, that I present this life membership award to Mrs. Lizzie Belle Dawson.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Some Thoughts on Woman's Identity

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let them have dominion. . ." (Verse 26). Likewise, the same view is carried over in the next verse, when in conclusion we read, ". . . male and female created he them. . ." (Verse 27). Man and woman, seen here as one unit, are thus viewed as equals in the sight of God. In particular are they to bring forth offspring to replenish the earth, and to have dominion—together—over every living thing. The second tradition, slightly different, is found in the second chapter of Genesis, and suggests that woman was created after man in order to be a helper to him: "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Genesis 2:18). This account has sometimes been set forth as evidence that woman is lesser than man, because she was, first, created after him, and, second, her role is only to help, not to direct. One may quibble endlessly about what constitutes a "lesser" role, but there is no justification for drawing any such conclusions from biblical accounts. Woman's place as "an help meet" is a hallowed one, for Adam declared her to be ". . . bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: . . ." (Verse 23). The equal stance of man and woman is made definite as their union is emphasized: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Verse 24).

The language of the woman's liberationists is fighting language, the language of confrontation, of male versus female. Words like "oppression," "enslavement," "rebellion," "militancy" are heard. How different from the biblical account! And we may well question at this point, Where will it all end? The concern has become more and more a question of woman's violent rebellion against the supposed tyranny of the male half of the population. When the facts are all in, will woman have won? And, especially, what kind of victory does she seek?

Perhaps all too often the woman's liberationist is looking for a kind of per-

sonal satisfaction that cannot be brought about by cultural changes, however sweeping the reform might be. All the talk about a lack of fulfillment within the individual woman's life may mean that she is really talking about a poverty of the soul—an emotional and intellectual stunting of growth that can be rectified only by communion with God. Deep emotional needs are not met in the greater society, however fulfilling work there might be. Neither are they met by reducing certain inequalities in society. In the still quiet hours of the night, only the woman at peace with God is the woman at peace with herself.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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he forced himself to move smoothly, only moving quickly when it was necessary to avoid being hit.

"I'm glad I'm ready to meet You, Lord." The thoughts in his mind were coming out in words. Then he smiled. "You don't care what words I use, do you, old horse?" he asked.

Suddenly he bumped into the rough boards of the old shed and almost fell over. He regained his balance and searched with his hands for an opening where the door should be.

He kept talking, sometimes praying, until suddenly as he eased around the corner, his hands found the empty space.

The stallion charged in fury and Bill, moving suddenly to avoid him, fell through the door opening. He felt the rough ground beneath him just as one of the flying hooves struck him on his right leg.

With a groan, he pulled himself into the shed and rolled into a corner out of reach of the flying hooves. He waited tensely, breathlessly, listening for the big black stallion's movements. The animal shrilled a warning and slammed against the rotten boards of the shed, missing Bill by inches.

Bill was trembling as he struggled to his feet. His leg was throbbing where the horse had hit him. He didn't dare move out of the corner, so he stood as still as possible and prayed wordlessly.

The stallion shrilled its warning again,

and Bill could see him charging again. Then, suddenly, he seemed to change his mind. He turned and stared for a moment at the other horses; then he galloped away.

Bill watched him for a few minutes then he staggered out into the sunshine and stood leaning against the building. "Thank You, Lord," he prayed with a sigh. "Was I ever scared!"

It's funny, he thought as he watched Con and Murph running toward him. He didn't care anymore whether people called him Bill or Billy. I'm just glad we're safe.

"You OK, Bill?" Con asked, gasping from the run.

"Just my leg. It's cut a little," Bill said. "But it'll be OK."

"I'm sorry," Murph said. "Here, let me help you, Bill."

Bill smiled. "Let's get going, or we'll miss lunch," he said, starting out with a limp. "I'm hungry."—My Pleasure.

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Sunday School Lesson

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plan is broad enough to allow a man to choose to merge his will with God's and gain eternal life or reject His will and experience eternal damnation.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

B. "Athanasius, fourth century church father, deliberately persisted in a course which meant ruin for himself. In fighting for God's truth, he found that his course of action meant opposition which denied him the comfort of a peaceable day to his life's end. He was five times exiled. Emperors and worldly bishops fought against him. Every kind of false charge was made against him, including immorality and murder. Not only was his name fouled by slander, but his very life was in danger. He lived six years in the Egyptian Desert at one period. Yet Athanasius lived in the spirit of power and victory, because he knew that whatever happened in his lifetime, God's purpose would ultimately triumph.

"It has been well observed that Athanasius spent his life planting trees under which humanity has since been finding shade and fruit. There was no sense of failure in him because there was a sense of divine purpose."—Selected, in The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

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YOU COULD OWN A CASTLE AND STILL BE IN
THE "POORHOUSE." READ THE EDITORIAL AND
SEE IF YOU LIVE THERE.

LIVING IN THE POORHOUSE

In former days a poorhouse was a place maintained at public expense to house needy or dependent persons. We hear little about these today, but most of us around the age thirty or over can remember hearing someone in the family speak about such places and how some acquaintance was having "to go to the poorhouse" because he or she had no means of support.

A stigma was attached to such establishments, and it was disgraceful (society-wise) for one to have to go to such a place. In the opinion of many, it was the most degrading thing that could happen to an individual. If a family member were forced to take lodging there, it was kept as quiet as possible for fear that the more fortunate members of the family would be derogated because of unfavorable association.

To have to go to the poorhouse might have been a blow to one's pride; it might indeed have been a much feared disgrace because of society's pompous attitude; but, we feel that another type of poorhouse is more disgraceful—and many so-called society boys or would-be rich girls find themselves destitute enough to merit their being candidates for a certain type of poorhouse we'd like to discuss at this time. Examine yourself and see whether or not you qualify.

Do you pray and find that your prayers go unanswered?

Do you find it hard to love a person of another nationality and feel that it is below your dignity to have anything to do with him?

Do you find yourself losing your temper readily, not caring what you say or how you say it?

Do you turn your back on opportunities to do good, alibiing yourself by saying that you haven't the time or just don't want to get involved?

Do you shift responsibility for misdeeds to another, weaker individual and thereby hope to make yourself look good in the eyes of the world?

Do you wish the praise of your peers so much that you are willing to stoop to lying, cheating, or other types of dishonesty to obtain their acclaim?

Do you want consideration of others but are unwilling to offer the same to them?

Do you find it easy to get up Saturday morning for a boating trip or a golfing game but are so tired when Sunday comes that the bed is a cherished haven?

Do you smile and carry on with important people who can lift you socially or professionally but disregard the street urchins or social outcasts who perhaps need just a friendly greeting to make them feel that someone cares?

Do you attend church service after church service and find that you are getting less and less out of them?

Do you find it difficult to cry tears over the lost and to care that there are thousands who think they are saved but are not?

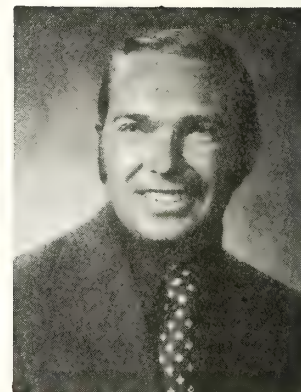
Do you feel that missions is important but that someone else other than you should "see to it"?

Do you praise the Lord "loud and clear" when you are in the presence of Christian people but talk like the devil when you're in the billiard parlor?

Do you—well, there's really no need to go on, is there? You get the message, don't you?

The fact is: You may already be in the spiritual poorhouse and don't know it.

Aren't you ready to move out?



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Are Atheists Happier Than Christians

ATHEISTS are happier than Christians! That is the verdict from Russia. Sociologist A. Krasilov declares that by a large the Soviet atheist leads a happier, more spiritually satisfying life than a Christian believer!

Krasilov based this conclusion on a survey taken in Russia. He reported the results in an article entitled "Personality and Religion," published in the Soviet newspaper *Rural Life*.

It seems difficult to fathom how atheism could foster, as the sociologist puts it, "spiritual" satisfaction. But suppose momentarily that Krasilov is right about Russians. Suppose atheists there actually do lead happier existences than Christians. It is proper to ask, however, **for how long?** If the same people were polled, say, one hundred years from now, who do you think would claim the most happiness then?

But back to Krasilov's revolutionary position. Some 2,916 Soviet citizens participated in the survey he reported. These quizzed lived in three separate regions of the country. The pollsters varied their targets concerning their personal satisfaction with their families and their jobs. The Russians readily answered the questionnaires after receiving guarantees that all replies would remain confidential.

Only about 140 of the people surveyed admitted any religious convictions or religious participation. Among the peasants, some 88 percent described themselves either as militant atheists or outright unbelievers. Two-thirds of these peasants who did confess religious rests professed to be convinced believers, while the others rated themselves as observers of religious rites.

Among industrial workers and the intelligentsia, the proportion of militant atheists proved nearly unanimous—98 percent.

When officials tabulated the replies found on the 2,916 returned questionnaires, they discovered that 75 percent of the atheists stated that they were either "completely satisfied" or "almost completely satisfied" with their jobs. Sixty-four percent of the outright unbelievers professed similar contentment, whereas "only" 58 percent of the "convinced believers" registered like satisfaction. Interestingly enough, the ratio of satisfaction among Christians was almost identical in all walks of life—peasants, workers, and intelligentsia. "One can easily see," boasted sociologist Krasilov, "that labor brings spiritual satisfaction most of all to atheists and least of all to believers."

Ignoring momentarily the hasty generalization Krasilov fosters by equating happiness with job-satisfaction, let us explore why atheists in Russia might have more happiness than Christians.

Of course, an obvious fact is that many facets of life in a Communist country are contrary to what Christians believe. However, we cannot go so far as did one critic who wrote to a Christian magazine that "a believer ought to be against anything Communists are for, and for anything Communists are against." A press dispatch from Moscow at the time took the editor off the hook. He appended a note beneath this critic's complaint in his "letters to the editor" column, calling attention to a Russian denunciation of topless bathing suits.

Nevertheless, most things in a Communist country will rub a Christian the wrong way. A visitor, for example, will pass scores—perhaps hundreds—of city churches which the government has closed as houses of worship. Some are reopened, to be sure, but only as museums. And in Leningrad a believer

must shiver with sadness when he approaches the famous old Kazan Cathedral on the city's main street, Nevesky Prospect. The edifice is open all right, but the government maintains this formerly great church as an anti-God museum. Inside are displays ridiculing religion.

Moreover, a Christian can hardly avoid being saddened by the restrictions which fence his religious activities. His children cannot attend Sunday schools. Parents may be reported to the authorities if they are found to be indoctrinating their children in the faith. Indeed, schools encourage such treachery. Few believers can own Bibles because of the short supply. They cannot legally witness to other Russians. The law does permit them to answer questions if another initiates the interview. Some believers have developed an ingenious device to cause others to question. They will stand on the street holding an open Bible. Invariably someone asks, "What are you doing here?" The believer points to a passage and asks, "Will you read this to me?" Because illiteracy still prevails somewhat, the other party usually obliges, imagining that the holder of the Book cannot read it for himself. After reciting the passage indicated, the inquirer quite often asks, "What does that mean?" Since the Christian has been asked a question, he now feels free to witness!

But because few have Bibles and because some believers have qualms of conscience about such procedures, the number who actively witness remains limited.

A Christian in Russia not only suffers religious restrictions which might deny some happiness; he also often endures social ostracism and diminished opportunities for employment. The best jobs go to members of the Communist Party. "No Christian can be a party member," in-tourist guide Elena told me in Moscow. "No Communist can be a church member. They are different ideologies." Consequently, Christians get the most menial jobs, once their affiliation is recognized, though recently some exceptions have been allowed. I met a young believer, Walter Mitskevitch, who is studying dentistry, and an older Christian who is a plastic surgeon. Incidentally, both men appeared happier about their church work than about their secular occupations!

Another consideration which may be a factor in making atheists seem happier than Christians in Russia is that most of the infidels quizzed have never had

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by

RAYMOND L. COX



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—2 Chronicles 15:12

HOUSECLEANING HEART AND MIND

A new mother was propped up in her hospital bed, writing. Smiling, she said to a visiting minister: "I'm housecleaning and I want your help. Ever since I was a little girl, I hated restraint. I wanted to be free. When I finished high school, I took a business course and got a job, not because I needed the money, but I wanted to be on my own. Before Joe and I married, we agreed not to be slaves to each other. Therefore our apartment became headquarters for a crowd like us. We did just what we pleased."

Continuing, the young mother said, "God didn't mean much to us. We ignored Him. And now that I am a mother, I am afraid. Well, things are different now. I'm not free anymore and I don't want to be. That's my list! You see, when I take Betty home from the hospital, our apartment will be her home, not just mine and Joe's. It isn't fit for her now. Certain things will have to go for Betty's sake. I've got to houseclean my heart and mind. I'm not just myself. I'm Betty's mother, and that means I need God. I can't do my job without Him. Won't you pray for Betty, Joe, and me and for our new home?"—*Catherine Marshall.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sooner or later each one of us has to make that most important decision to come to Christ. Don't delay it!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 3:5

UNQUESTIONING OBEDIENCE

Someone gave a little girl a box of paper dolls. She ran to show them to her father who sat before an open fire. "They're pretty, dear, but I want you to throw them in the fire! I won't compel you to do it, but if you can trust me, do as I tell you." She obeyed.

Enfolding her in his arms, the father said, "I asked you to do a hard thing because I want to teach you to trust and obey your heavenly Father. He may require you to do seemingly hard and difficult things. If you will trust and obey

Him, as you have me, you will find that His way is always the best way."

The next day the father rewarded the little girl for her obedience by giving her an unusually beautiful doll.—*Alice Marie Knight.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Could we be as obedient and trusting as this child was? Try it for Jesus!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 2:9

MORNING IS IN MY HEART

On his eighty-sixth birthday, Judge Mullock of Ontario wrote, "I am still at work with my hand to the plow and my face to the future. The shadows of evening lengthen about me but morning is in my heart. The testimony that I bear is this: the castle of enchantment is not yet behind me—it is before me still. Daily I catch glimpses of its battlement and towers. The rich treasures of memory are mine. Mine, too, are the precious things of today—books, flowers, pictures, nature. The best thing of all is friendship. The best of life is always farther on—its lure hidden somewhere beyond the hills of time."

PRAYER THOUGHT

We all must give thanks to God for that which we have.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Scripture Reading—Romans 10:10

INTELLECTUAL ASSENT NOT ENOUGH

A warm friendship developed between a brilliant unsaved lawyer and a prominent minister of New York City. The attorney did not believe in Christ's resurrection.

One day the lawyer asked the minister, "Do you really believe that Christ rose from the dead?"

The minister replied, "I certainly do!" Then he related victory over death, including the testimony of eyewitnesses.

For some time the lawyer, who was accustomed to pondering the validity of evidence, studied the proofs carefully. Relating his conclusion to the minister, he said, "Having weighed carefully and impartially the varied evidence attesting to the resurrection of Christ, I am convinced that He really did rise from the dead. But I am no nearer being a Christian than I was before. I thought the difficulty was in my head. I find that it is really in my heart!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

We must have heart as well as head to become a true Christian. Have you found both?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—1 Corinthians 12:4

OUR HANDS ARE NEEDED

During World War II a church in Strasbourg, Germany, was destroyed. Seemingly nothing remained but a heap of rubble. When the rubble was cleared away, a statue of Christ, standing erect, was found. It was unharmed except that both hands were missing.

In time, the rebuilding of the church began. A sculptor, on observing the missing hands of the statue of Christ, said, "I'll carve a new statue of Christ with hands."

The church officials met to consider the sculptor's friendly gesture. His offer was not accepted. The consensus of the board was "Our broken statue will serve to remind us that Christ touches the spirits of men, but He has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor except our hands!"—*Adapted from Friendship Book.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Aren't we supposed to do our best and not expect God to place our good on a silver platter?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—1 Thessalonians 4:18

"WILL JESUS BE THERE TO MEET ME?"

When a devout Christian couple was told by their family physician that their little daughter was incurably ill, they asked, "Shall we tell her? She has accepted Jesus as her Saviour and is ready to go."

After sorrowful heart-searching, they said to their little girl, "Darling, the doctor tells us that you will not get well. We have prayed that God would heal you, but it seems that He wants you to be His forever. Soon, darling, God will send His angels to take you to the beautiful place where He is!"

The face of the little girl brightened and she quickly asked, "Will Jesus be there to meet me?"

"You bet He will!" quickly replied the father, adding, "And what's more, Mother and Daddy will be coming soon to join you!"

Death temporarily separates God's children who die in the Lord.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If you have accepted Christ as your Saviour, you will be ready when death comes.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—Galatians 5:26

DOG KILLED BY ENVY

Some child listened quietly as a missionary from Alaska told them about some of his experiences in the land where the Eskimos live. He thrilled them by showing a picture of his dog team.

"This dog always led my team," he said as he pointed to the lead dog. "One day I decided that it would be a good idea to train another dog as a leader, so I would have two lead dogs. If anything happened to my regular lead dog, I would have another dog to take his place."

"So, boys and girls, one day I put the second dog ahead of my regular lead dog. Can you guess what happened? The regular lead dog, now second in my team, gnawed the harness of the new leader until he was free. This he did again and again."

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Notice

We are grateful to those of you who write our missionaries. I am sure that the letters received from home are very comforting to them as they receive word from each of you. There is one thing you should note in writing to the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones or any missionaries outside of the U.S.A. The international airmail postage for a letter is 21 cents per one half ounce. If you just add the usual airmail postage of 11 cents for a letter, it is sent by boat mail and takes two or more months to reach the field. Please be sure to put the international postage of 21 cents on the letters so they will get to the missionaries faster. The address of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones is Puerto Princesa, Palawan, Philippines.

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Free Will Baptists in the Philippines: Now and the Future

by Harold Jones

We have only been on Palawan four and one half months. This is a very short time to be able to project our growth, say, over the next five years. We believe the Spirit is going to do a great work here. The work is only in the infancy stage at this point. Much of what we are doing at the present is trial and error. We are constantly adjusting. This is purely pioneer work. Four months ago Free Will Baptists were unheard of here; therefore, the greatest work is ahead of us. The first three months were filled with building houses and trying to settle into our new environment. This was a miracle in itself. Most people here who build a house of this nature take from one to two years to complete it. The Lord is doing a work.

(1) What are we doing?
(2) What is our program?
(3) When will the job be complete?
I will take these questions one at a time.

(1) **What are we doing?** At this time we spend most of our time witnessing from house to house and in the distribution of literature from house to house. Remembering that we are new here, we must make our message known to the people. We are the only Protestant group here that is working from house to house. The cults are constantly out spreading their errors in this manner and winning many people. We spend about five hours a day going from house to house with the gospel. We gain an entrance into the house and then present the plan of salvation on an individual basis. We have seen many come to the Lord. We have been rejected, suspected, and hated. We are also holding a Bible study for the believers on Sunday morning. In addition to this, we are working with the prisoners at a nearby penal colony on Sunday afternoons.

(2) **What is our aim and program?** Our main aim is to make Jesus Christ known to the people here. If we fail to do this, then we have failed to promote the central message of the gospel. **Christ** is what every man needs. Human nature here in the Philippines is no different than human nature in the United States. Men are **sinners!** Christ saves sinners! The aim should be the same here and there. Our task and our aim should be the same as every pastor, layman, and denominational leader in the States. To win one soul to Christ here in the Philippines causes the angels to rejoice in heaven just as they do when one is won in the States.

Our program in fulfilling the aim is the presentation of the gospel on an individual basis. Brother Perocillo and I work as a team. Jesus sent His disciples out in "pairs." We hope as we reach more people for the Lord that the Lord will choose others to help us. We have had one layman who received the Lord to move to another island. We gave him a little training in how to lead a person to Christ. He also went with us to see how it is done. This was not a formal training period. We had only two or three weeks to teach him so it was not in depth. But how much more does one need to know that **Jesus saves!**

Surely he must grow in the Word and we hope to give some extension training.

We have a young man who will soon start "Theological Education by Extension." This is a program to give training at home. He will begin with a study of the Book of Acts. We hope that before long he will be able to take care of a "church" in his home. We call our Sunday morning meetings a Bible study rather than preaching service. Most of these people have never seen a Bible. They have never read it. We are trying to take them into the beauties of the Word.

(3) **When will the job be complete?** I wish I could say next year, but I cannot. Our task is to be faithful in spreading the gospel. The Lord will give the increase. We must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and move as the Spirit directs us. Thus far our work has been in one barrio. There are around 240 barrios on this island. The island is 280 miles long. Transportation to many of these barrios can only be reached by hiking. So you see the task is great. We are praying that God would stir a lay movement here, in which unpaid workers would go tell others about Jesus.

We need your prayers. Our great need at this time is to see the people as Jesus does, with compassion and a heart full of love. A fake or a phony is easily spotted. We must be full of compassion and love for the people or all our efforts and programs will be in vain. Please join us in prayer that Jesus would make us more like Himself, that His love would flow from us to others.

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News from the Philippines October 17, 1972

by Harold Jones

Yesterday, October 17, 1972, was a very active and productive day for us. First thing in the morning we spent about an hour in prayer and Bible study. This is perhaps the most precious time of the day. After this we went to talk with one of the laymen about accepting responsibility in one "house church" as leader. We gave him a Bible and his face lit up with joy. After this we went to the Provincial Motor Pool to get permission to distribute tracts to all the employees. We went to the office of the provincial engineer for this permission.
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News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Central Youth Conference To Be Held November 11

The Central Youth Conference will be held at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North Carolina, on Saturday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. A program will be presented. All area youth are urged to be in attendance.

Free Union Church to Observe Mount Olive College Day

Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County, North Carolina, will observe Sunday, November 12, as Mount Olive College Day, according to an announcement by the pastor, the Rev. C. L. Patrick.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will speak at the morning worship service.

Reception Honors The Rev. and Mrs. Carol Hansley

The Oriental Free Will Baptist Church honored its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Carol Hansley, in a reception on Sunday evening, October 8, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the church fellowship hall.

The table, covered with a linen cloth, featured a centerpiece of fall flowers arranged in a silver bowl. There were white candles in silver holders on the table. An assortment of bite-size sandwiches, ham biscuits, nuts, mints, pickles, dip and chips, and cake was served buffet style with punch and coffee.

As Mr. and Mrs. Hansley entered the room, they were presented a beautiful silver cake plate given by the church.

A registration book was just inside

Coming Events . . .

November 8, 9—Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, Friendship Church, Greene County, North Carolina

November 11—Third League Union of Eastern Conference, Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church, Beulaville, North Carolina. Meeting time is 10 a.m.

the door. Around fifty members of the church and several non-members who are friends were present.

In Memory of Robert Lee Uzzell

(The following article was submitted by Esther Mae Casey in memory of Robert Lee Uzzell, a recently deceased member of Casey's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.)

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." (John 14:1-4)

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. Faith lifts up shining arms, and points to a happier world, where our loved ones await us.

We do have a loved one awaiting us, Robert Lee Uzzell, who slipped from this earthly life in the afternoon of August 30, 1972, just a few weeks ago. His notice was brief, leaving no time to say good-bye.

He lived a full life even until the end, keeping in mind that one should work, for "... the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). He believed in hard work and took pride in doing the best job possible toward making his work perfect. For his labors, he was recognized as being one of the best farmers in the community.

Not only was he faithful in his home life, but in every place where duty and responsibility was expected. Much of his time, talents, and efforts was given to the church toward making it progressive, successful, and meaningful. He was presently serving on the budget committee. The greatest contribution he gave was his wonderful bass voice. He sang for many years with the quartet

and the trio. Many times has his singing brought inspiration not only at Casey's Chapel, but to other churches as well, during revivals, homecomings, community sings, etc. His place in the choir was faithfully filled.

We suffer the loss greatly; it seems that we are trying to fly with a broken wing. But we dare not question God for we know He makes no mistakes and we believe that our loss is heaven's gain.

One of the last songs the choir rehearsed three days before his going was "That Will Be Glory for Me," an old hymn that nearly everyone remembers. It seemed to be more beautiful than ever that night and when we finished the last stanza, Robert Lee said, "Let's sing again." He loved singing more than anyone I know and leaves behind many songs on tape. The courage and strength he offered in learning new songs is unforgettable. He would say, "Work at it; don't give up; we'll get it after awhile." Yes, we miss him and our singing in the future looks awfully dark, but I believe if it were possible for him to send a message to us by letter, it would read something like this:

"Dear friends, relatives, and loved ones

"I take time now since I'm in my new home to say good-bye. It was planned this way. I understand all things now. You see, they needed me here and I liked to help where I'm needed most. It was a new voice they needed.

"As enjoyable as my earthly life was, I have no desire to return because of the perfection and beauty here. There is so much I would like for you to know about my new home, but I have to go now and join the Heavenly Choir. They are waiting for me, and I shall be waiting for you to meet me. Keep up the good work; love to all of you.

"Yours in Christ,
Robert Lee."

HERE AND THERE

Here we labor, here we pray,
Here we wrestle night and day,
Here the battle rages sore,
Here the tempter ne'er gives o'er;
There we rest from toil and pain,
There all losses turn to gain,
There we lay our burdens down,
There we wear the victor's crown.

—J. C. Macaulay.

It is true that we are only young once, but we can remain immature indefinitely.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

\$100,000 GIFT MADE TO COLLEGE

An unrestricted gift of \$100,000 has been made to Mount Olive College by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Whorton of Onslow, North Carolina. The gift is in the form of 1,000 acres of land in Pamlico County which is now under option for sale. Terms of the gift call for a minimum of \$100,000 to go to the college.



Mrs. Robert A. Whorton

In expressing appreciation on behalf of the College, President W. Burkette Raper declared, "This gift is the largest ever made to our College during the lifetime of any donor. Mr. and Mrs. Whorton have no children of their own and are grateful that they have chosen Mount Olive College as the means through which to make their contribution to posterity."

"We are happy that we decided to make this gift now," Mrs. Whorton said, "because we would like to see something good done while we are living."

In explaining their reasons for making this contribution, Mr. Whorton declared, "After learning about Mount Olive College and the Christian emphasis it places upon education, we felt that



Mr. Robert A. Whorton

this was the place we would like to make our investment.

"In view of all that is taking place in our society to degrade and destroy our way of life, we would like to have a part in upholding Christian principles and moral standards. We need small Christian colleges like Mount Olive where someone cares about what is happening to our young people."

Whorton served as sheriff of Pamlico County for thirty-two years. His business interests before his recent retirement included farming, commercial fishing, and seafood processing. He and Mrs. Whorton, the former Glennie Spruill, are life-long residents of Pamlico County. Mr. Whorton is a member of the Board of Trustees at Mount Olive College.

President Raper said that careful study was being made regarding the most appropriate use of the Whorton gift. "It is not a matter of a place to use \$100,000—we need a physical education building, a cafeteria-student center, general operating funds, endowments, student aid funds and many other things—but we want to select a project that will not only meet our needs but one that will be a meaningful and lasting tribute to our donors."

OUR "ORIENTAL EXPERIENCE"

by Janie Jones, student

(Miss Janie Jones is a freshman at Mount Olive College this year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Jones of Washington, North Carolina, and a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Washington.)

Glancing to our left we saw the golden sun sparkle her radiance over the tranquil layers of water. It was Sunday and our Religious Life Retreat was over. Now, we were heading home from Oriental with a new meaning of life; one spurred by a true encounter with God. We may never venture back to Oriental but our memory of our days there will never perish.

There aren't words in the English vocabulary that can express what Oriental means to those students of Mount Olive College who were there for the retreat. It was as if we were with John on the Isle of Patmos viewing the wonders of heaven after a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



Miss Janie Jones

Those who went on the retreat had different reasons for going. There exists no doubt now though, that everyone who went was really enlightened by our "Lighthouse," Jesus Christ. The darkness of Satan was removed by the brightness of our Saviour.

For once, we all realized how great our God is. Much of this is true because we became aware of God's handiwork. The beauty He created was topped by His creation of man. We found ourselves awed by the majestic elements

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INFORMATION ABOUT **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. A. GRAHAM LANE, Acting Superintendent

The Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, gratefully acknowledges the following receipts for the month of September, 1972. Receipts have been mailed to each individual, auxiliary, or organization contributing but totals are shown here only from each conference for the period covered. It is also a statement of receipts for September, 1972, compared with September, 1971.

| Religious Contributions Received | 1972 | 1971 | Increase or (Decrease) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Albemarle Conference | \$ 496.19 | \$ 993.42 | \$(497.23) |
| Blue Ridge Conference | 29.19 | 10.29 | 18.90 |
| Cape Fear Conference | 1,923.11 | 1,851.66 | 71.45 |
| Central Conference | 2,547.41 | 4,877.27 | (2,329.86) |
| Eastern Conference | 2,638.65 | 6,804.16 | (4,165.51) |
| Pee Dee Association | 77.62 | 328.81 | (251.19) |
| Piedmont Conference | 76.24 | 231.92 | (155.68) |
| Rockfish Conference | | 15.00 | (15.00) |
| Western Conference | 2,150.21 | 4,794.88 | (2,644.67) |
| Other States | | 30.76 | (30.76) |
| Auxiliary Convention | 291.05 | | 291.05 |
| State Convention | | 250.50 | (250.50) |
| Other Religious | | 855.00 | (855.00) |
| Total Religious Contributions | \$10,229.67 | \$21,043.67 | \$(10,814.00) |
| Parents and Relatives | 818.57 | 1,135.29 | (316.72) |
| Friends and Others | 87.00 | 178.00 | (91.00) |
| Legacies and Bequests | | 100.00 | (100.00) |
| Refunds | 446.09 | 817.30 | (371.21) |
| Canteen Sales | 169.55 | 245.50 | (75.95) |
| Farm Sales | 1,667.60 | 2.00 | 1,665.60 |
| Dividends | 1.44 | 1.38 | .06 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 253.23 | | 253.23 |
| Total Other Income | \$ 3,443.48 | \$ 2,479.47 | \$ 964.01 |
| Total Income for Month | \$13,673.15 | \$23,523.14 | \$(9,849.99) |

The above was received for the following:

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| General Fund | \$13,394.92 | \$23,503.14 | \$(10,108.22) |
| Jesse Woodard Fund | 10.00 | | 10.00 |
| Van Savings Account | 25.00 | 20.00 | 5.00 |
| McLeod Education Account | 243.23 | | 243.23 |
| | \$13,673.15 | \$23,523.14 | \$(9,849.99) |

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING

Albemarle Conference

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|----------------|----------|
| Gum Neck | \$ 50.00 |
| Hickory Chapel | 100.00 |
| Mt. Tabor | 43.19 |
| Sidney | 100.00 |
| St. Paul | 50.00 |
| Trinity | 153.00 |

Blue Ridge Association

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| Cedar Hill | \$ 29.19 |
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Cape Fear Conference

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| Casey's Chapel | \$ 10.00 |
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| Daly's Chapel | 22.13 |
| Goldsboro | 160.00 |
| Hopewell | 148.45 |
| Lee's Chapel | 592.53 |
| Youth Conference | 500.00 |
| Pleasant Grove | 35.00 |
| St. Mary's Grove | 105.00 |
| Shady Grove | 85.00 |
| Smyrna | 65.00 |
| Tee's Chapel | 200.00 |

Central Conference

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| Aspen Grove | \$382.88 |
| Ayden | 150.00 |

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| Bethany | 141.2 |
| Black Jack | 65.0 |
| Community | 15.0 |
| Daniels Chapel | 240.0 |
| Dilda's Grove | 125.0 |
| Elm Grove | 95.0 |
| Faith | 20.2 |
| Free Union | 179.2 |
| Friendship | 38.9 |
| Greenville | 10.0 |
| Gum Swamp | 20.0 |
| Hickory Grove | 60.3 |
| Hugo | 4.0 |
| Hull Road | 11.0 |
| Ormondsville | 60.0 |
| Owens Chapel | 170.0 |
| Peace | 218.2 |
| Reedy Branch | 131.7 |
| Saratoga | 161.4 |
| Spring Branch | 55.0 |
| Winterville | 192.0 |

Eastern Conference

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| Antioch | \$ 40.0 |
| Bethlehem | 58.8 |
| Bethel | 50.0 |
| British Chapel | 52.0 |
| Core Creek | 147.9 |
| Croatian | 75.0 |
| Davis | 200.0 |
| Deep Run | 120.0 |
| Dublin Grove | 74.8 |
| Edwards Chapel | 10.0 |
| Faith | 5.0 |
| Folkstone | 75.0 |
| Friendship | 15.2 |
| Holly Springs | 200.0 |
| Juniper Chapel | 5.0 |
| Lanier's Chapel | 35.0 |
| Macedonia | 150.0 |
| Memorial | 75.0 |
| Mt. Zion (Pamlico) | 30.0 |
| Mt. Zion (Onslow) | 90.8 |
| Eula Jones | 5.0 |
| Auxiliary District Fund | 156.2 |
| New Bethlehem | 80.8 |
| New Haven | 21.7 |
| Northeast | 46.4 |
| Oak Grove | 150.0 |
| Pilgrim's Rest | 5.0 |
| Rock of Zion | 38.0 |
| Sandy Plain | 195.3 |
| Sarecta | 50.0 |
| Spring Hope | 100.0 |
| St. Mary's | 5.0 |
| Trent | 75.0 |
| Welcome Home | 100.0 |
| Whaley's Chapel | 100.0 |

Pee Dee Association

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| Emerson | \$ 25.0 |
| Oak Grove | 52.6 |

Piedmont Conference

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| E. Rockingham | \$ 15.0 |
| Hilltop | 6.2 |
| Morganton | 55.0 |

Western Conference

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| Barnes Hill | \$ 10.00 |
| Branch Chapel | 10.00 |
| Calvary | 166.52 |
| Everett's Chapel | 78.24 |
| Flood's Chapel | 5.00 |
| Fremont | 60.00 |
| Friendship | 37.69 |
| Holly Springs | 15.00 |
| Kenly | 10.00 |
| Little Rock | 55.00 |
| Marsh Swamp | 72.69 |
| Memorial Chapel | 4.25 |
| Milbournie | 62.50 |
| New Sandy Hill | 50.00 |
| Oak Grove | 10.00 |
| People's Chapel | 5.00 |
| Piney Grove | 45.00 |
| Pine Level | 61.00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 100.00 |
| Rose Bud | 5.00 |
| Selma | 100.00 |
| Sherron Acres | 125.00 |
| Spring Hill | 150.00 |
| Stancil's Chapel | 37.32 |
| St. Mary's | 260.00 |
| Stony Hill | 25.00 |
| Union Grove | 28.00 |
| Wilson | 10.00 |

Statewide Bodies

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| Auxiliary Convention | \$291.05 |
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Attention Auxiliaries!

The Children's Home is in desperate need of linens at this time, particularly bath towels and washcloths. If your group could take a project of furnishing with these immediate needs, it would be greatly appreciated. In addition, please watch for future articles in this paper on immediate needs of the Children's Home.

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Telephone Change

Please note that the telephone numbers for the Children's Home have been changed as follows:

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| Business Office and | |
| Superintendent | 235-4079 |
| Director of Campus Life Home | 235-3941 |
| Superintendent's Home | 235-3162 |
| Marker House | 235-3338 |
| Lawson House | 235-4541 |
| Central Cottage | 235-4543 |
| Leans Cottage | 235-4444 |
| Smith Cottage | 235-4343 |
| Edgers Cottage | 235-4637 |
| Bemarle I Cottage | 235-4736 |
| Bemarle II Cottage | 235-4643 |
| Kitchen | 235-4742 |
| Season Coordinator | 235-4742 |

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

THE REV. CLIFTON RICE HONORED AT PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

The Rev. Clifton Rice, pastor of Ormondsville Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, North Carolina, was honored on Sunday, October 15, at the church by a "Pastor Appreciation Day."

Before church services began Mrs. Rice was presented with a white orchid corsage and Mr. Rice was presented a red boutonniere. They were then ushered to honor seats at the front of the church. This honor was bestowed upon Mr. Rice because of his 16 years of unflinching efforts, his dedication, his faithfulness and loving service to God and to the people of Ormondsville church. Mr. Rice was not aware of all that was to take place; therefore, he was very touched by all that the church did to make this a really special occasion.

Mr. Kenneth Bowen opened the morning services with a very heartfelt and touching welcome. Because of Mr. Rice's love and devotion to the people of Ormondsville church, they felt that this was a very small thing to do in return for all the many wonderful things he has been instrumental in happening at Ormondsville. There were many kind things said in Mr. Bowen's welcome and Mr. Rice deserved every one of them.

A short biography of Mr. Rice's life was then given by Mrs. Sylvia Allen, in which she introduced Mr. Rice's mother, Mrs. Rosa Rice, age 87, from Arapahoe, North Carolina, and presented her with a white orchid corsage.

Two of Mr. Rice's sisters, Mrs. Lois Scott of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Mrs. Leona Lee of Arapahoe, and one brother, Mr. Ronald Rice of Greenville, North Carolina, were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Rice's daughter Joan, along with her husband, Merlyn Broadway and their two sons, Jeffrey and Patrick, were present for the honored occasion. Joan was also presented a white orchid corsage.

Many of the churches that Mr. Rice had pastored were represented. Mrs. Lillian Tripp had a roll call of each church and a representative from each presented words of praise to Mr. Rice. To further show how much the church appreciates Mr. Rice, a love offering was received and presented to him.

Mr. Charlie Council, a layman and friend of Mr. Rice, delivered the morning message, which was very inspiring and enjoyed by all. The benediction was given by an old friend and former church member, Mr. Raymond McLawhorn.



The Rev. Clifton Rice

After church services a picnic lunch was served on the grounds and everyone enjoyed the fellowship very much.

The people of Ormondsville are very fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Rice during the past 16 years. They feel that under the spiritual guidance and leadership of the Rices the church has grown spiritually as well as materially. They not only look upon the couple as their pastor and wife but as good friends whose association is enjoyed very much.

The congregation thanks God that the Ormondsville church has had this beloved man of God for 16 years and that they have been privileged to share a small part of his and Mrs. Rice's life.

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"I Must Keep It"

During a wealthy man's terminal illness, his daughter pleaded with him to give some money to an orphanage. He assented to the request for a pen and his checkbook. Suddenly he dropped the pen and laid aside the checkbook, saying, "I can't do it. I have had the money too long. I must keep it. I want to help the orphanage, but my will won't let me."

Covetousness is a soul-stultifying sin. —Adapted from The Florida Baptist Witness.

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A GENERAL'S REQUEST

"What do you want us to give you that we may be protected from Russian aggression?" asked the Secret Defense Committee of General Lemay.

Without hesitancy, the general replied, "Men who know God! Men who know how to pray!"

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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of nature we had for so long taken for granted.

The hospitality we found while in Oriental is surpassed by none. The love and concern expressed by the Christians there surely exemplified our theme, the sharing of a Christian life. No doubt, it is impossible to share or pass on something you do not have.

Whenever we would gather to enjoy our ministry and fellowship, we could sense the power of God enveloping our very presence. As some met Christ for the first time and others renewed formerly-made commitments, we all united in a bond of love for one another—and others.

Kleenexes and handkerchiefs were as commonplace as smiles. As the tears were flowing from the eyes of those in attendance, sins were being prayed from our very souls by the redemptive blood of Christ Jesus. It was beautiful!

We were all drawn into a new era in our lives, one centered on God and the will He has for our lives. In turn, we seek to reach out and share God's compassion and forgiveness to others.

We had an "Oriental Experience"—one never to be forgotten and one that can and will **not** die. What does Oriental mean to me? It is merely impossible to tell the greatness of it. Songs seemed to be those of angels. Prayers were answered before they were uttered from our lips. It was a place where we encountered God in a very renowned manner. The important thing is that God is our loving, omniscient God.

Our eyes have been opened and our theme is now love—God's love, "... because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth" (1 John 2:8).

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1972 MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

Below is a schedule giving the date and place for county dinners to be held for Mount Olive College this fall.

Johnston-Wake Counties: Monday, November 6, 7 p. m., Smithfield-Selma High School Cafeteria, the Rev. Edmond Gonzalez, chairman.

Wilson County: Thursday, November 9, 7 p. m., American Legion Building, Wilson, James B. Hunt Sr., chairman.

Onslow—New Hanover Counties: Friday, November 10, 7 p. m., Dixon High

School Cafeteria, Leonard Hobbs, chairman.

Greene County: Saturday, November 11, 7 p. m., Snow Hill Primary School Cafeteria, George Harrison, chairman.

Duplin County: Monday, November 13, 7 p. m., Beulaville Elementary School Cafeteria, Davis Evans, chairman.

Washington, Martin, Tyrrell and Pasquotank Counties: Tuesday, November 14, 7 p. m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria, David Cahoon, chairman.

Sampson, Harnett and Cumberland Counties: Thursday, November 16, 7 p. m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

Carteret County: Saturday, November 18, 6:30 p. m., Holly Springs church, Nathan Garner, chairman.

Beaufort County: Saturday, November 25, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Oscar Webster, chairman.

Lenoir County: Saturday, December 2, 7 p. m., Kings Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, the Rev. W. E. (Bill) Futch, chairman.

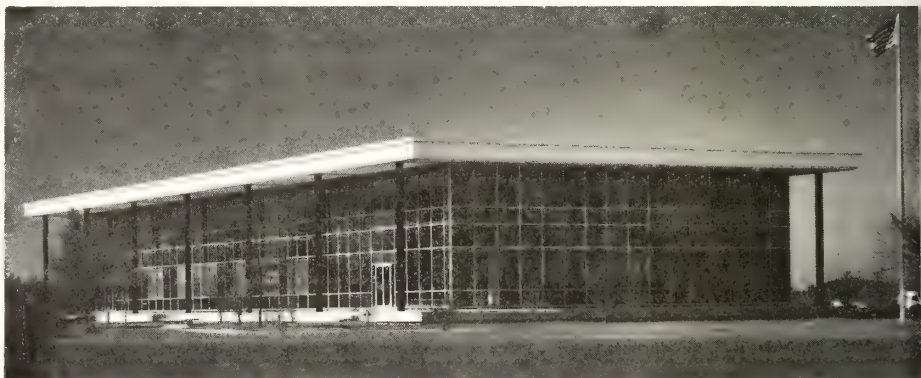
Evangelistic Crusade Planned At Virginia Beach FWB Church

The Rev. Harry A. Jones, pastor of the Virginia Beach First Will Baptist Church, 210 South Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, will lead an evangelistic crusade at the church during the week of November 13-19. The services will begin each evening at 7:30.

There will be special singing nightly. A nursery will be provided. But the most important aspect of the revival will be the preaching of God's Word and the saving of lost sinners. You are invited to come, to pray, to worship, and to help lead some lost souls to Christ.

OUR FATHERS FAST ON THE BOOK OF BOOKS
the Bible.

HENDERSON FOUNDATION MAKES GIFT



Henderson Building, Mount Olive College

Mount Olive College has received a check in the amount of \$8,685 from the C. C. Henderson Memorial Foundation for the 1971-72 fiscal year.

The Foundation was established by the late Dr. C. C. Henderson of Mount Olive and provisions were made for Mount Olive College to receive thirty-five percent of the annual earnings of the Foundation. President W. Burkette Raper reported that the income from the Henderson Foundation was assigned each year to the College development program on the new campus.

Dr. Henderson was a leading benefactor of Mount Olive College and contributed generously to the support of the College during his lifetime. The Henderson Academic Building on the new campus is named in his memory.

"The generosity and thoughtfulness of Dr. Henderson in creating a permanent foundation through which Mount Olive College would benefit has been of immense value to us through the years. We have friends like Dr. Henderson who have enabled our College to move from a very modest beginning toward becoming one of the truly distinctive church-related junior colleges of the nation," President W. Burkette Raper declared upon receiving this year's income from the Foundation.

"The College anticipates receiving \$30,000 during the current fiscal year from the various endowment funds which friends of the College have established. The principal trust of the funds varies from \$1,000 to more than \$200,000," he reported.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Do the Scriptures teach that after a few times when the Holy Spirit has striven with an unsaved person in an effort to get him saved and he continues to resist the Spirit leaves him and will not thus influence him toward salvation again?

Answer: No! I do not think it correct to put the action of the Holy Spirit in the mouth of a sinner in such a statement. First, let us look at some passages in the Bible that indicate God's concern and the efforts He exerts toward the sinner making it plausible that he yield his heart, believe, and be saved. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). This sounds to me that God is so concerned that He might bring to bear influence upon one repeatedly in an effort to cause him to make a personal choice of Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as of a contrite spirit" (Psalm 34:18). Here again God is represented as one who patiently awaits the decisive decision of the sinner and calls upon him to be saved. Always, however, God exercises patience.

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:9). Here it is to Israel that this tender appeal is being made; however, we are to remember that even though all of Israel being preached to only part were saved in many such crises.

The New Testament makes universal appeals; these result in the salvation of many. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto

your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Jesus tells us how, when He has ascended to the right hand of His and our heavenly Father, He is going to continue extending His appeal and persuasion in behalf of such sinners as we. "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:15-18).

Jesus' followers are all sent forth into the world as witnesses. See Matthew 28:18-20; compare Mark 16:15-16, Acts 1:8, Mark 16:19-20, John 15:7-8. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:7, 8).

Then since all this is true, Jesus himself did not only send the Holy Spirit to reprove the world; that is, the unsaved of the world. He also, while in His local abode at the right hand of the Father, is also omnipresent here together with the Holy Spirit present in the lives of believers. He has all power in heaven and in the earth, makes all that power available to each Christian as he witnesses, and exhibits the faith thus made available to Him for the purpose of this witnessing. The Holy Spirit strives through the Word of God as it is given forth through the instrumentality of Christ's disciples. Some heathen only hear the Word once; part become Christian and part do not. With some who heard the message once, strong conviction was perhaps produced, but the heathen continued to resist until they no longer had a chance to be saved for their lives here were concluded in death.

Some of us who heard the gospel message several times found that the messages repeatedly brought conviction of sin; we, however, failed to obey until, finally, after years of procrastinating, we obeyed and were saved. Others whom we know were reared in the same neighborhood, went to the same church, and listened to some of the same sermons that we did, but were never saved. We may not understand this, but in His mysterious way He performs all His feats.

There are passages that warn us against delaying a response to the gospel. Some leave this life while they are young, while others live long lives. Part of these are saved while young and some after they are older. Then the sad part must be acknowledged, namely, that some who have access to the gospel from childhood live to a ripe old age without coming into a saving knowledge of Christ. God's Word warns against this. "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20); "And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3); "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1); "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest)" (Hebrews 3:7-11).

Nathan J. Stone gives this view of a similar question on Page 444 in his book, **Answering Your Questions:**

"The Scriptures uniformly teach that God is patient, compassionate, and long-suffering (Exodus 36:6; Numbers 14:18; 2 Chronicles 30:9; Nehemiah 9:17; Psalms 86:15; 103:8, etc. See also such passages as Genesis 6:3, 6; Ezekiel 18:23, 31, 32; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). The Holy Spirit may be grieved and even quenched, but all this suggests long-continued patience and striving. The Spirit may cease His striving and patience. It is stated, for instance, in Isaiah 63:10 that Israel of old provoked God's Holy Spirit until He turned to be their enemy and fought against them, but this was only after centuries of such provocation (see also 2 Chronicles 36:16, 17). And

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STORIES

for our youth



HURRY BACK!

by HELEN GOTHROP

GARY grabbed Bill's arm. "Was that Muggins dashing across the street?"

"You mean Mrs. Long's dog?" his friend asked.

Gary nodded. "She usually keeps him in the yard. She really gets upset when he gets out. Maybe I should go see whether that was him."

"You don't have time," the freckle-faced boy told him. "Mrs. Cornell said she wouldn't wait for anyone who was late, and we're supposed to be there in fifteen minutes."

"I'd sure hate to miss the scout skating party," Gary admitted. "Even if that was Muggins, he'll probably go home when he gets tired," he decided.

Bill dashed up the street. Gary ran behind him. Car brakes screeched. Gary stopped running and turned around. Looking down the hill behind him, he saw Muggins skitter from beneath the wheels of the car. Then he disappeared around the corner, yipping as he went.

"I hope he isn't hurt," Bill said.

"I'd better go see," Gary decided. Mrs. Long would be heartbroken if anything happened to him.

"You'll miss the party," Bill warned him.

Gary hesitated. It wasn't his fault that the dog was out. Why should he miss the party because of Muggins? But what if it were Roscoe, his dog, that had got out? Gary thought again of how much Mrs. Long loved her little black dog. It was her only companion. Christ had said that you should treat others as you would like to be treated.

"I'll hurry back just as soon as I take

Muggins home," he told Bill. "I'll get to Mrs. Cornell's before you leave."

He ran down the hill and around the corner. Where could Muggins have gone? From down the street came the sharp angry barks of a dog. Could it be—? He ran down the street until he came to a green house. The barking was coming from the back yard. He ran into the yard. Muggins was barking frantically at a huge yellow cat that he had cornered in the yard. The cat's back was arched. Its fur stood straight up on its back. The dog inched closer and closer to it. The cat hissed a warning.

"Come on, Muggins," Gary begged.

Now the dog was only a foot away from the frightened animal. I must stop him, Gary thought. He snatched up a white pebble and flung it at the fence behind the dog. Startled, the dog turned his head, and the cat jumped the fence and was gone.

Happy to see a friend, the dog trotted toward him. Gary scooped him up in his arms and was rewarded with a lick on the cheek. Thank goodness the car hadn't hurt him.

He ran down the street carrying Muggins. A woman walked by with a spotted dog on a leash. It barked angrily at Muggins. The black dog struggled out of Gary's arms. The other dog yanked himself free from the woman's grasp and together they zoomed up the street.

"Prince! Prince!" the woman called.

"Muggins!" yelled the boy. Neither dog stopped.

Gary ran up the street. That silly dog! he thought. Why had he picked today to get loose? Hot and panting, Gary finally caught up with him. This time he held the dog tightly so that he couldn't get away.

It was such a hot day. Gary thought of the icy drinks they always sold at

the skating rink. He might still make it if he hurried.

Running with a burst of speed, he arrived at Mrs. Long's house. How glad she'd be to see Muggins. She had probably been phoning all over trying to locate him, Gary thought. He rang the doorbell. There was no answer. Again he pushed the bell. She wasn't even home! Disappointment flooded over him. She hadn't even missed her dog, and Muggins would probably have gone home by himself. If he ran all the way to Mrs. Cornell's, he might still be in time to go to the skating party.

He put the dog in the back yard and closed the fence gate. When he started running to the party, something nipped at his heels. It was Muggins! "How did you get out again?" Gary questioned him angrily.

Gary picked up Muggins and once more carried him back to the yard. He checked the white picket fence. Sure enough—one of the slats was loose. He found an old cord hanging from the clothesline. He cut it off with his pocketknife and tied it around the wooden slat. Now Muggins wouldn't get out.

Gary also knew that he had probably missed the party. Tears filled his eyes. "All because of you," he scolded the dog. Carefully locking the gate behind him, Gary started toward home.

A car horn blasting beside Gary made him jump.

"Come on, Gary, get in," the Boy Scouts called from Mrs. Cornell's car.

Happily Gary scrambled in. "How do you find me?" he asked.

"I told Mrs. Cornell where you were," Bill said.

"We couldn't let you miss the party after we heard of your good deed," Mrs. Cornell said.

Bill threw his arm around his friend's shoulder. "Glad you made it!"

"I am, too!" nodded Gary. But he was happiest of all because he'd done what he knew was right. How good he felt inside! Muggins was safe, and because of all he had followed Christ's command.—My Pleasure.

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CHANGED MEN CHANGE SOCIETY

Daniel A. Poling, on his eighty-first birthday, stated his creed thus: "I believe the gospel is first personal and always social. The place of the church is not to change society but to change men and women, who will then do the changing of society."

MISSIONS

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ion. We began to talk to him about our tracts and in the course of our conversation we learned that he was a born-again Christian. He is a Roman Catholic, but he truly knows the Lord as his Saviour. He told us that in this country where 90 percent are in the Roman Catholic church not more than 10 percent are saved and truly know the Lord. It was truly a blessing to talk to this man. He is taking the message of Christ to the people in the Roman Catholic church. We need to remember him in prayer.

He granted us permission to distribute the literature and yesterday afternoon we gave 200 tracts to the employees. Many of the people live in the barrio where we are establishing the "house churches." We intend to follow up these tracts with a personal witness. Other tracts were distributed at stores and to individuals on our way.

After distributing the tracts to the Motor Pool employees, we went to the Provincial Prison and gave tracts to the prisoners and guards. We also got permission to hold a service in the prison each Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. This prison is unlike anything you have ever seen. The men are literally packed into two small rooms in an old dilapidated building. Here they feel unloved. We are going to take the message of the love of God to them. We left about 300 pieces of literature with the prisoners here. After leaving the prison, we went to the house of one of our neighbors and led two men to the Lord.

We praise the Lord for the work of the Spirit here in preparing the way before us. Let us join together in prayer that the Lord might move over this whole land through laymen that receive Him as Saviour. May the Word spread from here to the whole of the Philippines.

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A TEEN-AGER STOOD FIRM

The daughter of an Arizona Baptist minister refused to offer a prayer at her high school baccalaureate service because she was requested to omit the words "in Christ's name." The senior said, "If I can't say what I believe, I won't say anything at all."

The principal had suggested, "End your prayer with the words 'in God's name,' or something similar. We expect to have some Jewish people attending, and we all pray in God's name."

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Great Blessings for All in Whorton Gift

(The following editorial appeared in the **Goldsboro News-Argus** of October 24, Eugene Price, editor. It refers to the recent \$100,000 gift made to Mount Olive College by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Whorton.)

"In view of all that is taking place in our society to degrade and destroy our way of life, we would like to have a part in upholding Christian principles and moral standards. We need small Christian colleges like Mount Olive where someone cares about what is happening to our young people. . . ."

So said Robert A. Whorton of Pamlico County as he and his wife announced a \$100,000 gift to Mount Olive College.

The Whortons have been particularly moved by the moral and religious emphasis placed on education at Mount Olive.

This is not to suggest that the institution is a "Bible School." It is a liberal arts college. Its program of education is outstanding and is so recognized across the nation.

But Mount Olive College does provide for its students an atmosphere and an emphasis they can find on far too few campuses today.

The permissiveness that abounds on many campuses is not found at Mount Olive. There is no drinking in the dormitory rooms or on campus. There is no visitation in the dorm rooms by students of different sexes.

While many students around the nation will parade in the streets demanding such "privileges," there are still in this country students who prefer to pursue their higher education in a different atmosphere. There are parents who share that preference.

They find that atmosphere at Mount Olive.

Mount Olive College, of course, could not survive but for the support of good people like Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whorton.

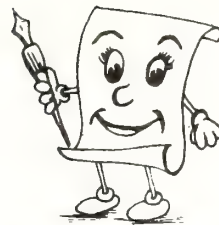
Mount Olive College, over the years, has been able to get ultimate use from every dollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Whorton, we feel confident, can take ultimate pleasure in their decision. Their gift should be a great blessing to them as well as to the College.

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When at night you cannot sleep, talk to the Shepherd—stop counting sheep.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

SUPPORTING THE EMBLEM: BENEVOLENCE

For many of us, because we don't know what to do, the benevolence work of our Woman's Auxiliary is done solely by the chairman and her committee. But benevolence should involve all the members.

You might try these suggestions from different auxiliaries.

One sponsors a meeting with a different shut-in each Wednesday morning. They carry small gifts, like hand lotion, tissues, a small book, or other useful items. Sometimes only three or four attend, but a short devotional and a visit is enough for their friend to feel loved and remembered.

Another group visits a local nursing home. They sing and have a short program with those who are able to leave their rooms. Then the members visit bedridden patients and do things they can't do for themselves—write letters, comb hair, trim nails. Did you know if you're truly bedridden you can't trim your own toenails?

At a monthly meeting each member present takes the name of an absentee, sick person, or prospective member to contact during the month. They do more than phone: first a card, then a personal visit. This has been very effective in keeping their membership built up.

One circle had good response from a "prayer circle." The members stood around the room, held hands, and prayed aloud for each other, their church, missionaries, and other requests made orally at the beginning of the prayer.

Benevolence is the "service" side of our Woman's Auxiliary emblem. Benevolence is also the desire for the well-being or comfort of others, and love for mankind. Jesus said, "These things I command you, that ye love one another" (John 15:17). He left us an example: He cared about people.

Good works won't take us to heaven, but they exhibit our love for Him, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR NOVEMBER 19



The Threat of World Calamity

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 14:8-14; Psalm 33:13-17; Isaiah 31; Jeremiah 21; 27; 2 Peter 3:8-13

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 32:16-25

I. INTRODUCTION

This century is facing a spiritual, moral, and theological crisis. During the last century an unprecedented missionary effort has been witnessed. Bibles have been printed in many different languages, and through radio and television the gospel has been carried around the world. On the other hand, it is obvious to the most casual observer that the preaching of the gospel is not even keeping up with the population explosion, much less overcoming the opposition engendered by the growth of Communism and the nationalism of many small nations. The Bible is being rejected as the inerrant Word of God, and organized Christendom seems to be a ship without a rudder. The new theology has bred a new morality that seems more like a nonmorality. Who can doubt that we are facing a great spiritual crisis?

It seems self-evident that we are facing a political crisis. Since the rise of Communism in 1917 it has come to control more than half of the world, and has an insidious campaign going on eventually to control the whole world. In our own country, the smell of revolution is in the air. Many of the younger people are expressing dissatisfaction with old ideas and institutions, but they are failing to have a better alternative. To destroy our system without having something better with which to replace it seems senseless. Politically the world is in a furor.

Economically, some of us never had it so good while others are starving to death. Our country has an unprecedented wave of affluence and prosperity, but there are still peoples in the world who go to bed hungry. And one wonders how long our own economy can go on

with an increasing indebtedness. Economically, there are clouds on the horizon.

In our lesson today, we propose to take a look at this threat of world calamity that hangs over us in the light of God's Word. May our approach be prayerful and humble.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Our lesson today is intended to point us to the true source of strength and power in a world in which nations jostle one another for supremacy, and international intrigue becomes a way of life. There is ever a danger that we will put our trust in armaments. And yet, history proves that no weapon forged by man is so intricate that others cannot invent a retaliatory one that will offset its power.

B. In Old Testament times, the cavalry gave an army distinct advantage over foot soldiers. The result was that, in spite of God's warning not to multiply horses, the people of Israel began to look with longing eyes to development of this form of military might. The futility of such a course is illustrated in Psalm 33:17.

C. Josiah lived in a time of impending disaster. The idolatry of Judah had brought a threat of God's wrath. The implement to be used as a punishing agent was Assyria, a ruthless nation that was already terrorizing nearby nations. Judah was urged to repent and to trust in God for deliverance. Instead of this, the policy-making politicians in the palace began to cast about for a foreign alliance that would strengthen their hands. To the south lay Egypt, a corrupt and idolatrous nation with a well developed and mobile cavalry.

D. The strategy was to play Egypt against Assyria and let them knock each other out. Isaiah decried this trust in foreign pacts and in military might. He urged the people to return to God, who could destroy their enemies in one swift stroke. To trust in the power of men could only bring destruction of the peo-

ple and devastation of their country. It was a forlorn hope to place faith in foreign agreements made with idolaters. Inasmuch as we also live in a day of stress and strife, the admonitions of old are worth pondering.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. It is of tremendous significance for a nation whether its leadership acknowledges God or denies Him. In this respect America is a peculiarly blessed nation. Most of its presidents have unashamedly acknowledged God and called upon the nation in times of crises to pray and to offer thanks to God for His goodness. Let no one think that such attitudes remain unnoticed by God. To forget God and depend upon human might means to live on the brink, as Alexander the Great did, as Napoleon did, and as Hitler did.

B. However, nations are not the only bodies which live on the brink. Churches and missions may also become cliffhangers and live and operate on a purely humanistic level. They may go through the formalities of piety and calling upon God, but in reality their confidence is in men, in means, in methods, in techniques, in diplomacy, and in programs.

C. It often appears as though committees replace the Holy Spirit, social concern replaces the concern for the eternal salvation of men, picnics replace prayer programs replace worship, and marches replace evangelism and missions. Many a church has become a humanistic institution, operating on a humanistic level in human wisdom and strength, and for human interests only.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

D. Every indication is that this world is approaching a catastrophe the like of which she has not seen before. We believe that the next great event in the calendar of God is the rapture or translation of the church. Then the hour of great trouble will break upon the earth. Several words are used in the Scriptures to designate this period: Tribulation, the time of Jacob's Trouble, the Abomination of Desolation. It is during this period that the antichrist will manifest himself, and it is during this period that a great world conflagration will break out and cause great bloodshed.

E. It has been said that coming events cast their shadows before. What are some of the signs or shadows that indicate the coming of these things that we can see in the world around us now? First, there is the birth of the nation of Israel and the unprecedented return of

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Are Atheists Happier Than Christians?

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n opportunity to see democracy in action. "Therefore," as Harold J. Berry points out, "they may not really know how bad off they are."

But they'll know how bad off they were—and they'll be a lot worse off—a hundred years from now. The Bible offers future joy to all believers. God's Word promises the lake of fire to atheists and other nonbelievers. Regardless of trials in the present life, Christians can afford to wait, choosing, as did Moses, "... to suffer affliction with the people of God, (rather) than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt (we might insert 'Russia'): for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward" (Hebrews 12:25-26).

But really, are atheists in Russia **now** happier than Christians? Krasilov's poll suggests that they seem so, but are they?

You aren't likely to find a dictionary defining happiness as job-satisfaction. You perhaps know people who are perfectly satisfied with their employment but perfectly miserable in most other aspects of life. Some dive into work, trying to lose themselves there to fill the void of disillusion haunting them. Joy certainly means more than job-satisfaction. Jesus made this clear, cautioning, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you" (John 6:27).

My odyssey through the Soviet Union convinced me that its citizens are being trained to worship work. But if happiness must be gauged by job-satisfaction, how can anyone be happy who is unemployed or retired? And don't let the propaganda mislead you. Real unemployment does exist in Russia!

The Christians I met in Russia—and I attended one service with over two thousand present—appeared possessed of a serene, profound satisfaction in Christ. Like the beds of kelp off southern California's coast, Christians may be tossed and tossed by the waves on the surface, but they are anchored to the rock and are unruffled in the depths! The Christian remains happy because he knows he is right with God, even if he is not one other solitary reason for happiness. He may be disturbed by all other

circumstances of life, but he joys in God. I like to apply some words of David W. Breese to the Russians I met. "The Christian, though he be wearing the garb of a peasant, stands like a king. He knows that the question, 'Who wins?' can only be answered in eternity and only Christ has jurisdiction there. Only the one who wins then, wins now."

The real Russian believer is a patient person. He can afford to wait, for he is absolutely confident of happiness hereafter.

Christians in the free world have more opportunities to foster joy than do believers behind the iron curtain. Ours is an easier life. We enjoy unrestricted privileges to worship and witness. But do we appropriate those opportunities? Does not persecution, perhaps, produce a hardier breed of believers? The churches in Russia which are open are crowded. It costs something there to be identified as a believer. It doesn't cost nearly as much, for example, in Communist Poland. Relative religious freedom prevails for Protestants there. And yet the churches I visited in Warsaw were small and far from full.

Perhaps a poll in America might reveal the same results Krasilov reported in Russia. Unbelievers here often boast that they have more "fun" than believers. But if any person anywhere had to choose between happiness here or hereafter, he would be time-wise but eternity-foolish if he selected earth as the location for his greatest rejoicing. Christians need not be miserable, but suppose they indeed had to be. What would a few decades of misery be in comparison with endless eons of bliss ahead? But believers are not confined to making such a choice, for we have the utmost of genuine joy if we appropriate the promised privileges in Christ now! —Gospel Herald.

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Questions & Answers

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this no doubt happens with individuals. God's Spirit will not always strive with man (Genesis 6:3). For all that we know, however, the Holy Spirit may deal with some individuals as your question states. None can limit or fully describe His operations, but we know of no Scripture which sustains it."

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The driver is safer when the roads are dry, and the roads are safer when the driver is dry.

Sunday School Lesson

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the Jews to Palestine. Second, there is the rise of Russia and the power of Communism. Third, the coalition of a group of nations in Europe seems to be shaping up for the revival of the old Roman Empire just as the Bible predicts. First, the ecumenical movement in the church seems to be preparing things for the great apostate church that will exist at that time.

F. What can we as Christians do about all this? We believe that there are two things that we should do. First, we should trust in the Lord and live a clean, separated life. What a great need there is for that today. Second, we should be busy as never before trying to get those about us who are unsaved to come to know Christ in the short time that we have in which to work. It is late in the day. Let us work, for the night is coming!—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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Finally I decided that I would have to take my regular leader out of the team until the new leader was trained. The displaced dog was so envious of the new leader that he refused to eat. He grieved himself to death!"

After the children's shocked reaction had subsided, the missionary said, "Children, envy is a terrible thing. It makes us very unhappy."

PRAYER THOUGHT

We have no place in our lives for envy. It can destroy our entire being and make us despicable and cruel.

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OUR GREATEST NATIONAL SIN

Billy Graham told of a tragic incident that happened in Florida. A car carrying seven persons went out of control and hit a telephone pole. With his companions severely injured, the driver tried for seven hours to hail other cars, but no one stopped. No one seemed to care. Six were dead when help finally came. This is an example of our growing indifference and apathy.

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“APPAS - CAPPAS!”

APPAS-CAPPAS CHRISTIANS

Do you know what an Appas-Cappas stick is? You don't? Well, it's probably because you don't know Burney Tucker or haven't been to the Dixie Queen Restaurant in Winterville, North Carolina, lately, where Burney hangs out a lot.

An Appas-Cappas stick isn't anything too great to look at. In fact it's a simple-looking contraption about eight inches long, the size of a large writing pencil, notched along one side with crude knife-made indentations, having at one end a paper windmill attached with a straight pin.

This writer had never seen an Appas-Cappas stick until one night after bowling when he and some relatives just happened by the Dixie Queen for a snack. Huddled around Burney Tucker were several other men who watched him intently as he busily rubbed the side of the stick with a small pencil. Ooh's and ah's were heard as someone shouted, "Appas-Cappas!" Such utterances as, "Look! Didn't I tell you it would do it? See! It's going the other way," were heard. Laughter resounded through the restaurant as someone said, "I still don't believe it. I have to see it again."

Burney bent to his task once more. The men huddled around again. "It's going," someone said. Then, "Appas-Cappas!" Exclamations again: "It's changed directions! But I still don't believe it!"

Spotting this writer and knowing that he's naturally curious about phenomenal objects and occurrences or unusual "toys," Burney called in his direction: "Tommy, have you ever seen an Appas-Cappas stick?"

"A what kind of stick?"

"An Appas-Cappas stick."

"How do you spell that?" This writer's English consciousness precluded his curiosity about the workings of the object.

Burney couldn't spell it, but he surely knew how to use it. Very confidently and in a manner befitting a professional Appas-Cappas stick player, Burney Tucker, his brown eyes fixed upon the stick so as to mesmerize it, set about again to hold it just right and to rub up and down its notched side with the writing pencil.

Having a little knowledge of physics, the writer was not too surprised to see the windmill at the end of the stick begin turning in response to the vibrations of the rubbing. But he was not prepared to see or believe that the windmill would change directions immediately when someone in the huddle shouted, "Appas-Cappas!" Nor was he prepared to understand at first observation why it changed directions each time "Appas-Cappas" was said. Now surely the stick didn't have ears—or a brain either, for that matter; and logically speaking, it could not change the spin of the windmill at the utterance of a mere command, "Appas-Cappas," or whatever.

There was more to this than met the eye, and it was Burney's little secret. It seems that at the shout of "Appas-Cappas!" Burney would change the pressure of his rubbing ever so slightly and move the point of contact more to one side; and though this writer would not propose to explain all the physics involved, it has something to do with the lines of force: When changed, they caused a turnabout of the windmill's spinning.

Burney's Appas-Cappas stick (we hope our spelling is nearly correct) reminded us of so many people who claim Christianity as their motivating force. How often have you seen people change in the "middle of a spin," so to speak? How often have you seen individuals who, like horses in an angry stream, suddenly turn and go back the other way? How often have you, when the going got rough, chickened out and threw up your hands and just gave up? Do you know people who claim to be Christians, but are so changeable that you are made to wonder if indeed they are?

For the Appas-Cappas stick, changing its turning is all right; that's the purpose of it. But, we don't want any Appas-Cappas Christians, do we? At the risk of stretching a point, let us hasten to conclude by saying that with God there is no shadow of turning—and He changes not. Wouldn't it be to our advantage to be steadfast, unmoveable, unchangeable? Wouldn't it be wise for us to "spin" in one direction only—and that to a closer relationship with Him?

"Appas-Cappas!" You didn't change directions at that command, did you? If so, you're an Appas-Cappas Christian!



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The Deity of Christ

F. B. CHERRY

ct: "... I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20)

Our Christian faith rests upon three fundamental facts: (1) Jesus Christ is God's Son; (2) He loved us; (3) He died for us. These three great facts of the Gospel rise and fall on one thing—Is Jesus God?

There are those who say that Jesus is God's Son, but then they say that He is God's Son in the same sense that a Christian is a son of God. This is the same thing as saying that Jesus was no more than a human being. They may admit that He was a great teacher, a prophet, a reformer; but they are not willing to admit that He was God clothed in human flesh. If Jesus Christ is a Son of God, then our religion is nothing more than a system of ethics; but if He is the Son of God, then Christianity is a divine, supernatural religion. The deity of Christ is basic to our belief as Christians.

In this brief message, we will point out five infallible proofs that Jesus is the Son of God; that He was God clothed in human flesh; that He was God incarnate.

His Virgin Birth

The first great proof of the deity of Christ is His virgin birth. Isaiah prophesied that He would be born of a virgin: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Matthew showed that this prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus was born: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, . . ." (Matthew 1:21, 22).

Some say that He might have been born of a virgin, but that is not important. But it is so important that no one can be saved without believing it. If He were not born of a virgin, He had an earthly father and was a human being only. And if He were a human being only, He could not be the Saviour from sin. The deity of Christ rests upon the fact that He was born of a virgin conceived of the Holy Spirit.

His Virtuous Life

A second great proof of the deity of Jesus Christ is His sinless life. His is the only perfect life that the world has seen. True, the Bible speaks of Job as being a perfect man, but when you study the history of Job you find that he lacked something when he showed impatience and grumbled at his lot. Jesus is the only character in or out of the Bible in whom no fault may be found.

If you want to find fault with me, just look and you will find many imperfections. If anyone wants to find fault with you, all he has to do is look. The faults are there. If anyone wants to find fault with your father or mine, all he will need to do is look. As pure and holy as most of us feel that our mothers were, their lives were not perfect. Jesus is the only perfect life that this world has seen.

Take the great characters of the Bible, and you will find some spot to mar the perfectness of everyone except Jesus Christ. Abraham is called the father of the faithful, but he lied about Sarah's being his wife. David is called a man after God's own heart, but his character has a black spot of murder and adultery. Moses is called the meek, but he has a

spot of murder and ill temper. Look anywhere you will, at any life you choose, and always there is a spot to mar its perfection until you come to the life of Jesus Christ. His wholly virtuous life gives proof of the fact that He was God clothed in human flesh.

His Vicarious Atonement

The vicarious atonement of Jesus gives proof of His deity. The prophet Isaiah wrote about this hundreds of years before He was born: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him; the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

It has been aptly said that on the day of the crucifixion when the three crosses were standing on Calvary's Hill outside of Jerusalem that one man died to sin, another died in sin, but that the Figure on the central cross died for sin. He had done no wrong; even His enemies could find no fault with Him. He died a vicarious death that wicked, evil, sinful men like you and me might be saved.

The Apostle Peter speaks of His vicarious death in these words: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

His Victorious Resurrection

The fourth great proof of the deity of Christ is His victorious resurrection. Paul emphasizes the importance of the resurrection when he says, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not" (1 Corinthians 15:14, 15).

The camp of Satan must have had a wonderful time the day Jesus was crucified. They thought they were rid of Him. He will no longer be able to stir up the people with His teaching. All danger from Him is over now. But there is one thing Satan did not reckon on—that Jesus would rise from the dead and live evermore. Yes, the resurrection of Jesus was necessary to add to the other proofs that He was God clothed in human flesh.

There are many proofs of His resurrection. Jesus himself had said that He would rise again. The Apostle Paul had given witness to the resurrection. But the greatest proof of the fact that Jesus arose from the dead and is alive is the

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:25

DIVINELY PLACED BARRIERS

Speeding over the Pennsylvania Turnpike at a death-defying eighty-five miles per hour, four teenagers died horribly in a head-on crash with another car occupied by the driver, his wife, and their three-year-old daughter. The husband was instantly killed, and the wife and daughter were critically hurt.

The tragic accident occurred when the car of the joyriding teen-agers hurtled over the three-foot metal road divider and smashed into the oncoming car.

Along life's highway, God in goodness has placed barriers to keep us from going on the downward way to destruction. One such barrier is the Ten Commandments. Their "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not" were designed for man's protection and good. When man hurls himself against this adamant barrier, he breaks not the barrier but himself.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Learn and accept these ten most important rules of life and you can be sure of everlasting peace on earth.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—2 Peter 1:7

SOWING PRECIOUS SEED

"You don't know me," said a gnarled and badly stooped old Chinese woman to Mrs. E. Weller of the China Inland Mission (now the Overseas Missionary Fellowship).

"I don't believe I do," replied Mrs. Weller.

The old lady stood, supporting herself with a cane, as she related this touching story:

"Twenty years ago, in this very place, a foreign young woman who couldn't speak many of our words taught me the first two lines of 'Jesus Loves Me.' My daughter and I say them every night. We worship Jesus and pray to Him about everything. We've had no idols in our home since that young woman taught me those lines."

Mrs. Weller sat beside the old woman and told her more about her wonderful Saviour.

Years later Mrs. Weller said, "That old lady probably has long since seen her

Saviour face to face and has greeted the unknown young lady who told her about the love of Jesus!"—Told by Mrs. Howard Taylor.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Your kindness to another may also lead to the saving of a soul. Won't you try it today?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—Genesis 17:16

JUST A HOUSEWIFE

"Just a housewife," she told the census taker, with a half-apologetic smile.

Just a housewife? Oh, no! Such a tiny little bit of her was that. She was an artist—an expert in color, atmosphere and design. Three hundred and sixty-five paintings she finished every year. Many of them would stand in the halls of memory long after she was gone. There had been some dark, tragic days, but she made each one a miniature of courage. Praise and devotion also found their place in her gallery of days.

Just a housewife? She was a poet. A glass of plum jelly on a sunlit windowsill was a sonnet of beauty. Clean, fresh curtains, stirring in a gentle breeze, whispered a poem of love. Crisp loaves of bread effused a fond song to be remembered; a child kneeling in prayer was a hymn of praise.

Just a housewife? She was a builder, an architect with visions and plans for a better tomorrow. Her foundation was laid on essential goodness. Her walls were squared with gracious living. The windows opened wide to love and understanding. A roof of faith made the house safe from storms. A fence of contentment kept away strife, prejudice and ill will. It was not a house alone that she built—it was a home where the heart could nest.—Beulah G. Squires, in *Sunshine Magazine*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

A million words could not adequately describe a "mother." So if you still have one, please honor and obey her.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:8

DRIFTING

Many years ago the captain of a whaling vessel in the North Atlantic saw through his binoculars an indistinct hulk in the distance, surrounded by icebergs. As his ship came near, he called, "Ship ahoy! Ship ahoy!" There was no answer. Going aboard the vessel, he found a frozen captain and a frozen crew. The captain sat with the logbook open before him. The last entry revealed that the vessel had been in those northern waters, far removed from the usual flow of oceangoing traffic, for nearly ten years. It was a floating sepulcher, tossed by wind and waves, drifting from no port to no port.

Many men and women are like that derelict—unmoored and adrift, without chart, compass, and captain.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Place yourself in the hands of the Lord today and you won't find yourself on the floundering ship in the sea.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—Psalm 145:19

PIGS AND KIDS

The night was cold. The time was past midnight. Husband and wife were sleeping soundly. Then a sick child's whimpering cries were heard by her mother. Awakening her husband, the wife said, "Mama must be ill. Go and see what the trouble is."

The husband mumbled something and said, "You go." Shortly he was again sleeping soundly.

About that time a pig out in the barnyard began to squeal distressingly. Instantly the husband awakened and sprang out of bed. As he hastily dressed his wife said to him, "Do you know the difference between you and the daddy of that squealing pig?" Before he could reply, she gave the deserved and rebuking answer to her question: "He is a thoroughbred, and you are not!"—Told by Billy Sunday.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God says that He will come when He hears the cry of help. Can't we do this much for our fellowman when he is down and needs help?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 6:4

DELINQUENT PARENTS

Some teenage boys, guilty of serious offenses, were arraigned in juvenile court in Cleveland, Ohio. They were intoxicated when they were arrested.

Before passing sentence upon the youths Judge Walter G. Whitlatch sternly reprimanded the parents who were present. He said, "These boys know the difference between right and wrong, but you have not cared about their being out at four o'clock in the morning. Two fathers are alcoholics. One father is not here because he deserted his family and his responsibilities. As fathers and mothers, you are failures. These youngsters are in a typical pattern."

PRAYER THOUGHT

How much can we expect from our children if we don't guide them in the right direction—toward God?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 40:29

HELP OF THE HELPLESS

A huntsman heard the baying of his hounds in the distance. Closer and closer they came. In a moment a little fawn leaped wearily and exhaustedly over a fence and fell at the huntsman's feet. The imploring eyes of the helpless creature seemed to say, "You won't let the hounds kill me, will you?"

In relating the incident later, the huntsman said, "I stood there for some time

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SEARCH FOR TODAY

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen

"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what all will be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, The Lord will, we shall live, and do as, or that. But now ye rejoice in your castings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:13-17).

I overheard two young girls talking. The young girl said to the other, "If you could cut your hair you'd look much better." The other girl said, "I'll never cut it as long as I live." She was dead end less than thirty minutes. She was right that time. But I heard this same girl say many times, "I'm going to build a big brick house one day." She never did. This example is from a young child, but doesn't it fit most of us? We say what we are going to do without thinking from whence our help comes. We are always planning or searching for tomorrow. Do we go to church searching for a message from God's Holy Word or to be entertained? Sometimes we have wonderful singers presented to us, but the way they are dressed or their motions are so loud that you can't see or hear the message; their appearances don't seem to fit the song. I have heard others say, "You know, that or this teacher is getting too modern for me"; Did you see how short those girls'

dresses were?"; and "Just look at the boys' long hair!" Stop! Turn around and take a look at our own sons and daughters. God doesn't see as man sees, for we look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart. Please read 1 Samuel 16:7. We as Christians know right and wrong. Yes, I believe outward appearances reflect on what we believe in most cases. Is it God and His way or are we trying to keep up with others? I wonder as I read this little saying by Dr. Vance Hauner, "Some people are so heavenly-minded that they are of no earthly use."

Do we find many heavenly-minded people? We can find many people who are earthly-minded. What are we searching for? Is it tomorrow or is it today? If we search hard enough we usually find what we want. God has given us today. Did He say, "all day"? "And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:9-10).

Are we losing today because we are always seeking for tomorrow? What is so important about tomorrow? Tomorrow as we seek it may never come.

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).

As Joshua said, "... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." If only all of us would say and mean this! Help each of us to search today for the Lord while He may be found.

Do we have to search to find the Lord in the places we go or is He even there? Do we dress, act, and speak the way the Lord would have us to? Can others see Christ in us? Or do we blend too well with the worldly crowd? May we know what we want and search for it today. "... seek, and ye shall find;" (Matthew 7:7).

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I LONG TO KNOW HIM BETTER

For some time Frances Havergal yearned to know Christ better and become more rapidly conformed to His image. She confided to a friend, "I long for deeper, fuller teaching. I know I love Jesus but I want to come nearer to Him. I want to know the power of His resurrection. I want to know the depth of His love."

96,000 Hear Graham Associates In August

Billy Graham's Associate Evangelists Ralph Bell, Lane Adams, and Dr. John Wesley White spoke to 96,528 persons in crusades conducted during August. The crusades were conducted in Martinsville, Virginia; Nampa, Idaho; and North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Ralph Bell spoke to 30,565 persons in a 15-day crusade in Martinsville, Virginia, August 6-20. Seven of the 15 nights resulted in standing room only crowds with 310 persons coming forward as a sign of commitment made to Christ.

Bell commented on the crusade by saying his prayer is "that the unity, spirit of goodwill, and fellowship in the gospel will continue to have a vital impact upon the lives of many in the area."

Over 43,000 persons attended the Treasure Valley Crusade in Nampa-Caldwell, Idaho, August 18-27.

"After my experience in evangelism in North America," Evangelist White said, "the American Northwest is perhaps the greatest area of potential for a spiritual harvest."

A total of 1,368 inquirers answered the call by the evangelist to give themselves to Christ. The final crusade service was attended by 9,000 persons. This was the largest crowd ever to gather for a religious event in that area.

"I have found in the Treasure Valley," White said, "a faster escalation of interest and a more broadly based concern for evangelism than any other area I have ministered."

More than 22,000 persons heard Lane Adams relate the gospel to modern man in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, August 25-September 3. A total of 385 inquirers, which included drug users, pilots, businessmen, and a large number of the 25-and-under generation responded to the invitation to invite Christ into their lives.

Adams's observation was that "this is the first time that the majority of the churches in the entire county have ever come together for a united evangelistic effort."

Additional crusades will be conducted this fall in Elmira, New York; Spindale, North Carolina; Leesburg, Virginia; Thief River Falls, Minnesota; Wasco, California; and Middletown, Ohio.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Stoney Creek FWB Church To Hold Revival Services



The Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Patetown Road, Goldsboro, North Carolina, will hold revival services November 15-19 at 7:30 p.m. The Stoney Creek church welcomes the Rev. Rudy Shepard as evangelist.

Special music will be featured each evening. A nursery for babies and small children will be provided.

The pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, and the congregation invite you to come and worship with them during these five services.

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Reception Honors Warrens At British Chapel Church

The Woman's Auxiliary of the British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church honored the Rev. and Mrs. James Warren and family at a reception given Friday night, October 6, at the church. The reception was held to express appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Warren for their service to the church and to congratulate Mr. Warren on his recent ordination.

A cake baked in the shape of a Bible was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Warren. Mints, nuts, and punch were also served. Approximately one hundred attended the reception.

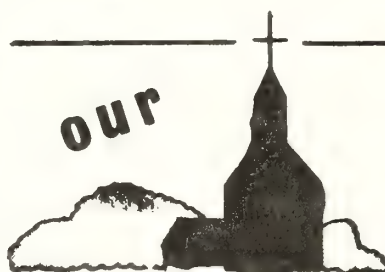
Cragmont Treasurer's Report For October, 1972

Mrs. Fountain Taylor Sr., treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., reports as follows for the month of October, 1972:
Balance October 1, 1972 \$ 7,230.21

| Receipts | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Churches | \$803.69 |
| Sunday Schools | 154.22 |
| Sunday School Convention | 22.00 |
| Woman's Auxiliary | 148.43 |
| Gifts | 837.77 |
| Eastern District Youth | 50.00 |
| Total Receipts | 2,016.11 |

Total for Which to Account \$ 9,246.32

| Disbursements | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Expenses | 334.99 |
| Balance November 1, 1972 | \$ 8,911.33 |
| Savings (Earmarked Funds) | 2,339.34 |
| Grand Total | \$11,250.67 |



Church Auxiliaries

Report of North Carolina Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The following report was submitted by Mrs. Raymond Sasser, treasurer, for the second quarter ending October 31, 1972:

Balance in Bank on July 31, 1972

\$2,242.73

| Receipts | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| General Fund | \$ 30.00 |
| Promotional (CSF) | 155.24 |
| Denominational Enterprises | 6,059.19 |

Total Receipts

6,244.43

Total for Which to Account

\$8,487.16

Milbournie FWB Church Announces "Mount Olive College Day"

The Milbournie Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson County, North Carolina, will observe "Mount Olive College Day" on Sunday, November 19, 1972. Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of the College, will teach the young people Sunday school class at 10 a.m. and preach at the morning worship service at 11 a.m.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. Harry Grubbs.

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Central Conference Layman's League Fellowship Meeting to Be Held

A meeting of the Central Conference Layman's League Fellowship will be held Saturday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Daniels Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. The host pastor is the Rev. Floyd Cherry.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be Mr. Charles Dunn, the director of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation.

All members of the Layman's League of the Central Conference are urged to attend.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Convention Expenses and Allocations | \$ 379.27 |
| Denominational Enterprises | 6,059.19 |

Total Disbursements 6,438.46

Balance in Bank on October 31, 1972 \$2,048.70

Summary of Bank Account Balances

General Fund \$1,722.73
Interest 325.97

Total \$2,048.70

Church Banking and Trust Company, Wilson, North Carolina:

Checking Account \$1,222.73
Savings 825.97

Total \$2,048.70

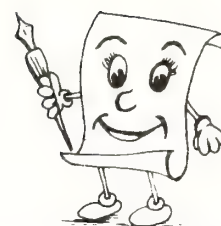
Denominational Enterprises Report

| | Itemized | Received | Disbursed |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Home Missions | | 191.50 | 191.50 |
| Foreign Missions | | 182.40 | 182.40 |
| Missions Designated: | | | |
| Timmons | 10.10 | | |
| Mexican Missionary | 135.00 | 145.10 | 145.10 |
| | | | |
| Central Conference | | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Sandra Jones Fund | | 1,055.90 | 1,055.90 |
| | | | |
| Mount Olive College: | | | |
| General Fund | 81.82 | | |
| Alice E. Lupton Scholarship | 55.50 | | |
| J. C. Griffin Scholarship | 5.00 | | |
| Memorial Organ | 722.09 | | |
| Chapel | 218.51 | | |
| Books | 15.00 | 1,097.92 | 1,097.92 |
| | | | |
| Free Will Baptist Children's Home: | | | |
| General Fund | 473.12 | | |
| Clothing | 420.00 | | |
| Van | 856.65 | | |
| Allowance | 20.00 | | |
| Bible School Offering | 67.56 | 1,837.33 | 1,837.33 |
| | | | |
| Superannuation: | | | |
| General Fund | 94.00 | | |
| Adopted Widows and Ministers | 9.00 | 103.00 | 103.00 |
| | | | |
| Cragmont Assembly, Inc.: | | | |
| General Fund | 426.50 | | |
| Building Fund | 42.00 | | |
| Improvement | 29.00 | | |
| Kitchen Fund | 222.55 | 720.05 | 720.05 |
| | | | |
| Membership Fees (Cragmont) | | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Anna Phillips Loan Fund | | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Old Fellowship | | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| | | | |
| Christian Service Fund: | | | |
| Mount Olive College | 155.25 | | |
| Missions | 155.25 | | |
| Children's Home | 116.43 | | |
| Cragmont | 116.43 | | |
| Superannuation | 77.63 | 620.99 | 620.99 |
| | | | |
| Total Receipts | | <u>\$6,059.19</u> | <u>\$6,059.19</u> |

*10% Christian Service Fund retained for Promotional—see receipts, \$155.24.

FREE WILL BAPTIST

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY . . .

Several years ago a Christian magazine had a pictorial essay on Romans 8: 38, 39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." The picture for "neither death" was, of course, a cemetery. When a very dear relative died suddenly a few days later, we felt the love of God even in our grief, for we were comforted by the magazine article and knew also that nothing would ever separate her from the love of God.

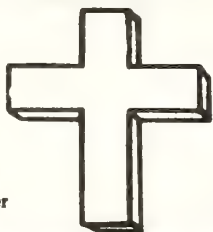
My son, his friend, and I went for a "fishing" weekend in June, planning to return Sunday afternoon so that they could celebrate Father's Day. But late Saturday both boys decided they wanted to be with their fathers all day and attend their own church Sunday morning. They had Father's Day with their dads, but we didn't make it to church. Our daughter was in a wreck on her way to church, and the rest of Sunday and the next week were pretty rough. She wasn't kept in the hospital. But she had trouble sleeping, so we sat up and talked about many things. And though God could have prevented the wreck had He chosen, I think He gave me the two-day vacation and rest to prepare me for that week.

In another family the mother got very sick. The family was far from serene. But she partially recovered. When she died months later, the family was calm. During her year's illness they realized she couldn't live forever. It seems God let them keep her awhile longer so they would be willing to give her up.

I'm glad God knows everything. He looks ahead and frequently prepares us for events we can't foresee. (Amen!—Ed.)

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
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Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONES

"Suffer the Little Children to Come"—

JUNE 20 and 21

by Mattie Lou Link

Shortly after we left Saltillo we noticed that the air was getting warmer. We had crossed over the beautiful and unique mountains. Plants always interest me, so naturally I took in as much as possible of the desert flowers. We thanked God inwardly for the beauty of His creation. Even in the hot, dry, and barren desert land, God had little spots of beauty everywhere to remind us of His presence.

We arrived at Monclova and secured rooms for the night. It was about 105 degrees or more outside. Even though the rooms were not air-conditioned, they were fairly comfortable at first. As we rode through Conclova we were impressed with its progressiveness. In many areas the houses and streets are built better than many of the other towns we have visited. This is an industrial city with a steel factory and mines near by. Although a work had been started in the city, it had recently been moved out to the edge of the city.

We left the paved streets and traveled very slowly through bumpy dirt streets up to a hill overlooking the busy city. Here the houses were made of adobe brick or cement. They were small and looked very poor. The land was very hard and dry; uncovered water barrels stood in every front yard. We stopped in front of a small home. When we went in, I discovered that the room in which I was standing was the church. There were four small benches and a speaker's stand. There was a bookcase in the corner, no windows, and a door leading into the other room of the house. It looked as if it were about ten square feet. It was sultry hot, so we moved the benches outside in the shade of the house. The men walked to several houses inviting people to come. We began the Bible class with only five children. By the time we had finished we had twelve children and three adults. As the day

faded into night, we taught the children the Bible lesson and they sat and listened as if they were hypnotized. They drank in every word. When the invitation was given, one woman shyly raised her hand. We told them how to be saved and what to pray, but did not press for an open commitment.

After a very few songs had been sung, Vance began to preach. By this time the room had become dark. The moon was coming up and we had no electric lights to turn on. As he brought a salvation message, the people sat very still as if they had never heard such news before.

The next night we arrived a little earlier. The children were there to greet us. As we started the Bible class, we saw to our joy that the number had doubled. While we waited for the men to come back from visiting, we taught them to say "hello" in English. They were so thrilled and pleased with themselves. A few minutes later, as the men came, they could greet them in English. Again as the night before, they listened intently; but still there was no response during the invitation. After a few choruses and songs which were accompanied by Brother Jose on his guitar, Vance began to preach. There were about 35 present for the service. He preached from John 14:1-6 about the simple beauty of the gospel. He presented heaven as a prepared city, and Jesus, the only way to go there. There in the beautiful light of a full moon, with the mountains in the background, the people listened intently as he preached and explained "salvation by grace," and not by sacraments as most Mexicans believe. At the invitation twelve young people and three adults raised their hands to accept Christ as their Saviour. We praise God for allowing us to have a small part in such a miracle.

After service, we taught the children who remained how to say "good-bye." They had asked what Jodi's name was, and, as we drove away that night, they called out, "Good-bye, Jodi" in English, but with a distinct Spanish accent. The harvest is truly great. Pray for laborers to go forth.

The Anniversary Celebration - June 21

by Mattie Lou Link

It was a beautiful day. The sun shone brightly, warning us that it would become a hot day. We reached the Getsemani church around 11:00 that morning. Already the aroma of a meal being prepared was present.

As we took our places in the decorated church, Brother Ortega was at the front, leading the singing. This was a very special day. Although the church building was only six months old, today was the third anniversary for the church body. All the Mexican pastors and churches had been invited to attend. The church pastor, Brother Lugo, gave a welcome (I suppose), made a few remarks, and the service continued. There was congregational singing, reading of Scripture, and sermons by various ministers.

Sometime later we dismissed for lunch. The church had no running water; however, it, like so many homes in Mexico, had a big barrel containing water. A small room off the sanctuary had a gas stove in it and a cabinet. A long table and two benches were set up in the room. After awhile we were invited to come in and eat. All the pastors and their wives ate together. We were served tomato and rice, boiled chicken, and beans. Tortillas were placed in the middle of the table. After the blessing, we realized that we had no silverware. There was no problem for the Mexicans. They simply used small pieces of their tortillas and scooped the food up and ate. I felt very awkward, but tried anyway. Good-naturedly the Mexican pastor began to tease us. One of the women in the church brought us some forks, one of which I used, but Vance determined that if the Mexicans could eat with tortillas, so could he. We had something to drink that tasted like cranberry Kool-Aid. It was different.

Everyone was free to do whatever was desired for a few hours. Services would resume at four o'clock.

That afternoon the church was filled largely with women and children. I had been invited to speak on the women's auxiliary in North Carolina. When called on to speak I began by reading Matthew 28:19, 20. From there it was easy to stress the purpose of having a woman's auxiliary—to spread the gospel of Christ to every creature, far and near. It was really a joy to witness for the Lord and to challenge them to work a

not to get tired or discouraged (Galatians 6:9). I told them of some of our activities in North Carolina—locally, as a district, and as a state. I also mentioned the need for working with children as a mission.

After a supper of tripe soup, the church began to be filled with new faces. As the evening service began, there was no more room for the people to be seated who continued to arrive. Improvised benches were set up in the back of the church. All visiting ministers sat in chairs on the platform. There were people standing in the church, at the windows outside the church, and in the doorway! What a blessing it was to see the house of the Lord packed. The singing was joyous! Even though we mispronounced the hymn words, we sang lustily also.

The church choir came forward and sang a couple of lovely hymns. Later the church youth choir rendered two thrilling specials in music. It was beautiful! I was so thankful to be there, partaking of the blessings of God in such a meeting.

Later Vance stood to deliver the evening message. Mr. Timmons translated for him. It was obvious from the first that the power of God's Spirit was upon him. As he preached the electrifying presence of God could be felt. At the conclusion of the meeting many people came forward. Some came to rededicate their lives to the Saviour, others to invite the Saviour to come into their hearts. One of the prettiest sights I have ever seen was witnessed that night. A young woman with a baby in her arms came forward and knelt for prayer. Moments later, her husband knelt down beside her. In his arms also was a young child. Both held a sleeping child and yet, as a family, they bowed before God. It was a touching sight.

After prayer, I was so surprised when everyone turned to look at us again and Mrs. Timmons said, "They want you to come play the piano!" The congregation sang "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" while I played.

A few minutes later our family was asked to sing, so we sang "He Touched Me" in three-part harmony with Brother Sanchez playing the accompaniment on guitar. Tears flowed from our eyes as we realized the true meaning of the words we were singing.

Then, Brother Lugo did a strange thing. He asked us to come back to the front and for everyone to come by and speak to us. The people came by one by one, shaking our hands, hugging us

Mount Olive College

happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

A MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE

by Debra Midyette, student



(Debra Midyette, a freshman at Mount Olive College, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weddell Midyette of Bridgeton, North Carolina. She is a member of Saint's Delight Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton.)

What was Oriental? Oriental was another milestone in my life. It was being in true fellowship with others. It was happiness from peace with God.

I had heard about the retreat of the previous year at Oriental and how wonderful it had been. But I can honestly say that I was not very enthused about the prospects of the weekend when we departed from the College that Friday

and crying as they came. The Spirit bore witness that night that they were truly our brothers and sisters even though we could not even talk together. What a meeting! As we bowed our heads for the benediction, we were very thankful to God for allowing us to be a part, though only a small part, of the day's glorious activities. Looking at my watch, I was surprised to see that it was 11:25!

afternoon. My heart was troubled by various problems, one of which was the fact that we were to be divided into discussion groups and I have never been able fully to express my feelings before a group. I felt very depressed. I began to wonder what was supposed to be so great about this retreat and whether it was going to be a dull, boring weekend.

I had heard much about the Rev. Harold "Mac" Wallace, the pastor who had led the services at the first Oriental retreat. All the remarks about him sounded promising. I found out, however, at the first service on Friday night that these comments did not do him justice. He was filled with the love of God and he had been granted the ability to speak to us in terms of our lives as young Christian witnesses.

As he spoke, I felt my burdens lifted. My problems were not so large after all. My heart became calm and I was not at all nervous about the approach of the discussion groups after the service. The church became as a room flooded with sunlight and the Spirit of the Lord was such that we could not hold back tears of joy. It was a beautiful sight.

After the service the prayers and tears were carried into the discussion groups. I still was not nervous and that was a blessing in itself. In all of the discussion groups we voiced our faults and weaknesses freely and we all asked for the prayers of others to help keep us from wandering astray.

The Saturday night service was even more Spirit-filled than the others. Tears of happiness and truthful, touching testimonies added to the glory of the Lord which surrounded us. We were all united in a state of spiritual happiness.

The climax of the night was a bonfire on the point at the waterfront. We all circled around the fire and joined together in songs accompanied by a guitar. Our voices expressed our sincere love and devotion to our Saviour and we could feel the warm presence of the Lord with us.

Sunday morning when I packed to de-
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part for "home," I did not feel sad about leaving Oriental and our kind hosts, but I felt very fortunate to have been a part of such a meaningful experience. I left with the prayer that God might grant me the wisdom and courage to share with others the love He has given to me.

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1972 MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

Below is a schedule giving the date and place for county dinners to be held for Mount Olive College this fall.

Sampson, Harnett and Cumberland Counties: Thursday, November 16, 7 p. m., Midway School, the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, chairman.

Carteret County: Saturday, November 18, 6:30 p. m., Holly Springs church, Nathan Garner, chairman.

Beaufort County: Saturday, November 25, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Oscar Webster, chairman.

Lenoir County: Saturday, December 2, 7 p. m., Kings Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, the Rev. W. E. (Bill) Futch, chairman.

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MOYE LIBRARY GIFTS

Gifts to Moye Library during the month of October totaled \$253.75. Observe the following list:

In Memory of

Mr. Willie Averette, by Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Addie Creech Barden, by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hinnant, Smithfield, North Carolina.

Mr. Alton Beamon, by Mount Olive College Alumni Association, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. J. W. Brock, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Martin, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mrs. Lora King, Mount Olive, North Carolina; Mount Olive College Alumni Association, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mary Anna Williams Burchel, by Mr. Eugene L. Gaskill, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Marjorie Holloman Cooksey, by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dilday, Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Mr. Richard Cotter, by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moore, Turkey, North Carolina.

Mr. Z. Lee Cox, by Mr. and Mrs. Jack

J. Dail, Winterville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lela Harris, by First Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary of Kinston, Kinston, North Carolina.

Mr. Kirby Hill, by Mrs. Irma H. Blann, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Nannie Mae Hill, by Mrs. Irma H. Blann, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. Sallie Hines, by Mrs. W. R. Williams, Pine Level, North Carolina.

Mrs. Bernice Jackson, by First Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary of Kinston, Kinston, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mildred Jacobs, by Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary, Kenly, North Carolina.

Mrs. Annette M. McDowell, by Mrs. Gertrude M. Edwards, Clinton, North Carolina.

Mr. Henry T. Pope Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie J. Sanders, Hope Mills, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Potter, by Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Lownes Jr., Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mr. Edward E. Seay Sr., by Mr. Claude H. Moore, Turkey, North Carolina.

Mr. Ernest Shearin, by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie J. Sanders, Hope Mills, North Carolina.

Mr. Charlie Slaughter, by Mrs. Louise Britton and family, Ahoskie, North Carolina; Mrs. Lillian Norvelle, Mr. B. H. Ward, Colerain, North Carolina; Mrs. O. E. Willoughby, Ahoskie, North Carolina; Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Ladies' Auxiliary, Ahoskie, North Carolina; Miss Thelma Dilday, Albertson, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Dilday, Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Mr. Tommy I. Stroud, by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Barwick, Deep Run, North Carolina.

Mrs. Victoria Alford Watson, by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Hunt Sr., Lucama, North Carolina.

Mr. Tom West, by Mrs. Estell M. West, Plymouth, North Carolina; Mr. Wayne West, Plymouth, North Carolina.

Mr. L. C. (Kirk) Whorton, by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clayton, Belhaven, North Carolina.

Mr. W. J. Wilder, by Friendship Free Will Baptist Sunday School, Middlesex, North Carolina.

Mr. L. B. Wilson, by Mr. Leonard B. Woodall Jr., Snow Hill, North Carolina.

In Honor of

The Rev. Carol Hansley, by AFC of the Core Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, North Carolina.

Kristopher Ray Harrison, by Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

The Rev. Billy Ray Jordan, by Mr. and

Mrs. Walter Stotesberry, Pantego, North Carolina.

Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Sunday School, by Third Union District Sunday School of the Eastern Conference, Warsaw, North Carolina.

Gifts

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, New Bern, North Carolina.

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Mrs. J. W. Tisdale Speaks on Campus



Mrs. J. W. Tisdale of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and chairman of the South Central Region of the National Affiliation of Literacy Advance, spoke recently on the campus of Mount Olive College. The occasion was the Residential College Series which promotes topics of wide interest at group discussions.

It was learned that over half of the adult population of the world cannot read. The National Affiliation of Literacy Advance is the national organ of Laubach Literacy. The international branch covered 115 different countries and is currently in 50 of them.

The organization was founded over half century ago by Dr. Frank C. Laubach who developed a unique system of teaching adults. His motto is "Each one teach one—and win one for Christ."

In North Carolina there are 800 volunteers, trained by certified trainers in the Laubach method of teaching adults to read.

Mount Olive College is studying the possibility of a community-college effort in this regard. Students at Mount Olive along with interested members of the community, will be trained this spring in the special methods of teaching adults to read.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: If I should do right in my heart, not knowing if I have been born again, would I not go to heaven when I die?

Answer: Not necessarily. Jesus plainly taught that those who were regenerated or had experienced the new birth are the only people that we shall find in heaven when we go there. "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. . . . Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit" (John 3:3, 5-8).

Scofield Reference Bible has the following notes at the bottom of Pages 7-1118:

Regeneration: (1) The necessity of the new birth grows out of the incapacity of the natural man to 'see' or 'enter into' the kingdom of God. However gifted, educated, or refined, the natural man is absolutely blind to spiritual truth, and is incompetent to enter the kingdom; for he cannot neither obey, understand, nor please God (John 3:3, 5, 6; Psalm 51:5; Jeremiah 17:9; Mark 7:21-23; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Romans 8:7, 8; Ephesians 2:3. See Matthew 6:33, note). (2) The new birth is not a reformation of the old nature (Romans 6:6, note), but a creative act of the Holy Spirit (John 3:5; 1:12, 13; Ephesians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10; 4:22-24). (3) The condition of the new birth is faith in Christ crucified (John 3:14, 15; 1:12, 13; Galatians 3:24). (4) Though the new birth the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature and the life of Christ himself (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 2:10; 4:24; Colos-

sians 1:27; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:4; 1 John 5:10-12)."

The Bible teaches that all born since the fall of Eve and Adam, that is, all who have been born in the natural birth, have the old or Adamic nature and are lost until they are born again. They are in sin and nothing short of the new birth can restore them to fellowship with God. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Psalm 51:5); "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one" (Job 14:4); "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12); "Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) . . . But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:3-5, 13); "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: . . . For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:10, 23); "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

Dr. Nathan Stone in his book, **Answering Your Questions**, has the following to say on Page 219:

"Even if there are persons who do only what they think right in their heart, it does not necessarily follow that what they **think** is right is really right. A more fundamental question is, What is right? If there is no authoritative and final statement of right, especially as acceptable to God, then we have everyone doing that which is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25), and the result is the chaos and corruption of the olden times and of these days. 'There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end

thereof are the ways of death' (Proverbs 16:25). The Bible makes it abundantly plain that 'All we like sheep have gone astray; . . .' (Isaiah 53:6); that '. . . all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;' (Romans 3:23); that ". . . there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Psalm 14:3); that 'the heart is deceitful . . . and exceedingly corrupt' (Jeremiah 17:9, A.S.V.). How then can anyone's 'right' be acceptable to God? But there is One, and **only** one, whose 'right' is acceptable to God and that is Christ; and His 'right' is available to us so that God will accept us through it. The answer of the Lord Jesus Christ to those who asked Him what they must do to work the works of God was that '. . . ye believe on him whom he hath sent' (John 6:29). He also said, '. . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by me' (John 14:6). The **only way** to heaven is by receiving Him as our Saviour through His atoning death on Calvary for our sins and in our stead. Why should anyone who really wants to do right not believe in Christ? And if anyone can get to heaven without believing on Him, it was not necessary for Him to endure the unspeakable agony of the Cross in becoming sin in our behalf, who Himself knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21)."

The Bible plainly teaches that it is absolutely essential to be born again and that nothing else, including what we sometimes refer to as a good moral life, can avail anything until we have had such an experience. Some people attend church regularly, are baptized, and join the church without being saved or born again. When they finally are saved after all this, they then testify to the fact that, until they yielded their lives to Jesus, they had no inward peace nor assurance; but now that they are saved and have been born again, they have a peace and inward assurance of which they knew nothing when living a so-called "moral life."

When one is truly saved, he can say with Paul and mean it, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out" (Romans 11:33); "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. . . . But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:13, 19). We are saved by faith and kept by faith. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36); "So (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



MAKE HER STOP SINGING

by Dan Harman

BUDDY was tired, but he didn't want to go to bed. Like so many other warm fall nights, tonight was too good a time to play or watch TV to have to go to bed.

Mrs. Burns was firm. "You wash your face, brush those teeth, and crawl into bed. Call me when you're ready, and we'll pray together."

Wash. Brush. Pray. Sleep. Buddy didn't like any of them. Mothers were something else! But in ten minutes, there he was: teeth shining, prayers said, and lights out. Buddy lay staring up at the ceiling and listening to a bird chirping outside his half-open window.

Then that voice started again. Somewhere in the neighborhood a soft voice began to sing, "What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear." The voice went on. It wasn't loud or sour or really very noticeable, but it bothered Buddy.

He turned over and hummed a little to himself. As soon as he was quiet again, the soft words came drifting through the window. "What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer."

That did it. Buddy leaped up and out of bed. He flung his bedroom door open and yelled out to whomever could hear him, "Say, will you tell that lady out there to quit the singing? She's keeping me awake."

Mrs. Burns came quickly. "Buddy, you go to sleep."

"I can't sleep with that singing. It's keeping the whole neighborhood awake."

His mother frowned. "That's Mrs. Foster, and you keep your voice down."

She walked across the bedroom, pulled the window down, and pushed Buddy down under the light-blue blanket. "Now get to sleep. Morning comes early."

On his way home from school the next day, Buddy got to thinking about the singing. He never allowed himself to think about the real reason it bothered him, for he made people think that he liked church and prayer and all that stuff. But the hymns bothered his conscience.

Just as he passed the huge, drooping weeping willow tree, Buddy stopped dead in his tracks. A hauntingly beautiful voice came through the still air. Not a car could be heard. Only the gentle sound of, "Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer."

Buddy clenched his fists. He dropped his stack of schoolbooks and marched through the low-hanging willow branches. The light-green, dangling branches swept past his face as he strode straight to the front door.

The doorbell sounded far back in the house. The singing continued, and Buddy was just about to ring again when the door opened. A white-haired, wrinkled old lady smiled out at him with sightless eyes. Buddy looked down at her white cane and mumbled, "I'd like to speak to the lady who's doing all that singing."

The kindly old lady smiled and reached out her gnarled hand. "Why, son, that's nice. You're Buddy Burns, aren't you? Why, I've cheered with you so often as you watched the baseball games on TV. You're quite a St. Louis Cardinals' fan, aren't you?"

"Why, yes, but how did you know?" Buddy was shocked that a blind lady who lived far up the street from his house could know so much about him. "Did my mother tell you?" he asked.

"Why, no, Buddy. I can't see, but I

can hear well. Your TV comes through loud and clear, and I'm a Cardinals' fan, too. But they're not like they were when 'Stan the Man' played for them, are they?"

Buddy smiled. He felt warm and good and happy in the presence of the old lady. She was nice. Then he heard the singing in the background, "But I want to see that lady who's always singing," he insisted.

"Why, come on into the house, Buddy," the lady said, stepping aside and motioning him in. Buddy stepped in, followed her down the long hall, and then looked to his right. There in the living room was an old-fashioned phonograph. And there on the phonograph was a large, black 78-rpm phonograph record. The singing was coming from the record. "... and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer," it concluded.

"I'm sorry if you don't like the songs, but they're very precious to me. My voice is gone now, but I recorded these years ago, and I guess I'm just sentimental enough to want to hear myself sing as I once sang. And oh, the songs! I love the hymns of the church, don't you, Buddy?" Before he could speak, she hastily added, "But of course you must like them. I hear you leaving for Sunday school and church every Sunday, just before my son comes to take me to my church. I'm so glad you love the things of the Lord."

A blind lady with a phonograph. A sweet, kind, loving lady who was a Cardinals' fan. What could Buddy say to this?

"Well, it's been nice talking with you, but I'd better be getting on home now. Mom likes to have me come straight home from school."

"Yes, Buddy. And you must come back again soon. I have a radio that can pick up the St. Louis station that carries the Cardinals' games. You must come over some evening next spring, and we'll cheer for them together."

Buddy laughed. "That would be fun."

In bed that night, the window thrown up to the top, Buddy lay waiting for the music. Then it came, loud and clear.

"Just a closer walk with Thee. Grant it, Jesus, is my plea. . . ."

Buddy's tear-filled eyes closed in prayer. "Dear Lord, thank You for Mrs. Foster. Thank you that she used to sing so well. And thank You for the songs she recorded." Then, as an afterthought he added, "And thank You that she liked the Cardinals!"

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INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. A. GRAHAM LANE, Acting Superintendent

A Note from Miss Farmer

One of my duties here at the Children's Home is the supervision of the Clothing Room which includes linens. I would like to call to the attention of the auxiliaries and all of the women of the churches the fact that we have an acute shortage of towels, washcloths, and dish towels. We can always use sheets and pillow cases, as we have some piling out all the time, but our greatest need right now is for towels.

Also, in recent years our people haven't sent us quilts and blankets as they did at one time. Even with our farm buildings, we still have need for bed coverings, so we will appreciate your providing some of these, too. Our people have always taken care of their needs in a great way and we are certain that you will continue to do so.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Farmer

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Back to School

This year we have 26 in grades 1-6, 11 in grades 7-8, eight in the ninth grade, and 12 in grades 10-12.

Last year revealed strengths and weaknesses of each student. We planned our tutorial program around the needs of our children and their individual needs.

Laubach, a reading program for poor readers sponsored by the Baptist Mission Board, is being used to improve reading skills. Miss Diane Baines, a missionary candidate for Zambia, is serving as a tutor on our campus and is in charge of the reading workshop.

Jerry Bryant, who teaches at the school for deaf in Wilson, is working with a group of children who have difficulties with math and language arts. He also holds an open study period on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Slebos, a husband and wife team who teach in the junior high school, are on our campus on Thursday nights to discuss specific problems with assignments.

Mrs. Ball works at the Home on Mondays with the staff in determining needs of each child and in relaying messages of principals and teachers. Tuesdays and Fridays are spent in conferences with pupils and teachers in the seventh and eighth grades, the ninth grade and the high school. Wednesdays and Thursdays are spent at the primary school tutoring individual students and in conference with teachers and principals.

Teachers and principals are demonstrating their interest in our Children's Home by setting forth more time and effort to meet their needs.

It is now time for report cards. The schools are sending out grades every nine weeks this year. The kids are asking about the merit box, but so far we have only received one box of pillows from Mrs. Caravan. If you are interested in the merit box, the following articles are the ones most desired.

Thank you,
Mrs. Jerry Ball
Liaison Coordinator

Girls

Bulletin board
Lamps (pretty)
Pajama bags
Throw rugs (pink, blue, green)
Throw pillows
Stuffed animals
Clocks
Radios
Costume jewelry (rings)
Powder, perfume, bath oil
Jewelry box
Perfume
Soap (perfumed)
Bubble bath
Dolls (Barbie)
Tea sets
Jump ropes
Colorful balls

Tricycle
Bicycle
Crazy wheels
Hot wheels
Games
"Snazy" notebooks
Pierced ear rings
Cosmetics

Boys

Records (Partridge Family and Osmond Brothers)
Watch bands
Watch
Tapes (music)
Belts
Toboggan
Umbrella
Skin Care
Soap
Bed spreads
Football sweatshirts
Football
Baseball
Shoe kit
Shirt with cuffs and cuff links
Sweaters
Luggage
Shaving kits and lotion
Study lamp
Record player
Children's records
Electric trains

Day or Weekend Trips

State Fair
State capitol
Planetarium
Mountains
Beach
Movies (children and religious)
Bowling
Skating
Boating
Fishing
Horse show
Football games
Basketball games

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Out of Your Abundance

"A small tin cup in hand, hungry eyes, a few pennies to buy a morsel of bread, anything, just a little something, a few pennies in my cup, so I can be fed. I need a new dress, but right now I'm hungry most of all. You see, with only a few pennies I don't have enough to buy a new dress and food too."

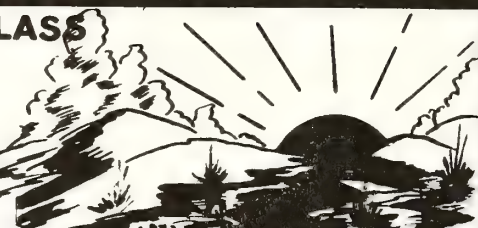
What a tragedy! Our modern times have brought about changes. However, tin cups are rarely seen. Enough food (continued on page fifteen)

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR NOVEMBER 26



What Kind of Peace?

Lesson Text: Micah 4:1-4; Matthew 24:3-14; James 4:1-10

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:9

I. INTRODUCTION

Perhaps the best place to begin this lesson is by getting a definition of peace clearly fixed in our minds. To begin with, we must admit that there are two areas of peace: peace without and peace within. When we speak of peace without, we talk about peace with our family, our neighbors, and those with whom we come in contact. Even the absence of warfare or enmity between nations could be termed as peace without. When we speak of peace within we speak of peace with ourselves and our God. Both of these types of peace are important.

Can we expect to see outward peace among nations in our lifetime? There are those who would quickly give an affirmative answer to this. Then to substantiate their answer they would point to the United Nations and the many other efforts that are being made in the world for peace, to help men and women live together as neighbors and nations. But the one thing that these people seem to forget is that the Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. How can the world experience peace when they leave out the Prince of Peace? We do not believe that the world will experience real peace until the Prince of Peace comes back to this world and sits upon the throne of David. This will be the millennium.

But what about individual peace within? It has been estimated that seven tons of sedatives are taken in the United States each night to help people sleep. The U. S. Government spends more than one million dollars per year for tranquilizers for members of the armed forces. The best sellers in our country are chewing gum, soft drinks, cigarettes, liquor, tranquilizers, and aspirin. All of these things are advertised to relax tension and calm nerves. It seems apparent that

there are many people who need peace within and who are looking for it.—The Bible Teacher.

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The two kinds of peace—peace within and peace without.
2. Can we expect peace without in our lifetime?
3. God has a formula for peace within in Philippians 4:6, 7.

B. The Time of Peace (Micah 4:1-4)

1. There will be a time when peace will reign on earth.
2. Men will destroy implements of war and enjoy peace during the millennium.
3. This is the only way peace can come to the earth—the rule of the Prince of Peace.

C. The Time of Trouble (Matthew 24:6-8)

1. These verses cover the period prior to the great Tribulation.
2. There will be rumours of war, but they should not trouble us.
3. There will be wars and famines and pestilences and earthquakes.
4. These things are small compared with what will come during the Tribulation period.

D. Why God Does Not Help (James 4:1-4)

1. The problem is in the hearts of men.
2. Men do not ask God for help.
3. And when they do ask they want to consume it upon their own lusts.
4. God's people should avoid friendship with the world of sin.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Harmonious relationship. The first thing we see is that peace signifies harmonious relationship. Originally, it carried the connotation of restoring or making whole. It has to do with regaining a proper personal relationship wherever alienation and misunderstanding have fractured it. Such alienation can exist with reference to God, the inner self, or other persons. It is at once apparent

that without inner serenity there is little hope of achieving outward peace and calmness.

B. Justification. Inner turmoil is the fruit of sin, and this results from the seed of rebellion against God. The place to start to achieve peace is where man first got off the track. Since sin produced a consciousness of guilt, there must be a way of purging this from the heart. Man is helpless to undo his own acts and cannot blot out his own sin. He must therefore depend upon God to justify him, that is to declare him guiltless. It is not that he is guiltless, but that God regards him as guiltless, and thus frees him from his inner fear.

Peace is linked with redemption and with justification. The Apostle Paul wrote that we are "justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). Justification is by grace it cannot be earned. It is not subject to bargaining or negotiation. It is the gift of God. Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. Peace symbols and talk about peace abound in our day. There does not seem to be any generation gap when it comes to talking of peace. Senior citizens, Establishment types, and members of the "now generation" all talk about peace.

Not all who talk or sing of peace are referring to the same kind of peace, however. In fact, both the words "peace" and "love" have lost some of their traditional meanings in certain circles of thought today. Often these words are used as symbols without any specific meanings to indicate dissatisfaction with the Establishment. They are "in" words. And many times the people who use them may invest them with new meanings which are totally foreign to what these words meant a few generations ago.

Then, too, those who wish to incite riot and rebellion know that the words "peace" and "love" strike a worthy and noble note in the ears of people. The words are catchy and create in the hearer, as well as in the user of them, a passion to achieve these virtues at any cost.

The saddest part about the world's cry for peace and love is that the God of Scripture, who is true peace and true love, has been largely rejected. The man gropes in darkness for that which only the Lord Jesus Christ can give. Scripture indicates that man will continue to live in personal conflict until he receives Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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The Deity of Christ

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great change that took place in the lives of the apostles. They were a sad, dejected, unorganized group after the crucifixion; but after the resurrection all of this changed. This small group of men became human dynamos, and their message changed the course of human history. But if Christ had not risen, if He was but a man, this would not have been possible.

We have mentioned four great proofs that Jesus is God. These four great proofs have already taken place. Now we want to mention one great proof that is yet to come. It is just as certain as these which have already passed.

His Visible Return

This last great proof of the deity of Christ is His bodily, visible return to this earth. Jesus said that He would return (John 14:3). The angels said that He would return (Acts 1:11). The church has been looking for His return now for almost two thousand years. Yes, there are those who say that if He were coming why is He waiting so long? We do not know all the answers, but we do know that He is coming. And when He comes every person will be convinced of the fact that He is more than a man. That a wonderful day it will be when this great proof of His deity is fulfilled.

Conclusion

You may say this is all very interesting, but what does it mean to me? The deity of Christ means three very wonderful things: First, it means that He is God, that He claimed to be. If He is not God, then He is not worthy of our praise and adoration, but since He is God we should all praise His name. Second, it means that He is almighty. If Jesus is God, He holds the power of the universe in His hands. This means that we do not have a problem that he cannot solve or a difficulty that is too great for His power. Third, it means that He can save you now. If Jesus Christ is God, He is able and willing to save, but if He is not, He is an impostor. Will you trust Him as your Saviour now?—The Messenger.

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Questions & Answers

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When faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17); that if thou shalt confess with thy

mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9, 10).

We show our faith best by our works. "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. . . . But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:18, 20). Believing saves one: "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). But once a person is saved he keeps believing and acting or walking the narrow way, having faith or believing all the Bible says, applying it to every area of his life and activities. While he so does, he grows in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This kind of life lived before the Lord causes one to be willing as Christ was and as Stephen was to live, work, preach, and die for the heavenly Father. All Christians are called upon to give themselves as a sacrifice with no reserves. Your so-called moral man cannot and will not. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1, 2). We must do this to be able to obey. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20). Stephen was doing this very thing as portrayed in Acts 7. Reading this chapter would help prepare one for the kind of experience Stephen had. Then we each should ask, Do I have it? If not, the Bible tells us how to get it in Romans 10:9.

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Sunday School Lesson

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Peace, as his own Saviour and that he will continue in global conflict until that Prince of Peace comes and establishes peace on the earth.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

Boys' and Girls' Stories

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Mrs. Burns opened the door. "Time to have prayer together."

"I already prayed, Mom. But, Mom, when you pray tonight, thank God for Mrs. Foster's singing, will you?"

Mrs. Burns closed the door, not quite sure she understood her son at all these days.—My Pleasure.

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CHILDREN'S HOME

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is wasted in America everyday to feed thousands of penniless orphans in the world. Enough clothing hangs in the closets of Americans, clothing that is never worn, to clothe the majority of the naked in the world. We want to challenge you in the seasons approaching. On Thanksgiving we think of Thanksgiving dinner. We challenge you to have a bountiful table for Thanksgiving dinner. This year, rather than buying more than your family needs, why not share with the poor family next door by buying them a turkey, or why not send a Thanksgiving offering to the Children's Home, or give to one you know who is hungry? Christmas will be here soon also. Families right around you will have a bleak Christmas this year. Most of us will overspend, over-give, and over-eat again this year. We call not for you to impoverish yourself or your family. We ask only that you consider what you do not need, what your family will waste. Why not give this to one in need?

Free Will Baptists have a glorious opportunity to give of their abundance to those in need. Our Children's Home faces its greatest needs during the school year and particularly during the Thanksgiving season and Christmas.

Often we think of the Children's Home as an institution. There is more to the Home than an institution. It is human beings. It is children. Children, who but for the grace of God, would be holding a tin cup on a cold street begging for a morsel of bread and freezing for the lack of a coat! This year we challenge you at Thanksgiving and Christmas to share with your fellowman only what you will not need. The hungry will be fed, the naked clothed out of our abundance, and God will be glorified.

MOUNT OLIVE NEWS

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and to be active in community development.

The students through the community leaders will begin immediate efforts to survey the area in terms of its potentials and needs as a basis for their work during the spring semester.

Besides training the techniques involved in teaching adults, students and volunteers will be trained in the special techniques of writing for the new readers. The teaching method employs association and repetition while writing for new readers employs controlled vocabulary and repetition.

An outstanding aspect of Laubach Literacy is its emphasis on the psychology of the adult which recognizes the experience as well as the potential of the adult.

Dr. Jamil Shami, dean of students at Mount Olive College, fondly refers to Mrs. Tisdale as "my American mother." He first met her in Jordan, his native country. She offered him her home and the opportunity to live with her family when he came to America. He lived with the Tisdales for three years while studying at the University of Arkansas.

Both Dr. Shami and Mrs. Tisdale expressed their hopes for the Mount Olive project and referred to a statement made by Dr. Laubach. In it, he said, "More than half the human race is hungry, driven, diseased, afraid of educated men in this world and of demons in the next.

"I have not only seen these people across Asia and Africa, but have sat beside many of them and taught them one by one, and have seen a new light kindle in their eyes; love and hope began to dawn as they stepped out of blindness and began to read. I know that we could free the multitude from their tragic bondage; indeed, their emancipation has already begun."

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After a disastrous fire, a man's business lay in smoldering ruins. In the midst of the charred debris he placed a large placard with these words: "Everything lost except wife, children, hope, and faith in God. Business will be resumed as usual soon."

What I as a Christian Teen-Ager Can Do For My Church

by Gail Taylor

(The following is another in a series of speeches that were given at "Youth Night" held at the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Grimesland, North Carolina.)

First of all I can obey the Ten Commandments and always remember that God loved us so much that He gave His only son to die on the Cross that He might save us from our sins so that those who choose Jesus as their own personal Saviour might live and have everlasting life. And when somebody does something wrong to you, you don't need revenge. Just remember: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

When you do something wrong or sin you can always ask the Lord to forgive you, because we know that God will forgive us when we admit our wrongdoing and ask His forgiveness. Always be willing to help someone and never think yourself better than anyone else because all men are equal in the sight of God. We are around younger people a lot so we can set a good example for them to go by.

When I am asked to help and be in church activities I should try and be in church and help with the activities to the very best of my abilities. I should also read the Bible and pray daily.

The teenagers and young people of today are the ones that will have to carry on God's work in the future, so encourage the youth around you to get involved in the church.

When you become a member of the church you become a part of it. You should try to strengthen the church. If you know of someone that doesn't go to or belong to a church invite them to come and take part in Sunday school and church. Maybe they'll like it enough to continue going.

When you are in church you should pay attention and not let your mind wander to other things. We should be thankful and reverent for the many things God has given us. I can also learn more about the Bible so I will be able to tell more about it. I should

thank God daily for the wonderful things He has done for me for without Him I would have nothing. I can always find time to thank the Lord.

I can be preparing myself to be a responsible Christian adult so that I can continue God's work and win souls over to Him.

I can make visitors feel welcome. A smile or a welcome always makes anyone feel better. I can also help the sick in my neighborhood. When they are not able to go to church I can go and tell them what went on. I can also visit sick people in the hospitals and rest homes. Now and then we all get lonely and need someone to talk to. Just remember, the Lord is always there to listen to our problems and give us strength when we need Him.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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minutes, fighting off the dogs. How could I allow them to harm that helpless creature when it, in its helplessness, appealed to my strength?"

Our weakness, not our imagined strength, moves the heart and hand of God in our behalf.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We should do our best; but if we have despair, we should not be ashamed to call on God at anytime.

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His Full-Time Occupation

Someone asked a businessman, "What's your occupation?"

"I'm a Christian," was his reply.

"No, no," said the man. "I mean what's your job?"

The reply was the same. "I'm a Christian."

"You don't understand. I mean what do you do for a living?"

"My full-time occupation is to be a Christian, but I am a meat packer to pay expenses," answered the dedicated Christian businessman.—Adapted from United Methodist.

THE
FREE WILL BAPTIST

AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1972



Thank you, God . . .

For uncrossable streams that make me know my
limitations . . .

THANK YOU, GOD...

Thank you, God. . .

For deep valleys that teach me real despair. . .
For high mountains that encourage me to climb. . .
For uncrossable streams that make me know my limitations. . . and
For occasional heartaches that keep me from being unconcerned.

Thank you, God. . .

For dry, barren places, so I can appreciate the fertile soil. . .
For thin air, so I can appreciate the times when I can breathe deeply. . .
For moments of trial, so I can appreciate freedom from worry. . .
and
For hunger, so I can appreciate the plight of the starving.

Thank you, God. . .

For tear-filled eyes, lest I forget how it feels to cry. . .
For times of loneliness, lest I forget what it means to be alone. . .
For emptiness inside, lest I forget how it is to be unfulfilled. . . and
For real pain, lest I forget the blessing of being free from it.

Thank you, God. . .

For glorious sunsets and muted skies. . .
For fierce oceans and quiet streams. . .
For good mornings and better evenings. . . and
For little smiles and big laughs.

Thank you, God. . .

For deep thought and untroubled sleep. . .
For a heart that beats fast and sometimes slow. . .
For a mind that knows little but desires to know more. . . and
For a living hope that will never die.

Thank you, God. . .

For children. . .
For animals. . .
For trees. . . and
For flowers.

Thank you, God. . .

For dark nights that give rise to brighter days. . .
For weaknesses that make me want to be strong. . .
For temptations that make me want to fight harder. . . and
For grating noises that make me love sweet songs.

And God. . .

What shall I give you for all that you have given me?
What do I have that you could want?
I possess little, God; but I'll give you all I have: myself.
How blessed a thought: that even in my unworthiness you want me!

Thank you, God. . .

Is that thanks enough?



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We Are On Our Way

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina



The mist upon the roadway, vines, and trees looked like fine crystal as they glittered in the early morning sunlight. My son and I were on our way to visit a sick member of our family. My thoughts were so deep that I couldn't think of talk. As I lifted my eyes in prayer to God, my eyes fell upon the beauty all about me. Lining the woods were beautiful leaves of all colors. The Amazon leaves caught my eye. They made me think of the blood that Jesus Christ shed for you and me. Oh, the love, mercy, and saving power of Christ! He took His life. He gave it for you and me.

As I looked again, I saw the great green head of a pine tree. It made me more aware of eternal life, of living on forever. When other trees look dead, the pine stands green and tall. Dotted about the way we saw the fields white with cotton. It seemed to be telling me of the purity of our Lord and Saviour. As the cotton was waiting to be picked, the Lord Jesus Christ is waiting for us to choose Him. It is our choice. Are we going to leave the cotton in the field to rot and decay or are we going to pick the cotton and use it for what it was intended? We must do the same with Jesus. Pick Him for our Saviour and He will use us to do His will.

Children were playing around the yards of their homes. Are we concerned enough about others? Are we as Christians making sure that all peoples of the world are hearing about Jesus? My prayers are that we do not make things too plush for ourselves when our missions have no chairs for the people to sit upon or enough Bibles for them to read and study the Word of God. After all, Jesus did tell us "... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Do we feel embarrassed to talk about God in the little part of the world in which we are privileged to go?

"Slow down, Son," I felt obliged to say. "The curve is so sharp we can't see what is coming." It is time for all of us to slow down. We can't see what is coming. But we can prepare for Jesus' coming, because we know that He is coming. Don't run off the curve of life into the ditch of sin. We saw a big black fuzzy worm crossing this big highway. It was like a lot of us. It was taking a chance in this big path of sin. We missed hitting it. But what about the next car? Sometimes we think that this or that sinful thing rolls over us without hurting us. Oh, but what about the next time? Just how much time do we have to get out of this path of sin?

"Son, that was a nice stop. I didn't have to remind you to stop." Do we have to become quite ill sometimes to stop so that we will take notice of where we are going and why?

Now and then, we saw a stream rippling along gently. They reminded me of the many wonderful blessings flowing through our lives. Yes, life is beautiful. If we think we are having problems, just look about and we'll see someone much worse off than we are.

"I wonder where that side road leads

to?" Many times we get on the wrong side road of life, trying to find happiness. We soon come to a dead end. We have to come back down this same side road to get back upon the right road. Coming back, the pleasure and happiness we thought we'd found weren't that good.

I couldn't help but notice the underbrush and trash along the beautiful roadway. Sin can leave its ugliness in the otherwise beautiful life of a Christian. We must be careful lest we mar our lives. As people hurried by us, I wondered why people are always hurrying to and fro. Then my eyes fell upon a weeping willow tree standing alone by the roadside. It seemed to be weeping for you and me. And I ask myself why. Why not slow down and live calmly, but, most of all, live a more God-like life?

"Mama, we are just about to Aunt Frances's." My son's words aroused me from my thoughts. We had arrived in the city. Someday we shall arrive in the "Great City," the city of God—heaven. Are we ready to go? We are upon the roadway of life. The paths we take will determine our destination. Where do you want to go? All of us are on our way. Where we go is up to us.

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Listeners in the Amazon Wilds

To most people the jungles of the Amazon basin make up a forbidding barrier, a green tangle, behind which danger lurks at every turn in the river. For some it is home. For others, a strange compulsion draws them back again and again. Still others have different reasons for being there.

"Even though I am seventy-one years old and sickly, I don't have the courage to abandon the work of the Lord, because I want to do His will," says a missionary who travels regularly up and down the Amazon River.

"I take a radio with me in the boat, and at the time of Trans World Radio's broadcasts, I turn it on, and everyone is surprised to hear the messages. I met a man one day who wanted to snatch away my radio to turn off the messages, but then everyone around exclaimed, 'Let the program continue.' I know many people in the interior of Amazonas who listen right on schedule. Many make decisions for Christ the moment I speak with them because they have been prepared by the messages of Trans World Radio."



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—Genesis 1:27; 2:7

"DON'T CREATE MAN"

There is an interesting Jewish legend about the creation of man.

On the eve of man's creation, God counseled with the angels about His throne.

"Create him not," said the angel of justice. "He will commit all kinds of cruelties and injustices toward his fellowman."

"Create him not," said the angel of truth. "He will be false to thee and to others."

"Create him not," said the angel of holiness. "He will indulge in that which is impure in thy sight, and he will dishonor thee."

There was silence until the angel of mercy spoke. Said he, "Create him, heavenly Father. When he sins and turns penitently from sin to the path of right, truth and holiness, I will take him tenderly by the hand, speak loving words to him and bring him to thee for thy mercy and forgiveness."

PRAYER THOUGHT

If the angel of mercy in the legend had such faith in mankind, shouldn't we have as much faith in God? He, only, can forgive sin and lead man from death to life.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 4:7, 8

SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

Dr. Herman K. Hellerstein of Western Reserve University, who is one of the world's leading authorities on cardiovascular diseases, reported, "Americans are suffering from hypokinetic disease—a vicious circle of little activity, which produces still greater inability for activity."

"Mechanization is making us a fat, lazy, indolent, bored society of people who are aging prematurely. It is no joke that after thirty years of age, when men and women need exercise most, they think they are too old for it. Exercise adds many more useful years to life, counteracts mental stress, and induces sleep better than any known tranquilizer. Good muscle tone improves the efficiency of all bodily functions and will help add years to your life."

As bodily exercise is essential to physi-

cal health, so is spiritual exercise essential to the spiritual health and well-being of God's children.

PRAYER THOUGHT

As our bodies need daily physical exercises, our heart and soul require God's spiritual exercises. Get busy!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—John 14:6

MONEY PUT IN LIFELESS HANDS

Gypsy king Alex Mitchell died recently at age sixty-three. More than one thousand of his "subjects," relatives and friends from twenty-five states attended his funeral. They were regaled in colorful garments, some with rings in their ears.

The king's body was interred in Bedford, Ohio. At the wake in the funeral home, on the night before his burial, more than three hundred Gypsies sang boisterously, told stories and drank liquor. Weeping was observed only when the casket was closed for the last time.

Before the casket was closed, the king's friends and relatives stuffed it with coins and currency. They placed one hundred dollars in bills in his hands. "The money will buy the king's entry into heaven," the Gypsies said. They refused the mortician's offer to write a check for the money and bury the check with the body instead of the money.

Money cannot buy one's way into heaven. There is only one way to enter into heaven.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Money is not the way to heaven; our trust and faith in God will be the true way to heaven. Are you headed there?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—Ephesians 3:19

THE REASON FOR SPIRITUAL DWARFAGE

A minister sent one of his helpers to counsel with a young woman who had been defeated and dwarfed in her Christian life. The counselor silently asked God for wisdom in dealing with the young woman. She soon confessed, "I am a Christian, but have made little or no progress in my Christian life. I lapse into worldly ways so easily. God has revealed to me the reason for my defeat and lack of joy. I have never known anything about the keeping and sustaining power of the Holy Spirit in my life. Do please help me and tell me to be the kind of Christian God wants me to be."

Hudson Taylor said, "The Holy Spirit enters, in His fulness, the heart that can boast of nothing but an aching void."

PRAYER THOUGHT

If we experience the true Spirit of God in our hearts, we are not likely to have doubts about Him. His abode in our hearts brings sweet peace and assurance.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Scripture Reading—Mark 10:8, 9

"UNTIL DEATH DO YOU PART"

In the CBS report, "The Divorce Dilemma," Walter Cronkite said, "The United States has the highest divorce rate of a nation. It is six times greater than in the neighbor to the north, Canada. One out of every four marriages ends in a divorce court. Ninety-five percent of divorces are uncontested."

On the telecast, a judge gave this saying: "Divorce and embalming are two processes which should not be resorted to too soon!"

"Until the divorce court do you part" does not abrogate the binding marital duty "until death do you part" or change the teaching of the Saviour.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Remember the words, 'What God has joined together, let not man put asunder.' Also, let us be exhorted to love our marriage partner as ourselves.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Scripture Reading—Matthew 23:13

CUTTING DOWN TO SIZE

The naturalist William Beebe told of visits he made to Theodore Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill. Often, after an evening talk, the two men would stroll over the wide-spreading lawn and look up into the night sky. They would see who could first find the pale bit of light near the upper left-hand corner of the Great Square of Pegasus.

Then either Beebe or Roosevelt would exclaim, "That's the spiral galaxy of Andromeda. It is as large as our Milky Way. It is one of a hundred million galaxies. It is two and a half million light-years away. It consists of one hundred billion suns many of them larger than our own sun!"

After a moment of awesome silence Roosevelt would grin and say, "Now I think we are small enough. Let's go to bed!"—Adapted from *Reader's Digest*.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God is the Creator of all things. We are only a small part of His creation. We should show our gratitude to Him. How small we feel in His vast domain!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 4:14

"WHAT SILLY SHEEP!"

One wintry day when Joe was sliding on the pond, the ice broke! He struggled out of the water and went home wet and bedraggled.

"Why did you slide on the ice?" asked Aunt Jane.

"'Cause all the other boys did," said Joe.

Aunt Jane gave him dry clothes and a hot drink. Then she told him a story:

"When I was a little girl, Joe, my father had a great flock of sheep. One day a big ram jumped through a gap in the fence. He was followed by the other sheep. When

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Retired Pastor Recalls Lifetime of Ministry

The Rev. M. L. Hollis, a dedicated Free Will Baptist minister now living in semi-retirement in Amory, Mississippi, recalls recently his long years in the service of the Lord. He has spent fifty-four years pastoring churches, with the longest time at any one being 35 years at the Pearce Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. One favorite recollection of Mr. Hollis is the time at the Pearce Chapel church that 78 people were baptized in nearby Bull Mountain River in exactly 32 minutes. The story goes like this.

Mr. Hollis was called to be pastor of the Pearce Chapel church in the fall of 1923; the following summer the church held its usual revival in the week preceding the fourth Sunday in August. That Sunday the multiple baptism took. Several thousand people came for the occasion as the word spread for many miles about the unusually large number of people to be baptized. The short time for the service—32 minutes—was made possible by the church deacons, who helped get the lined-up converts out to the baptismal waters and returned to the bank. Mr. Hollis recalls that many of the baptized already were members of the Pearce Chapel church, but had never been baptized because they were of the Primitive Baptist persuasion (the church had originally been Primitive Baptist).

Mr. Hollis has had a fulfilling ministry from the very beginning. He says, "I was just 17 years old when I asked for a license to preach. When I went home and told Mama and my brothers and sisters what I had done, my oldest brother told me, 'You'll surely starve. You've got a good job at the sawmill and you don't know much about preaching.'" Many years later the brother told him that he had been wrong: "I just have to go home, but you can go into a thousand homes and be welcomed."

After receiving his license to preach, Mr. Hollis began serving the Damascus church in Kemper County. By a quirk of fate, Mr. Hollis's first church is also his present church, which he serves on a part-time basis. He drives there and back two Sundays a month for morning and evening services. After he left Damascus, he went back to his home territory near Vernon for seven or eight years and then to Bryan, Texas, for two years. Then he was called as minister of the Free Will Baptist church in Red Bay. There he remained for 21 years.

During his many years as a full-time pastor, Mr. Hollis has served several churches at one time. For example, he would preach at Red Bay on Saturday night and at 9 a.m. on Sunday; then to another church for the 11 a.m. service and another at 2:30; and then evening services back home on Sunday night.

Besides serving long pastorates at several churches, over the years he has organized 24 new Free Will Baptist churches. One of the most interesting stories surrounding the founding of a new church concerns the DePriest Free Will Baptist Church in Gattman. Mr. Hollis's brother, Charlie Hollis, had remained in the sawmill and lumber business, though he was very severely hit during the depression. He asked the Lord's help, and when his prayers were answered and he recouped his losses, he built his Lord a church, using his own materials and the labor of his mill employees. When he completed it, he went to his brother the minister and said, "I've built a church in honor of the Lord, and I want you to hold a meeting in it." At the time, Mr. Charlie was the only Free Will Baptist in Gattman.

So, Mr. Hollis relates, he came to Gattman in 1935 and held a revival meeting with evangelistic sermons. He says that Mr. Charlie shut down his mill from 10 until 1 each day and paid his em-

ployees as if they were working those hours. At the end of the revival, there were forty new members in the church and DePriest Free Will Baptist Church had a congregation.

Though the large baptism at Pearce Chapel was the largest number Mr. Hollis ever baptized at one time, he has had numerous other large ones. After several years, he began issuing certificates of baptism to his converts and he has records of 4,592 baptisms, "but there were many before that."

In his 54 years as a minister, he has worn out "I don't know how many" Bibles, married countless couples, and officiated at thousands of funerals.

His first wife, Effie Mae Crosley Hollis of Vernon, died in 1969. They had two sons and a daughter. He later married Mrs. Helen Streety and they live in Amory now.

A serious heart attack last year curtailed his pastoral activities. Forced to give up his full-time pastorate at Main Street Free Will Baptist Church, he was "just lost without a church." Since his first pastorate in Damascus had no pastor, he returned there on a part-time basis.

Despite his years and his heart condition, Mr. Hollis remains an energetic person and is dedicated to the work of the Free Will Baptist faith. And he enjoys reminiscing about his 54 years as a pastor—especially the multiple baptism at Pearce Chapel in 1924.

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To Whom Can I Go?

Little Jackie often did naughty things. He was headstrong and sometimes disobedient. Sometimes he got hurt. When hurt, he always ran to his mother.

One day Mother asked, "Why do you run to me when you get hurt doing things I told you not to do?"

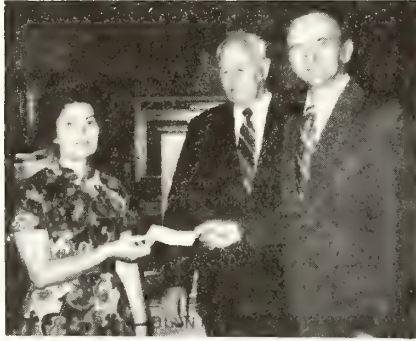
With tears in his big, blue eyes, Jackie answered, "Mommy, who can I go to but you when I get hurt?"

Mother drew him close to her heart and kissed the hurt place and said, "My darling boy, you can always come to me when you are hurt, or when you need help!"

Then she thought, Lord, to whom can I go but to Thee with my heartaches and troubles?—Alice Marie Knight.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Check for \$500 Presented At St. Mary's Grove Church



Mrs. Billy Ray Barbour, treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary of the St. Mary's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Benson, North Carolina, presented a check for \$500 to Marvin Langdon, treasurer of the Activity Building fund, on Sunday, November 12, at the morning worship service.

The Rev. R. H. Jackson is pastor of St. Mary's Grove church.

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Western District Youth Fellowship To Hold Meeting November 25

The next meeting of the Western District Youth Fellowship will be held on Saturday, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the New Sandy Hill Free Will Baptist Church near Kenly, North Carolina.

All area youth are urged to be in attendance.

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Fellowship Supper Planned For Ministers of Albemarle

The ministers of the Albemarle Conference and their wives will enjoy a dinner at the Edenton Restaurant in Edenton, North Carolina, on December 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Special music and a speaker after dinner will be the highlights of the evening. We are looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship.

All ministers of the Albemarle Conference and their wives are urged to attend. Let's make this a time of real fellowship, as we seek to forge stronger bonds of friendship among people who labor to serve the Lord.

In Loving Memory of Harvey Hales

by his niece, Mildred Sullivan

On Thursday night, August 10, 1972, the death angel came and called Uncle Harvey home to be with the Lord. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Pikeville, North Carolina. He had been a member for 54 years. He had served as deacon for forty-five years. As long as he was able, he was always loyal to his church. He always liked to talk about his church and his Christian friends.

At the time of his death he was seventy-four years old. He leaves to mourn a dear wife and a daughter, Mrs. Jim Howell, and two lovely grandchildren. His chair is now vacant as if it were waiting for his return. We miss that warm handclasp so much that he always gave when we went in. It always seemed to say "I love you." I am looking forward to that warm handclasp again someday. The dedicated life that he lived means more than any words I could ever put on paper. That life should be a challenge to each one of us. I am sure that Aunt Celia prayed every day that the Lord would give her strength to care for him. And her prayers were answered. He always loved home and his family so much that he wanted to be there with them when death came and he was.

On Christmas night last year we all met at Uncle Harvey's and Aunt Celia's home for our annual Christmas party. And we also celebrated their fifty-first anniversary in a very quiet way, because he was very feeble at that time. It was very nice. Even though we children were grown and had families of our own, we were always welcomed back to their home after our parents passed away. So you can see what a Christian home can mean to a family and all concerned.

The funeral service was conducted at Pleasant Grove church on Saturday afternoon by a former pastor, the Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston, North Carolina,

and the pastor, the Rev. Joe Gerald. A of us will miss Uncle Harvey, but we feel that he is sweetly resting in a better home not made with human hands. We trust that someday we shall be able to meet him again where parting will be no more.

There is an open gate at the end of the road

Through which each must go alone.
There is a light we cannot see,
But our heavenly Father claims His own

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we love is still;
A place has been made vacant
Which can never be filled.

How patient in his suffering,
When no hand could give him ease;
God, the helper of the helpless,
Saw the pain and gave him relief.

God bless memories he left behind,
The patience shown and deeds so kind;
That we may seek to follow his example
And leave a good record for mankind.

Uncle Harvey is gone, but he will not be forgotten. The life he lived and the good deeds he did will live on and on.

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DRIFTING CLOUDS

by Mae Oliver

Looking from my bed, up to the drifting clouds,
I thought, Lord, how much like our daily lives.

Scattering, reaching, running to and fro
Unsure which way is best to go.
Slow us to your pace, Lord, not our own
Mould us into beautiful patterns here below.

Submissive to thy will, we pray to go.
Guide—as you do clouds that make the rain;

Use us, whether in our loss or gain.
Trusting—days won't always be dim;
The rainbow comes—a gift direct from Him!

Even as clouds give way to the great sun;
May our lives yield, looking to that One.

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A twenty-dollar gold piece was lorded over a penny. "I've been in the pockets of kings, and in the bodices of queens," boasted the gold piece. "I've been on the gambling tables of Monte Carlo. And what," sneered the gold piece, "have you done?" Replied the penny humbly, "Well, I haven't missed church in twenty years."

MY CHURCH

by Mrs. Nancy Edwards Matthews

I am a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina, and am so happy about my church that I offer you this bit of my writing to let you know how I feel about my church. I hope it will bless you.

My church is: A place of meditation.
Faith in the unseen and a hope in the everlasting.
Man's greatest opportunity for service.
Love for the fellowman.
An unsaved loved one coming to Christ.
A word of encouragement to the beleaved.

My church is: A book in the library.
The Sunday school building, the fellowship hall, the Lighthouse.
The altar, the steeple, the furnace in the basement.
A firm handclasp of a friend.
A smile.

My church is: The organization.
The pastor, the church secretary, the sexton.
The director of music, and the choir.
Officers, teachers, deacons, and ushers.
Auxiliaries and Scouts.
Committee meetings and planning boards.
The budget, the offering plate, the tithe.
The Bulletin, the Forecaster, Steeple People.
The Bible, the Sunday school quarterly.
The oldest charter member or the youngest convert.
It is one person or a whole congregation.

My church is: A beautiful baptismal service.
The Holy Communion.
The dedication of a baby.
A candlelit wedding.
A flower-banked funeral.

A Sunday school lesson taught on a flannelboard.
The soft drink and cookie at Bible school.
An eloquent sermon in the pulpit.
A muttered prayer in a Sunday school room.
Growing in Christ.
A prayer for the sick.

My church is: Toes being stepped on.
Conviction of sin, the cry of repentance, conversion, tears of joy, consecration.

My church is: The birth of a Baby in a stable.
The crucifixion, the resurrection.
The transfiguration.
The Holy Spirit.

My church is: Souls caressing a sermon, a visitor made welcome.
A speaker's knees knocking at a meeting.
Diligent work.
Saying "Yes" to the nominating committee.
A phone call to an absentee.
A Christmas opportunity.
A tract being passed out in a shopping center.
A baby's shrill cry in the nursery.
A gentle hand quieting it.

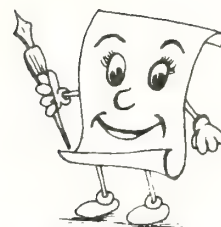
My church is: Homecoming.
A Sunday school picnic.
Visitation.
The testimony of a child, the guiding light of an adult.
Talents in action.
The spreading of the gospel.
Evangelism, a revival.
Prayer and Bible study.

My church is: A cherub's song.
The clear voice of a young lady singing "There's Something About That Name."
The swelling chords of the organ, the soft note of the piano.
The congregation singing "Jesus Is Coming Soon."

My church is: The healing of a wound.
Temperance, charity, love, longsuffering.
Gentleness, honesty, kindness.

My church is: All these things and more.
But underneath it all and without which all these would be in vain is the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed to atone for your sins and mine.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

THANKFUL? FOR WHAT?

You haven't smiled much lately.

Surely, you've had some "setbacks" and some of the things you've tried to do have gone completely backwards.

Well, if you can't find anything to be thankful for, look at all the things you don't have.

You don't have leprosy.

You don't have a son in a veterans hospital with both legs and one arm missing, suffering from impaired vision.

You don't have a bloated stomach from malnutrition. You haven't been without food for a week. You don't forage in garbage cans for each meal.

You don't have to sleep tonight on the sidewalk because you have no home.

You don't know what the H-bomb, A-bomb, or napalm are like.

You don't have to be afraid that soldiers will pound on your door in the middle of the night to search your house.

You don't have to attend church in a darkened cave, secretly, hoping the authorities don't find you.

Neither do you have to meet in someone's home, making it look like a party, while someone patrols the street in case officials come by.

You don't have to carry your Bible under your coat and pray the guards don't discover it.

You have not been forbidden to speak of Christ to anyone under the age of eighteen (and at least 85% of the people who accept Him are converted before that age).

You don't have to listen to the gospel in secret from a hidden radio.

You don't even have to go to church if you don't want to.

You don't have lots of things—for this fact you can be thankful.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

MY TESTIMONY

by Marvin Waters



(The article below is a personal testimony of Marvin Waters as he tells of his search for God's will in his life. Marvin is a sophomore at Mount Olive College and is president of the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship. He is the son of Mr. Alton B. Waters Sr., of Williamston and Mrs. Elsie Waters of Plymouth. He is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth.)

How do you begin to tell about something that has been responsible for perhaps the biggest change in your entire life? I enrolled at Mount Olive College last year in the business administration program. I was happy and felt that I was going to do really well in the business program. Everything was set—Marvin Waters was one day going to be in the business field making all the money he could.

A few weeks had passed when I noticed a bulletin that was posted on the bulletin board. It mentioned a religious life retreat that was going to be held in Oriental, North Carolina. Anyone who wanted to go could sign up to go. I figured I would not be going home that weekend so I decided it would be a good way to spend a weekend.

Well, I must honestly say that the words "religious life retreat" did not mean much at all to me. I had attended church all my life, sang in the choir, even sang solos before, yet my Christian life was one of being at rock bottom. However, it was something to do for the weekend, so I decided to sign up.

Zap! That was the beginning. My weekend down at Oriental was one which I will never forget. I had never known what it meant to feel the Holy Spirit in me until that weekend. For the first time in my life I began to search out God's purpose in life. I met Christ and His love for the first time and I knew that this was totally different from anything I had ever experienced.

I became involved in a witness group after the retreat. It was a group of guys who went down to Oriental who had, like myself experienced the love of God in a most unique and different way. We named ourselves "The Oriental Experience" and began to sing in different churches on the weekends for the remainder of the school year.

Meanwhile, all during the year I searched and searched for what God's purpose was for my life. I would pray each night for God to show me if he wanted me in the ministry, in teaching, or whatever. But I was almost convinced that the Lord wanted me to do something other than what I had planned to do most of my life.

The summer passed, the new school year began, and there I was still praying and searching for some specific call from God to do a specific job. I had waited on the Lord for about ten months now, yet I was convinced He had something else for me to do.

We began to make plans for another religious life retreat here at school. I felt the Lord was really going to give us a blessing. The students who were interested in going were asked to pray for and expect a blessing. I just knew that something really good was going to happen.

There was one week left before the retreat when one of the ministerial

students asked me to go home with him for the weekend. I knew that I wanted to go to my home for the weekend since the next weekend we were going to have the retreat, but for some reason just told him "yes" that I'd be glad to go home with him.

That Sunday, October 8, Scott Sowers a ministerial student at Mount Olive College, was preaching at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville. It was just one week before the week of our retreat, and that day God called me into the ministry.

I couldn't describe to you how I felt how sure I was of God's calling, or even begin to tell you how good that day made me feel. I could not describe all the things that happened that following week. The next weekend was our retreat and I must say it was a superb way to end the most meaningful week of my life. I had been called into the ministry and the next weekend at Oriental I saw such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that it was unbelievable.

It was a mature retreat. Students discussed topics of social importance, they discussed the everyday problems of the Christian life, but above all I feel that many students for the first time had understood what the love of God is really like. Some even accepted Christ as their Lord and their Saviour.

Truly, it was a beautiful week for me. But it all happened I feel because someone had been praying for me. I hope you will be remembering our College in your prayers. I thank God for it, for its students, its administration, and its faculty.

I thank our denomination for our College. But let us never forget to pray that God will continue to bless it. Pray without ceasing.

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1972 MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE DINNERS

Below is a schedule giving the date and place for county dinners to be held for Mount Olive College this fall.

Beaufort County: Saturday, November 25, 7 p. m., Chocowinity High School Cafeteria, Oscar Webster, chairman.

Lenoir County: Saturday, December 2, 7 p. m., Kings Barbecue Restaurant, Kinston, the Rev. W. E. (Bill) Futch, chairman.

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The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking places.

A LETTER TO SOMEONE'S DADDY

Dear Daddy,

We live an entire lifetime thanking people for little things, but we fail in the really important things of our lives. To remedy that:

Thank you for giving me the gift of life. But my life alone wouldn't have been complete without my sisters and brother. Thank you also for Juanita, Louise, Leon Herbert, Bernice, Beat, and Carolyn.

Thank you for your long-suffering. Any other man would have "skipped" who had to live with seven females with only one male for moral support. You not only took it in stride, but you welcomed all the extra girls we would drag in on Sundays or over the weekends. You found joy in our happy growing-up years since yours hadn't been quite so happy. And, too, the greatest comedian in the world would profit with a sense of humor like yours. We could count on you for the unexpected.

Thank you for correcting me when I erred. I remember that whipping you gave me. I lost my breath (it wasn't really on purpose), and when I "came to" Mother was holding me under the outside hand pump. I still shiver when I think of that cold water in my face. (It's a miracle that I didn't drown.) Though you whipped me only once with your hand, you whipped me plenty of times with your eyes! Your hand stung the lower regions of my anatomy, but your eyes scorched my soul.

Sometimes I couldn't understand your sense of reasoning, especially when you yelled at me when I was eight as we were cleaning around the old gin house—and I thought you'd be happy that I didn't quite step on that moccasin as I did the other time. I remember the time Juanita, in a temper fit, threw the old one-pronged fork at the antagonist, Leon Herbert, and it landed in the artery in his wrist. That's the day the old fork retired, but it was time. It had lived a good life. But I can understand, now that I'm past 35 and have boys nine and ten.

Thank you for your patience during my difficult driver's training. I learned a lot during that period. For one thing, I learned that I alone couldn't push a maroon 1947 Dodge out of a waist-high ditch. The only time I ever planned to leave home was during that one night. And I would have been gone before you got up the next morning if it hadn't been

so cold, and if I could have thought of a place I would have fared better. To my surprise, you only said, "I'll have to get that handle repaired so that door can be opened again," in a calm voice. Never have I loved you more than at that moment.

Thank you, even after I was self-supporting, for your generosity. I know you didn't believe me when I said that I hated to turn the handle of your gas pump when I was financially embarrassed, but I really did. The only thing I hated greater was the thought of missing a trip.

Thank you for your stubborn independence which I have admired, but sometimes found frustrating. You never do anything because you think it may be popular, but because you yourself believe it is right. You have given me an example of individuality, but individuality based on love.

Thank you for your love, though I can never recall hearing you say, "I love you." Yours is not a talking love, but one of giving and sharing.

Thank you for the Christian principles you have lived. Though you aren't a preacher, a deacon, or a Sunday school teacher, Christ can be seen in your daily life. What others preach, you live. These principles have been instilled in me. Though I've never heard you sing a note, I've seen you pat your foot to good gospel music.

Thank you for all the endless gifts given me. It is my desire always to live so that you won't be ashamed to say, "That's my daughter."

Love,
Nancy

"Of all the men on earth, Lord, you couldn't have picked a better one to be my daddy. Thank you. Amen."

(This is the second in a series of two articles written by Mrs. Nancy Matthews of Wilson, North Carolina, paying tribute to her mother and father.)

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Abundantly Rewarded

Some years ago Fred Skinner of London, England, found a bag containing \$2,800. He was greatly tempted to say nothing about his find. However, he returned it to the owner who gave him \$280 as a reward.

Today Skinner is richer by \$84,000. The man who lost the money died and left him half of his estate.—Cleveland Press.

8,415 Hear Ralph Bell During Elmira, New York Crusade

The Greater Elmira Crusade for Christ, conducted September 11-17 at the Chemung County Fairgrounds in Elmira, New York, concluded with over 1,700 in attendance.

The crusade, originally scheduled for June 21-July 2, had been indefinitely postponed because of the floods that ravished the eastern part of the United States. In the City of Elmira, 50% of the buildings had water up to the first floor. Many homes were washed away, and many churches were totally destroyed.

Because of the apparent spiritual need in the area, the churches rescheduled the crusade for September, with prayer that it could instill faith and hope in the wake of the tragedy that swept the city.

During the seven-day crusade, Ralph Bell, associate evangelist with Billy Graham, spoke to a total audience of 8,415. As a sign of commitment, 397 persons came forward during the crusade. There were an additional 140 decisions recorded during the Christian life and witness classes conducted by team member, Lowell Jackson.

The "Empty Tomb," located at the Fairgrounds, provided a special outreach to high school and college students under a casual setting with frank discussions of problems facing youth. Crusade team members and special guests were present to talk to youth. Nearly 200 persons attended the youth gatherings following the crusade service.

Over 40 churches participated in the crusade by providing counselors, choir members, ushers, prayer groups, and youth involvement in the various phases of participation. The local newspapers faithfully reported every nightly meeting. Radio and television stations also publicized the meetings with reports containing segments of Mr. Bell's sermons which greatly increased the outreach of the crusade.

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Getting Even

A mother, who had been badly treated by another woman, said, "I'll get even with that person if it's the last thing I do."

How unchristian she was in her attitude. The only people we should try to get even with are those who have befriended us. We should pray for those who treat us meanly.—Harry A. Ironside.

FRISKY

by RICHARD R. NOSEK

I WISH Daddy would let us keep Frisky instead of that white kitten, Beauty, even if she is prettier," said Kenny, who was twelve.

"Let us pray to the Lord. No one else will help us," said nine-year-old Davey.

"Good idea, Davey!" said Kenny. The boys bowed their heads, and Kenny prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let Daddy give away our little kitty, Frisky. I know he isn't as pretty as his sister, Beauty. Bobby calls him hideous because he is so many different colors—brown, black, red, and white. And he is always fighting, and he isn't afraid of anything. Please help us, Lord. Please! We ask in Jesus' name. Amen!"

Looking up, they saw Bobby, who was fourteen. "God isn't going to pay any attention to you, Kenny. He doesn't care about that little kitten, Frisky. God has to listen to people who have real troubles!"

"God does care, Bobby," said Kenny. "Matthew 6:26 says, 'Behold the fowls of the air: . . . your heavenly Father feedeth them . . .'. If God looks after the birds, He will look after a little kitty."

"Kenny, if God works it out that we keep Frisky instead of Beauty, I'll go back to Sunday school," said Bobby.

Kenny saw that his mother and father were listening nearby. Turning to Bobby, he said, "Promise?"

"Promise!" repeated Bobby.

The next day both Kenny and Davey were sitting near the door. Their father had said, "Mr. Milton is coming for Frisky tonight!"

The phone rang. Kenny saw his father answer it. "Sorry to hear that your daughter is ill, Sam. You will come tomorrow then?"

Kenny winked at Davey, who said, "God did it!"

The next evening the phone rang, and Mr. Wilson answered it. After a few minutes, he hung up. "Mr. Milton can't come for Frisky. He is working overtime."

"But John," said his wife, I thought you once told me that Sam Milton won't work overtime."

John Wilson shook his head. "He never does. I can't understand it!"

But Kenny and Davey understood. It was God again!

Turning to the boys, their father said, "He is coming tomorrow—Saturday afternoon at one o'clock."

When they were alone, Kenny told Davey, "I won't be here. I've got to play baseball. Davey, you have got to pray for Frisky. And I will, too, when I can!"

Davey said, "I'll be praying all the time. I won't play much, Kenny!"

By the fifth inning, the score was still tied at nothing to nothing. But Kenny, who was the pitcher, had some trouble in the next inning. He made an error and walked the next two batters. There was no one out. He saw his pastor, who was also the manager, call time and walk slowly toward the pitching mound.

"Kenny, your mind isn't on the game," said the pastor.

Kenny told him about Frisky.

"If you prayed about it, Kenny, leave it in the Lord's hands. If you keep on worrying, it means you are not trusting the Lord," said the pastor.

Kenny nodded. "I won't worry anymore, sir!"

He kept his promise. Kenny finished the inning with only one run scored.

Later, his team went ahead. Kenny finished the ninth inning without any runs scored, and his team won the game. Without changing his clothes, he hurried home, praying for Frisky as he ran.

As Kenny entered the backyard, he saw his parents watching the baby playing in his playpen. Bobby was feeding Frisky ice cream.

"Kenny," called Davey excitedly, "Daddy gave Beauty to Mr. Milton. Frisky saved the baby's life! There was a big rat," Davey said as he held his hands two feet apart, "and it got near the baby's playpen. But Frisky wouldn't let the rat near the baby. Finally, the mama cat came and killed the rat."

Bobby laughed. "Every time Davey tells about the rat, it gets bigger and bigger!"

Kenny looked at his parents, who smiled. His father said, "Davey's right, Kenny! Frisky wouldn't let the rat near the baby!"

Kenny turned to Bobby. "Remember

what you promised you'd do if we kept Frisky?"

Bobby looked up as he was feeding Frisky. "I will go to Sunday school. I guess I wasn't as wise as I thought. God certainly did answer that prayer!"

That night John Wilson said to his wife, "Nora, where is that Bible verse found about God's feeding the fowl?"

"Matthew 6:26, dear," said Nora.

John Wilson opened up the family Bible and read it silently. "God certainly did look after that foolish kitten, Nora. Maybe I wasn't so wise, either," he said.

Nora Wilson smiled. She turned the pages of the family Bible to 1 Corinthians 1:27 and said, "Please read this verse, John."

John Wilson read aloud, "'But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; . . .'"—Gospel Herald.

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I'ze Tired

Honey, I'ze tired!
I'ze tired of sitting,
And I'ze tired of sighing,
I'ze tired of living,
And I wouldn't mind dying—
Honey, I'ze tired!

I'ze tired of chicken,
And I'ze tired of cake,
I even had a chill,
And was too tired to shake—
Honey, I'ze tired!

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"Thank God! I'm Free!"

One day Konrad Schuman, an East German sergeant guarding the Berlin Wall, suddenly broke away from the group of Communist guards. With a submachine gun in his hand, Schuman leaped over the barbed wire entanglement to freedom in West Berlin. As he tore off his Communist uniform, he exclaimed, "Thank God! I'm free!"

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A Sine Qua Non

Anne Sullivan, who tutored young Helen Keller, said, "I saw clearly that it was useless to try to teach her language or anything else until she learned to obey me. I have thought about it a great deal, and the more I think the more certain I am that obedience is the gateway through which knowledge, yes, and love, too, enter the mind of a child."

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Is the wearing of long hair by men a sign of effeminacy and therefore an abomination to God?

Answer: Some Bible students seem to regard it. The Bible teaches us to be modest in everything, including how we groom ourselves, how we dress, how we wear our hair, and what else we do in preparing to appear in public. It definitely teaches that one of a given sex should not disguise himself as being of the other sex. Paul writes concerning the sex making an appearance having the hair style of the other. He thinks that nature testifies against the wearing of long hair by men and the wearing of short hair by women. "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering" (1 Corinthians 11:14, 15).

I have heard people that were trying to defend men who were wearing long hair point to Samson and other Nazarites who wore long hair in biblical times. The Nazarite who wore long hair allowed it to grow while he was under the vow. When that was terminated, he cut the hair and offered it as a sacrifice. The man was not allowed to wear anything that pertained to a woman. "All the days of the vow of his separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. . . . And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings. And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his separation is shaven" (Numbers 6:5, 18, 19); "The woman

shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God" (Deuteronomy 22:5).

Some other passages should be kept in mind by all Christians as they grow in the grace and knowledge of God as the Bible teaches that we should. "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array" (1 Timothy 2:9); "That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:4, 5); "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands" (1 Peter 3:3-5).

One of my teachers in pastoral theology admonished his students to dress and to conduct themselves so that they might call attention to Christ rather than to themselves. I think that most of us Christians have seen ministers and especially young ministers of the gospel who did not appear to us to be acting in harmony with the admonition of this saint of God.

In all the many passages of Scripture in which we have presented to us the marvelous wonder workings of Jesus, I fail to find a single instant in which He appears showy. The Bible teaches us to be like Him. He taught that we should be perfect, complete. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). What Jesus says, as is true of

that said in the rest of the Bible's teachings, indicates that we should work, pray, and live toward the end of becoming more nearly perfect with every passing moment; we should give heed to the little things that we are admonished to do as well as those that might seem to us more important. He teaches that those who perform well in minor assignments will also do justice to the greater things.

Dr. Nathan Stone on a similar subject has the following to say on Page 319 in his book, **Answering Your Questions**.

"Since long hair is a glory peculiar to a woman, we may judge by inference that it is effeminacy in man even in ancient Greek times. Such a distinction was greatly emphasized in the days of Cromwell's Commonwealth in England, by the Puritans who wore their hair close cropped as distinguished from the foppish Cavaliers of those days who wore their hair long.

"Short hair for men, or shorter at any rate than that of women, seems to be supported in the Old Testament in the law of the Nazarite, who was not permitted to cut his hair as long as he was under his vow of separation. (See Numbers 6:5.) At the close of that period, a man was even to shave his head and offer the hair with the sacrifice. (See Numbers 6:18, 19.) The inference is that normally a man cuts his hair.

"In the original, this verse is framed as a question that requires an affirmative answer or agreement. Moffat's translation could also be taken as a rhetorical question, beginning as it does with the word 'surely,' to which an affirmative answer would be expected. It is as though it read, 'Surely nature herself teaches . . . does it not?'"

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Rain from Heaven

A little girl gave her pastor \$4.32 for missions. "How did you get so much money?" he asked.

She said, "I earned it by collecting rainwater and selling it to washerwomen who live on the edge of our town for two cents a bucket. I want to help send the gospel to those who have never heard about Jesus."

The pastor asked, "Shall I say, 'A gift from Mary?'"

"Oh, no," said Mary. "I'd rather no one knew but Jesus. Put it down as rain from heaven."—Told by Alice Marie Knight.

STORIES

for our youth



CAVE-IN

by Olive W. Mumert

BILL and Sammy clawed frantically at the loose earth piled up in front of what had been the entrance to their cave a few minutes earlier. Terry, who had been in the cave with them, was buried somewhere beneath the rubble.

Bill and Sammy had managed to reach outside safety because they'd rushed to the entrance at the first warning rumbles. But Terry had been behind them and had been caught. Now he was buried beneath the collapsed roof.

Bill stood paralyzed by the shock until Sammy's shrill voice roused him to action. "Come on. We've got to get Terry out." Sammy began pulling rocks and dirt away from where Terry should be.

Bill got down beside him and dug into the rubble, pulling it away with both hands. He glanced at Sammy's pale face—his lips were moving soundlessly. He's praying, Bill thought, his own heart crying out silently as he worked, Please God, help us find him, quickly!

"Maybe he's farther in." Bill knew he'd feel better if he were sure they were digging in the right place. He'll be suffocated if we don't find him quickly, he thought.

Just then his fingers caught hold of a strand of Terry's long blond hair, and he called, "He's here, Sammy. I've found him."

"Uncover—face—," Sammy grunted, beginning to work the dirt down from Terry's face, uncovering his nose and mouth.

Bill's larger hands had pulled away huge handfuls of the suffocating dirt. It's too late, he thought, feeling sick. He's dead. He's not breathing at all. Sam-

my was still working frantically, partly covered with the dirt he'd pulled away from Terry.

Doesn't he know? Bill wondered. "Sammy," he said sharply. "He's dead."

"Artificial respiration—like Mom showed" Sammy gasped, continuing to pull the dirt from around Terry. "Mouth to mouth—Hurry!"

Bill felt a wave of fear wash through him. What if I don't remember it correctly? He reached a finger into Terry's mouth and cleared out the accumulation of dirt. Then, lying across the dirt in front of Terry, he began blowing into Terry's mouth.

"Hold his nose, Bill," Sammy said, working now from behind Terry. "Pull his mouth open."

Bill remembered now, and he worked steadily, blowing into Terry's mouth, pausing to take a fresh breath of air, and blowing again. But it's hopeless, he thought. It's too late. Anyhow this isn't right. He's supposed to be lying down, with his head back.

Sammy quit digging and moved up beside Bill. "I'll do it for a while," he said. "You can rest."

Bill rolled out of the way and sat breathing deeply for a few minutes, aware all the time of Sammy's continuing efforts with Terry.

Finally he felt rested. He wanted to get back at it himself. "I'll do it again, Sammy," he said. "Go get Mom. Tell her to call the doctor and an ambulance. And get someone to come help, too."

He took over, noticing that Sammy limped badly when he started running toward town. I didn't know he'd hurt his leg, Bill thought.

He's just never going to start breathing, he thought, but Bill knew that he'd never stop trying to get his friend to breathe until a doctor came.

Suddenly Terry gave a gasp and took

a breath. "He's breathing," Bill called after the running Sammy.

Sammy turned and waved, and shouted, "Thank You, God!" Then he stumbled on toward home.

Bill continued the artificial respiration until Terry settled into a regular breathing pattern. Then Bill watched Terry to make sure he kept breathing. In a few minutes Terry opened his eyes. "I can't breathe," he gasped.

"You'll be all right, Terry," Bill said. "Sammy went for help. Just breathe slowly until help comes."

Bill began again to clear dirt from around the other boy, all the time watching him.

Terry's eyes were wide with fear. "What if I die?" he gasped. "I'm not ready to die."

"You're not going to die," Bill stated, remembering how frightened he'd been of that very thing a few minutes earlier. "Besides, it's easy to get ready to meet God. Sammy and I are ready."

"But I don't know how," Terry gasped, fear beading his face with moisture. "And I might die." Suddenly his breathing became irregular. He started gasping and got a glazed look in his eyes.

"Don't panic," Bill said, thinking. I sure wish Sammy were here to talk to Terry. "Sammy could tell you how to get ready."

Terry seemed to be having a lot of difficulty breathing. "Can't you tell me?" he gasped.

"I just don't know how to say it." Bill paused, aware of Terry's terror-filled eyes begging him to go on. He took a deep breath and prayed wordlessly for God to help him.

"Only last year I asked the Lord Jesus to come into my life and be my Saviour. I just asked Him, and He did what I asked," Bill explained.

"But how?" Terry was quieter now, breathing more slowly and evenly.

"Well, it's like this. Jesus is God's Son, and He came down from heaven and died for our sins. The Bible says that all have sinned. So everyone needs the Saviour."

"Go on," Terry panted.

"I just believed it and asked Jesus to take away my sins and make me belong to Him. And He did. He only wants you to believe and to ask Him."

"Believe what, Bill?" Terry was gasping again, struggling to get each fresh breath. "I don't—understand."

"Believe that Jesus is God's Son," Bill said, "and that He died for your sins because you couldn't be good enough for

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CAMBODIAN LEADERS ASK "WHY NOW?" IN MYSTERY OF SUDDEN INTEREST IN CHRISTIANITY

Phnom Penh, Cambodia — Cambodian leaders, seeking to explain the spiraling growth of the tiny church in Phnom Penh, have offered a number of explanations for the phenomenon.

"I wouldn't believe this unless I had seen it with my own eyes," declared Minh Thein Voan, 31-year old executive with Shell Oil here. "This is the first time in the history of the Cambodian Evangelical Church that we have had so many converts."

Voan referred specifically to the more than 2,000 Cambodians who responded to the three-day crusade sponsored by the Cambodian Evangelical Church and World Vision International.

Dr. Stan Mooneyham, president of World Vision, and evangelist for the crusade, said simply that "it was the work of the Holy Spirit, and we are all spectators to what the Holy Spirit is doing."

The Rev. Nou Thai, the 28-year-old dean of the only Bible school here, commented, "This is more than just progress—this is an evangelistic explosion. The crusade opened wide the eyes of intellectuals here. They used to think we were rubbish." For most of those attending the daily meetings, which saw more than 4,000 unable to get inside the 2,000-seat auditorium for the first meeting and similar crowds for subsequent meetings, it was their first exposure to the Christian message.

Prior to the crusade, nearly half-a-century of missionary work had resulted in only a handful of Protestant churches with 600 members. In recent months though, four new churches have been formed and observers in Cambodia feel that the crusade could result in the church doubling its size overnight.

A number of factors have led up to what Christian leaders term a "new open door" in Cambodia. Politically, the most important factor was the fall of former head of state Norodom Sihanouk. Under the Sihanouk regime, the Christian church was harassed and persecuted—continually being linked with Western imperialism by royal propaganda. With the winds of change though, Christians have been allowed freedom of religion and equality. They have begun to play an enlarged humanitarian role, and have

begun to aid civilian victims of the war that is racking their nation.

The war itself has had an upsetting effect on the people and brought about staggering changes in almost every aspect of life. More than 1,500,000 refugees clog the capital, and the new stresses of total national mobilization have caused many to reevaluate their beliefs and seek new answers.

But local leaders say that there has been a general dissatisfaction with Buddhism and other local religions for several years among the young people and students. Many of the 1,011 inquirers who filled out decision forms specifically mentioned that they were seeking something more than Buddhism. More than ninety percent of them were young men between the ages of 18 and 30.

Gia Thai Sing, Director of the National Museum, and one of the government officials who have come to Christ in recent months, said that he believes the older generation is staid and tied to Buddhism but that younger Cambodians "have abandoned the temples and no longer believe in Buddhism."

Over 80 percent of the Cambodians counseled in the meeting were students and soldiers. Church leadership is also characterized by youth and a visiting church growth expert, Malcolm Bradshaw of Singapore's Evangelism in Depth, said that this youthful leadership was an encouraging sign for lasting results from the present period of church growth.

Although church leaders discount the effect of Cambodian oral tradition on church growth, there is no doubt that in the eyes of many, a classical poem predicting the appearance of a "Khmer Messiah" has had considerable influence on the general acceptance of the Christian gospel.

The poem, known popularly by its opening sonnet, "Phrah hos kan chak, Phrah bat ley lak, Chang tchum nee k'ngork chras," predicts the appearance of a national saviour who will appear at a time of war and will have wounds in his hands, his feet and side. According to legend, a former king of Cambodia tried to seek out and execute this messiah among newborn infants in a way similar to that in which King Herod tried to destroy Christ in the New Testament account.

The poem has such a highly-charged emotional connotation in Cambodia that when the Khmer Evangelical Church had its first public meetings at Christmas last year, they were stunned to find that their banner reading, "He is Come" attracted a government investigation. Authorities felt that the Christians might have been playing on a popular messianic hope since their Christmas meeting was held at the junction of four rivers. The Khmer Messiah is supposed to appear at the junction of four rivers.

Cambodian legend predicts a great "last war" will take place at the junction of four rivers when the messiah appears and Christians explain this as a reference to the battle of Armageddon as predicted in the New Testament. In the battle, Cambodian legend predicts that the blood from the slain will reach an elephant's belly. Once again, some Christians equate this with the Christian prophesy which predicts that the blood of Armageddon will reach a horse's bridle.

For many Cambodians, the discovery that there is even a Cambodian Christian Church has come as a shock since the church has practically lived underground for a number of years. Students therefore, are not only amazed to find that the government is actually permitting a Christian church to use public auditoriums, but that there even is a Cambodian church in existence to rent the hall. They were very surprised and impressed by the crusade choir when they found that it was actually composed entirely of Christians and not hired singers for the occasion.

Christians are discovering their own country as well. Local churches were at first incredulous at how easily the gospel was accepted by their own people, and are now trusting God to turn the whole nation to Christ. The sudden acceptance of Christians as a valid part of society, as well as the construction by World Vision International of a new Christian hospital in downtown Phnom Penh, has given the church a new boldness in evangelism.

Cambodian Christians are extremely aware of all this, and seem unsatisfied with any explanation that does not attribute the church growth and revival to an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps no other reasoning—no matter how valid—is sufficient to provide an explanation of what's happening today in Cambodia.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 3



A Man for the Hour

Lesson Text: 2 Chronicles 36; Jeremiah 1; 26

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 1:8

I. INTRODUCTION

The lesson material for this quarter is taken from the writings of four prophets of Hebrew history: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, and Zechariah. The primary purpose of this lesson material "is to help students achieve better understanding of each of the four prophets and the problems and issues each faced as God's messengers: and to discover the relevance of the prophetic message for faith and action on the part of the people of God in our time." We begin with messages from Jeremiah.

Born in Anathoth, just northeast of Jerusalem, Jeremiah may have been of a priestly line and may even have been a priest himself; we are sure of neither, but only of his deeply spiritual nature and character, even as a young man. He lived between 640 and 588 B.C., during the reigns of the last seven kings of Judah, the southern kingdom. These kings reigned a short time for the most part because Judah was in serious decline and it remained only a matter of time before the people of God were taken into captivity by the Babylonians.

Jeremiah was especially active as a prophet during the reign of the good king Josiah who tried hard to stem the tide of wickedness which eventually swept the people into bondage to Babylon. Josiah failed but Jeremiah stood by his side, constantly reminding Judah that God was going to call her into account for her sins. It was with a broken heart that he realized that Judah was not listening. His ready tears gained for him the name, "the weeping prophet." The Book of Lamentations, which means weepings, was also written at this time by this prophet. Our lesson today takes us into a look at this "man of the hour."—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The time of Jeremiah's ministry.
2. The condition in Judah at the time of Jeremiah's ministry.
3. The condition in other nations at the time of Jeremiah's ministry.

B. The Introduction to the Book (Jeremiah 1:1-13)

These verses are not part of the printed text, but they are an introduction to the books; and give us some interesting background material about Jeremiah.

C. God calls Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4, 5)

1. Jeremiah was sure of the Lord's call.
2. The Lord called and sanctified Jeremiah for the task even before he was born.
3. This does not mean that Jeremiah did not have a will and could not have rejected.

D. Jeremiah Makes An Excuse (Jeremiah 1:6)

1. Jeremiah felt his inability as have other men of the Bible when the Lord called.
2. Jeremiah was not a child; he felt that way in the face of the great task before him.

E. The Lord Assures Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:7, 8)

1. The Lord demands obedience of Jeremiah.
2. The Lord promises to be with him.
3. The Lord promises him that he will be able to face the people before whom he is to speak.

F. God Touched Jeremiah (Jeremiah 26:12-15)

1. God gave Jeremiah the words that he was to speak.
2. God gave Jeremiah the power to speak these words.

G. Jeremiah Obeys the Lord (Jeremiah 26:12-15)

1. Jeremiah was faithful to deliver God's message—he was courageous.
2. Jeremiah admitted that the rulers

had power over him—he was humble.

3. Jeremiah tells them what the results will be if they put him to death.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.)

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. We live in troubled times. This is said so often that we hardly listen any more, but we all know it is true. Crime grows worse—not only robbery for profit, but bombing and murder just for the sake of destruction. Wars continue. Love of money brings strife between labor and management, and strikes bring industry to a halt. Love of pleasure brings drunkenness and drug abuse and sexual immorality. We wonder how long such evils can go on.

B. Our lesson takes us back twenty-six hundred years to another time much like our own. There is hardly an evil recorded in today's newspaper that was not an evil of that day as well. In the mad demand for pleasure, even the idolatrous ceremonies of worship became sensual orgies. But looking back we can see the result. Such evils could not go on forever, and for Judah the end was near. We can read the history of the time in 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles, and we can learn much more in the Book of Jeremiah.

C. Jeremiah was God's man for the troubled time. Through him God foretold the ruin of Judah and explained how it could be avoided. The people foolishly refused to listen, and so the nation was lost. Are we of today wise enough to learn from the folly of the day?

D. We all know the axiom, God can move one man to make a majority. Often great movements have had small beginnings. Jesus started with only twelve disciples. God wanted one man to be His voice to a sinful nation. Jeremiah was that voice. He was like John the Baptist, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

E. Jeremiah did not yet know what messages he would deliver, but he knew the people to whom he would deliver them. These people were deep in sin and they liked it. Jeremiah knew God's messages would not please them. They would turn furious, frowning faces upon anyone who brought such messages truly. But God told Jeremiah not to be afraid. He would not be alone. God would be with him and would not allow the evil people to destroy or silence him.

F. So in today's wilderness of sin, God (continued on page fifteen)

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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The ram tumbled into the bottom of an old well where Father used to throw rubbish, the next sheep never stopped to see what had become of him. He jumped in right after the ram, and so did the next. The sheep kept jumping into the well until it was full. Then father pulled them out as best he could. The sheep at the bottom of the well were almost smothered to death."

"My, what silly sheep!" exclaimed Joe. When he looked at his aunt and smiled. He had gotten the point of the story.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We must try to avoid following the pathway of the evil; instead we should search for the righteous pathway. Only then can we experience true happiness.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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heaven by yourself. Believe that He will take away all your sins and make you one of God's family when you ask Him to."

"Is that all?" Terry asked. "I've done lots and lots of bad things."

"I had, too," Bill said. "And I knew about Jesus, too. Then, one day, I just knew I needed Jesus as my Saviour, and I wanted Him, so I told Him I wanted to belong to Him. Now He's my Saviour, and He helps me to do right things."

Terry was quiet. He seemed to be thinking.

Bill, sitting beside him, prayed silently, then said, "Once Jesus said, '... He that believeth on me hath everlasting life' (John 6:47). That's life that never ends."

"I'd like that kind of life," Terry said. "How do I ask Him?" He was breathing quietly and easily again.

"He's right here even though you can't see Him," Bill said. "He even knows what you are thinking."

"He is?" Terry looked up wide-eyed, his dirt-streaked face wearing a surprised look. "He does?"

Suddenly he smiled and, closing his eyes, said, "Please, Jesus, I need You, right now. Take all my sins away so that I can belong to God's family and have heaven's kind of life—the way Bill and Sammy have." The tight lines of fear faded from his face. Then he looked up and said, "Thank you, Bill."

The hum of car motors roused Bill,

ABOUT INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE

There were many tribes of American Indians but few commonly spoken languages. So when Indians of one tribe met Indians of another tribe, they had to do a lot of their talking with their hands. Sign language was often used by the Plains Indians.

Signs are easy to learn and understand. They are interesting because there is always a story behind them.

When one Indian met another, he made a sign showing what tribe he belonged to. Since the Wichitas painted signs across their cheeks, the sign for them was to draw three fingers of the right hand across the cheek. The Arapaho had long noses, so the sign to indicate an Arapaho was rubbing the index finger of the right hand against the right side of the nose. The Caddo tribe wore rings in their noses, and their sign was passing the right index finger below the nose. The Kiowas rubbed paint on their cheeks, and their sign became rubbing the right cheek in a circular movement with the tips of the fingers of the right hand. The Cheyenne cut themselves when mourning for one of the dead of their tribe, so the sign to indicate a Cheyenne was to hit the index finger of the left hand with the index finger of the right.

If you were hungry, you would slide your hand across your stomach. If you were thirsty, you would hold your cupped hand to your mouth. When you give something, you move your hand, palm open, away from you. When you ask for something, you pull your hand toward yourself. Eating is shown by putting your right hand, palm inward, to your mouth, showing that food is passing down your throat.

To mean "me" or "mine," point to yourself with your hand. To mean

and he said, "Here comes help, Terry. You'll soon be free."

Terry smiled. "I'm OK now," he said quietly. "I'm free now—free from my sin. I'm freer than I have ever been before, and I'm not afraid now."

"I'm glad," Bill said. Inside he felt a warm glow as he breathed a quick prayer of thanks and moved out of the way to let the men finish digging Terry out. Helping Terry to learn about Jesus Christ was something special.—My Pleasure.

"yours," point your closed fist toward the other person.

Counting is easy in sign language. Hold up your fingers.

The sign for mother is to put your cupped right hand over your heart and tap your chest several times. To indicate father, make the sign for mother, then add the sign for male, which is holding the right hand even with the eyes and extending the index finger.

To show "friend," hold the index finger and the second finger of your right hand up in front of your face.

To say "yes," hold the right hand upward, with the index finger extended, and then move your wrist to the left in a sharp curved motion. To say "no," hold the right hand with fingers extended to the left and then move it to the right with palm out.

Although the Indians didn't know about the Lord Jesus or the Bible, they did believe that a Great Spirit (their god) was watching over them and protecting them.—Kitty Miller in *My Pleasure*.

(Note: Missionaries did reach the Indian with the gospel; thus many are now believing Christians.)

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Sunday School Lesson

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needs a voice. The voice must not bear its own message, but must take God's message to a lost and dying world. It does not take many such voices in the beginning if each voice is faithful. Someone once said that it doesn't take much of a man to be a Christian, but it takes all there is of him. God can do much with little. He freed Israel from Egypt with a stammering shepherd and his weak brother. He fed five thousand with five loaves and two small fishes. He parted the Red Sea with a rod. He conquered Jericho with trumpets. God can do a lot with a little—if that little is fully committed to Him.

G. No man ever feels adequate for Christian service. If he felt adequate he would hardly be qualified. His very sense of inadequacy qualifies him far more than any other single attribute. Such a man God can enter. Such a man God can empower. Such a man God can use. Will you be such a man? Will you empty yourself and allow God to enter, empower, and use you?—Standard Bible Commentary.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Cooper P. Thompson announces that he is available for pastoral duties on either a full or part-time basis. He will also serve as supply pastor when needed. Mr. Thompson may be contacted by writing to him at Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524, or by telephoning 894-4242 after 5 p.m.

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The Rev. Walter Turnmire announces that he is available for pastoral or evangelistic work. He was ordained in the Western Conference on October 12, 1972. His church membership is with the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Any church that might be interested in Mr. Turnmire may contact him by writing to him at the following address: 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, North Carolina. He may also be contacted by telephone at 932-7761.

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German Listener Response Pours In

Answering 269 letters a day is a heavy responsibility. For Evangeliums-Rundfunk, the German branch of Trans World Radio in Wetzlar, Germany, the responsibility is a welcome one because it gives a definite indication of the acceptance and effectiveness of the German-produced programs.

Each working day for the past year, an average of 269 letters arrived from listeners. This means a total of 67,895 letters were received by Evangeliums-Rundfunk in 1971. More than a mere statistic, this represents individuals with whom contact has been made for Jesus Christ.

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WHEN YOU PRAY NEXT TIME TRY "A DIFFERENT
PRAYER."

A DIFFERENT PRAYER

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So often in praying we ask God for gentle blessings which will guarantee for us a life of ease. We are careful to say, "Thank you"—especially on Thanksgiving; but shortly thereafter, praying becomes a "Give me" proposition once more—a sort of bargaining with God that if He will grant us certain wishes we will reciprocate in some manner. This is not good.

Sometimes we need to be "tried with fire," and the following plea is in keeping with that thought. Granted, this prayer is different, but hopefully it contains some lesson for all of us, this writer included.

Oh God. . .

Bend me low when I stand too straight and draw undue attention to myself because I think that I "know something."

Back me up when I go forward too fast and fail to consider those who are not able to walk.

Sit me down when I'm on my feet too long and think myself too important to give another my place.

Draw me aside and chastise me sore when I am so frivolous as to ignore the serious side of life.

Oh God. . .

Give me more to do than I can so I will not become idle and lazy.

Give me an almost impossible task so I will never be content merely to give you second best.

Give me trials and temptations to overcome so I'll be able to endure till the end.

Give me knocks and bruises lest I become too soft and unable to be the man I ought to be.

Oh God. . .

Ease the burden on my back only when I've learned to carry it well.

Dry the tears from my eyes only as I have learned to cry them freely.

Stop the aching of my heart only when it has hurt enough for me not to forget.

Make me truly happy only as I have learned what it means to be really sad.

Oh God. . .

Let the sun shine tomorrow only if I've noticed the clouds today.

Let the roses show their faces only if I have felt their thorns.

Let the birds sing their songs only if I have listened to their melodies before.

Let the whole world speak to me only if I have spoken first.

Oh God. . .

Give me numberless friends only as I have been friend to many.

Allow me success only as I have applied my abilities.

Let my dreams come true only as they are not foolish.

Make my life worthwhile only as I have lived it well.

Oh God. . .

Take away all that I have if I ever become selfish.

Give me constant pain if I never sympathize with those who have it.

Break my spirit if it ever becomes too proud.

Take my life from me if I ever forget to thank you for it.

Oh God. . .

Hear this prayer, and help me to pray it sincerely.



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The Invasion of "Parkerland"

Some years ago, I prepared a map of an area in the northeastern part of North Carolina where Joseph and Wilbur Parker had labored in the early years of our Free Will Baptist history, working out of old Meherrin church (now of another denomination) to establish several "preaching points," and from which they traveled "south of the Tar" to found a number of our oldest churches in Pitt, Greene, and Lenoir counties. This map was published in *The Free Will Baptist*, along with an article suggesting that Original Free Will Baptists ought to endeavor to go back into this area and establish our denomination in what I called "Parkerland."

At that time we had only two churches along the border of the area, Hickory Chapel at Ahoskie and Dawson Grove at Weldon. I was then pastor of the Dawson Grove Church.

Assisted by some members of Dawson Grove, I attempted to suit my words to my action. We visited a number of towns in the area to look into the possibilities for opening missions, among them being Rich Square, Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Woodland, and Murfreesboro, the location of old Meherrin Church.

We settled on Weldon as the most promising place to begin the "invasion." In some weeks we spent an afternoon in two visiting in Weldon, endeavoring to locate people with a Free Will Baptist background. Finally one home was opened to us for regular weekly prayer meetings and these were begun. Shortly afterwards, the Central Conference Mission Board agreed to work with us. A small hall was rented in the bank building, and this writer organized a full Sunday school (I think we had seven in the beginning). Various ministers held services on Sunday after-

noons for awhile, then the Rev. Jack Mayo was employed by the Mission Board as a missionary, and a dwelling house was secured as a center of activity. Since this is not intended to be a detailed history of the Weldon church, we will just say that Brother Mayo worked hard. A church organization was effected, and an abandoned store building was secured as a place of worship. The little group survived a small storm of confusion which was caused mainly by the rupture in the denomination which occurred at the time (the group being subjected to a tug-of-war between the opposing denominational groups). Later the Rev. Vance Link became the pastor, a position he held until recently. Under the guidance of Brother Link, the church has made notable progress. It has grown in numbers and in spirituality; a fine piece of property was secured, and an ever-expanding building program has gone on. Today the church is considered one of the best in the denomination, and is looking forward to greater progress in serving God in the future.

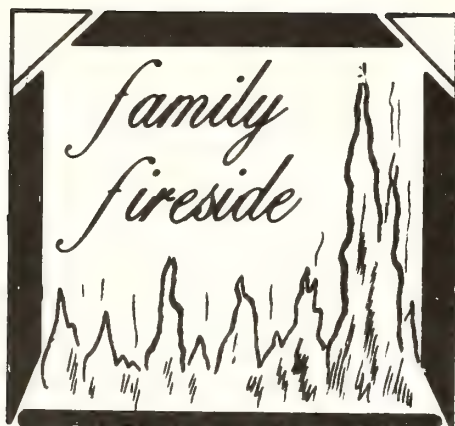
About the time the Weldon group became a church, we began the second phase of the "Invasion of Parkerland." We went to Roanoke Rapids, this time under the auspices of the Central Conference Mission Board from the beginning. The board employed the Rev. Noah Brown, then pastor of the Owen's Chapel church, and me for two days each week. We began house-to-house visiting. We got but little results so far as finding people of Free Will Baptist background. We did, however, find a piece of property which we thought was a good place for a church. The mission board agreed to purchase the lot, on which there was a dwelling house, with the idea of later selling it to

a congregation for the building of a church. The people from Owen's Chapel, Dawson Grove, and some other churches came in and helped us remodel the house as a place for services. Brother Brown was employed as a resident missionary, and soon had enough people interested to organize a mission Sunday school. Later, through the generosity of the good women of the state, a metal chapel was secured and placed on the lot, which permitted an expansion of the worship program.

In time Brother Brown was succeeded by the Rev. Willet L. Moretz, who bought a home in Roanoke Rapids and settled with the group hopefully for a period of time to permit a real effort to establish a church. The group was organized into a regular church, and was so recognized by the Central Conference. Then a disappointment came. The city passed an ordinance which made it necessary to abandon the idea of building on the mission board property. But the little group rallied bravely, raised the money, and purchased an excellent piece of property a few blocks away where there was ample room for a church plant. Things moved along nicely for awhile. Then another blow fell. Brother Moretz suffered a stroke, which made it impossible for him to render a full service. Believing that he would recover, however, he held on doing what he could, being assisted by a young licensed minister, Lewis Sprouse, who is now pastor of the White Oak Church in Bladenboro.

Brother Moretz's health did not improve and so after some months, he resigned. Another pastor came in for a brief time, and then resigned. For the past several months this writer has been serving as "acting pastor," and trying to help the church secure a full-time pastor. However, about the time that prospects seemed to look good for securing a pastor, the church suffered another setback. Through circumstances involving work, two or three of our families were forced to leave Roanoke Rapids, and this "exodus" included our clerk, our treasurer, our pianist, and some of our Sunday school teachers. In all, we lost almost one half the group, which left the church weakened to the point that securing a resident pastor seemed

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Scripture Reading—Jeremiah 33:3
"God's Fool"

Before the Communists took over China, John Ting, who has been called "God's fool," did a mighty work for God. He was a member of the Little Flock evangelists. He had utter faith in God, as the following thrilling incident attests.

One day Ting and his companions were being pursued by bandits. They came to a river which was overflowing its banks. The water was deep. The situation was humanly hopeless, but Ting said, "Our God is a mighty God, and He can open a way for us through the river." He prayed, "O Lord, hold back the waters, and make a way of escape from our enemies."

Stepping into the water which swirled about his knees, Ting motioned to the others to cross as he bowed his head and silently prayed. For a moment, his companions hesitated. Then, to their amazement, they saw that the water was steadily dropping. In a short while all crossed the river safely.

The God who divided the Red Sea and rolled back the water of the Jordan River so that His people might pass through safely still lives.

PRAYER THOUGHT

This God, who has done such great miracles before us, is the God we should seek when we are in need.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Scripture Reading—Romans 1:16

CHRIST IN THE PULPIT, TOO

In Boston, near the church where he preached for years, there is a statue of Phillips Brooks. In the statue his left hand rests upon the Bible, and just above and behind him the fingers of His Lord rest upon his shoulder. The two are in the same pulpit.

A news correspondent related this interesting story about the statue: "Saint-Gaudens, the sculptor, was an irreligious man when he started to work on the statue. As he read a book on the life and work of Phillips Brooks, he thought he would put an angel with the mighty preacher. Later he asked for a copy of the Gospels. Hav-

ing read them carefully, he came to the conclusion that instead of putting an angel in the statue, he would put the image of Christ. Shortly after the completion of the statue, he died a Christian, converted through the production of the marble representation of one of God's servants who lived to bring men to his Lord, and by the heart-transforming power of the gospel of Christ.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Sometimes it takes such a moving experience to bring us to God.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Scripture Reading—Acts 10:34, 35
"I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL"

Years ago, in a Kansas town, a young man eighteen years old was cordially greeted by D. Forrester, who said, "I expected you to look as pleased as punch. Why are you sad? Not every boy gets to be the captain of his football team."

The young man replied, "Sir, I was proud when the fellows elected me captain, but something came up. We've got a big game scheduled with Carlton High School and the team has refused to go through with it because one of the Carlton players is a Negro."

"I know how you feel," said Dr. Forrester.

"I've decided to have it out with the team this afternoon," said the young man.

That afternoon the young captain entered the dressing room. Speaking to the assembled team he said, "I'm ashamed of you, pretending you believe in fair play and justice and then calling off a game because a player is black. Get yourself another captain. I'm through!" He walked out of the room.

The boys stood motionless. Then the quarterback said, "How about it, fellows? Let's call him back." The others nodded assent.

Opening the door, they shouted, "Captain, come back. We're all with you!"

You ask the name of that young man? Dwight Eisenhower.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Remember God's Word; Anyone who believes in Him and works for Him will be accepted by Him in heaven.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Scripture Reading—Matthew 6:19-21

THE SAFEST REPOSITORY

The warehouse of two young businessmen in California burned. Forgetful of their safety, they dashed into the burning building to retrieve money and some important papers from the open vault. They entered the vault and closed the door behind them to keep out the smoke and heat.

Gathering up the currency and papers, they tried to push open the door, but they couldn't. The heat had expanded the iron door and it could not be budged. No one outside could reach them through the

flames. They perished. When they were later reached, they held in their life hands the currency and valuable papers.

How worthless are riches in death! The safest repository for our riches is in heaven where we may lay them up by investing them for God here.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The greatest treasures that we may possess are the ones we hope to receive in heaven.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 41:6

BEING WANTED

A depressed, discouraged man quietly entered his pastor's study in Aurora, Illinois. Said he, "I'm feeling a little at loose ends and would like some employment or some place of service around the church that would give to me a sense of being wanted and accomplishing something."

The pastor thought and then said, "There is no opening at the moment, but I'll surely keep you in mind and help you all I can."

The man stood, thanked the pastor, and went home and hanged himself!

Then the pastor thought with sorrow about the quiet man who had confided in him and sought to find a place where he could render constructive service.

Let us be alert to the needs of others, especially the distressed and discouraged ones. Let us strive to enter feelingly into their heartaches.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Just a few moments with some distressed friend or neighbor might be the turning point of his life.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Scripture Reading—Zechariah 13:1

THE UNFAILING REMEDY

In 1665 a plague struck the little village of Eyam, one hundred and sixty miles north of London. The grim reaper reigned there more than a year in the little village, reducing its three hundred fifty inhabitants to ninety-one.

The killing scourge was brought from London in some tailor's samples. Finding the samples damp, the tailor spread them out in front of the fireplace to dry. Shortly he was stricken with illness. He died within a few days.

During that perilous year, the Christians of the village faithfully met for worship, sitting a distance from each other to avoid the killing disease.

Long ago a deadly universal scourge entered the world—sin.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The safest and surest way to "beat sin" is to place yourself within the Spirit of the Lord.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Scripture Reading—Daniel 12:3

THE FIRMAMENT OF THE REDEEMED

Have you ever heard of John Livingstone? (continued on page fifteen)

The Purpose and Significance of Preaching

The purpose and significance of preaching is to relate to the listeners that there can and must be an experience with Jesus Christ before they can believe the hope of eternal life. To communicate to the people that God can will change their lives, supply their needs, and answer their prayers is the objective of the minister. However, somewhere along the line preaching has lost its power and its purpose has slowly declined over the past years. Preaching has become more of a business than a calling. The purpose of preaching is not to see how much money you can make or how many revivals you can conduct, the purpose of preaching is to tell as many as possible about Jesus Christ and His saving grace.

The purpose of preaching is to reach out to the people and help them to find answers to their needs. There is a need for purposeful preaching. The time comes when the preacher has to speak to the needs of his people and not to them rather than Sunday after Sunday "preach their doom."

The social and personal elements of the gospel must be combined in every sermon. It is no use to preach today on a social issue and say I will have a chance later on to speak to men's personal problems and needs. The man with the broken heart or the woman with the broken dream will not be back in and if the gospel has a healing word for them let it be said now.¹

The purpose of preaching is not always to preach "hellfire and damnation." The purpose of preaching is to be able to preach hellfire but also to be able to say that there is a better way and that someone cares about you and your needs. Too often preachers try so hard to preach the gospel that they forget

by the Rev. Ray Wells, Pastor,
Selma Free Will Baptist Church

get the real message of the gospel, that being the message of love and understanding.

Many people say today that preaching is not relevant. It doesn't say anything to the world today. The significance of preaching is that it gives the preacher a chance to show that the Scriptures and preaching are both relevant to the world today. The preacher has the opportunity to show that the gospel does speak to the young people concerning their needs. The problem of relevancy and significance of preaching comes in when the preacher tries too hard to make the gospel relevant. Martin Luther said "When I preach in the stadt-kirche I stoop down, I do not look up to the doctors and masters of arts, but I look upon the servants. To them I preach. To them I adapt myself. They need it. If the doctors don't care to hear that style of preaching, the door is open for them to leave." Luther has hit upon the problem of the significance of preaching today. The preacher who is always preaching to show off his intelligence to the elite of the church is overlooking the needs of the common people who as Jesus said, "... hunger and thirst after righteousness: ..." (Matthew 5:6). The significance of preaching is not in its length or vocabulary, but in what is going on in the hearts and minds of the listeners. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my

understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (1 Corinthians 14:19).

The purpose and significance of preaching can be seen most clearly in the life of Jesus Christ. His preaching had both purpose and significance. Christ preached "repent or perish" but He also preached "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Christ could preach to melt the heart of any sinner but He also preached to mend the hearts of the outcast and lonely. He preached to the scholars on their terms and to the needy on their terms. He set the example for every man of God to follow.

To me the real purpose and significance of preaching is found not in the sermons, but in the man who preaches them. It is found in how much compassion and love the preacher has for those to whom he preaches. It is found in a sense of closeness to his people and to his God. In the final analysis it comes to the point that he who shares love will get love in return. Without compassion and love, preaching has no purpose and no significance. To relate to the people that **we care and God cares** is the real purpose and significance of the call of God to us.

Footnotes:

¹. Gerald Kennedy, **The Seven Worlds of the Minister** (New York: Harper and Row, 1968), p. 21.

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Prayer Helps

"It is queer that missionaries don't seem to be what they used to be," bemoaned a speaker. "Take William Carey, for instance. He changed the history of India. We don't have missionaries like that today."

The speaker then spoke of Carey's sister who lay paralyzed in bed for fifty years and could not even articulate her words most of the time. Propped up in bed, she wrote lengthy letters of encouragement to Carey and prayed continuously for him.

If we do not have missionaries like Carey today, it may be because they do not have prayer helpers like Carey's sister.—Adapted from His Magazine.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Eagle Scout Award Presented in Ceremony, Black Jack FWB Church



The Eagle Scout award was received Sunday, October 29, by Hugh T. (Tim) Hardee III, in a ceremony held at Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Greenville, North Carolina. Presentation of the award was made by Talmadge Adams, scoutmaster.

Tim, who has been a Boy Scout for three years, has earned 29 merit badges and has held various positions, including patrol leader and senior patrol leader in Troop 401.

The young scout is a member of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church and is very active in church work there. He sings in the youth choir and is secretary of the youth department of the Sunday school. His pastor, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, feels fortunate to have a boy of such character to work in the church and to serve God. He is also a member of the Black Jack Volunteer Fire Department.

Tim, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Hardee Jr. of Route 3, Greenville, is a sophomore at D. H. Conley High School.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, Observes 50th Anniversary

The First Free Will Baptist Church, 1212 East Main Street, Durham, North Carolina, was organized November 19, 1922. The church came into being as a result of a tent meeting conducted by the late Rev. Bob Self. At the close of the meeting, the Rev. W. E. Anderson, along with a group of interested Christians, organized the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church. In October, 1968, the church voted to change its name to the First Free Will Baptist Church.

The blessings of the Lord have been upon the work of the church from her beginning. There have been many sons and daughters of the church who, through her ministry, have gone forth into full-time Christian service and to the mission field. Hundreds have come to know Jesus Christ at her altar. We look forward to the future of the church that great things can be accomplished for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A copy of the original minutes of the organization of the church follows:

"On the 19th of November, 1922, at the close of a very successful revival meeting conducted by Evangelist R. V. Self, a Free Will Baptist minister, assisted by the Revs. W. E. Anderson, G. C. Joyner, and A. B. Utley, all of which are legal ordained ministers in the Free Will Baptist Church, proceeded to organize a Free Will Baptist church under the gospel tent, located at the corner of East Main and Holman Streets. An invitation was extended to those desiring to become charter members and their names were enrolled. The election of officers was taken up and the following were elected: for deacons—J. A. Holmes, C. W. Greenson, and John Thompson; for clerk—A. C. Ferrell; for treasurer—C. W. Greensom; for pastor—the Rev. W. E. Anderson. After the organization was completed, the church covenant was read by the pastor, the Rev. W. E. Anderson. The invocation was offered by the Rev. A. B. Utley. Conference closed. This the 19th day of November, 1922."

Unity FWB Church to Hold Revival Beginning November 26



Revival services will be held at Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Purvis Road, Durham, North Carolina, beginning November 26 and continuing through December 1. The Rev. Jack Mayo, pastor of Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Special music will be featured.

The pastor, the Rev. Raymond E. Jones, and the church membership extend cordial invitation to the public to attend these services.

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Fifty-First Wedding Anniversary Celebration Planned at Elm Grove

The fifty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wade will be celebrated with a fish fry at Elm Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Ayden, North Carolina, on Wednesday, November 22. The time is 5:30—7 p.m.

Any gifts given in honor of the occasion will be presented to the Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina.

All friends of Mr. and Mrs. Wade are invited to come and share this celebration with them.

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Wooten's Chapel Honors Sunday School Teachers

The Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of the Cape Fear Conference honored its Sunday school teachers on Sunday, November 12, in conjunction with Sunday School Teachers' Week in North Carolina. The week of November 12-18 was proclaimed Sunday School Teachers' Week by Governor Robert W. Scott. At the Wooten's Chapel church the following teachers were awarded certificates for their efforts to teach the virtues of Christian living and principles of citizenship.

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Oak Grove Church Holds Revival and "Old-Fashioned" Sunday

The Rev. Rudy Sheppard is the speak-
er for revival services in progress at Oak
Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Vance-
boro, North Carolina. The services will
continue through December 2. They be-
gin each evening at 7:30.

Mr. Sheppard, who is pastor of the
Intergreen Free Will Baptist Church,
Greene City, North Carolina, is being as-
sisted by the pastor of Oak Grove church,
the Rev. Hilary Gaskins.

On Sunday morning following the week-
end revival, the church will observe an
"old-fashioned" Sunday, complete with
appropriate costume. Each member of
the church is asked to dress in the
clothes of the old days.

The public is invited to come and wor-
ship with the congregation during these
special services.

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LOST AND FOUND

A navy blue sweater, medium size,
was found at the Friendship Free Will
Baptist Church, Route 1, Farmville, North
Carolina, following the Central Confer-
ence Youth Fellowship held there on No-
vember 11. If it belongs to you, con-
tact Miss Eleanor L. Lovitt, Route 1, Box
27-A, Farmville, North Carolina 27828.

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It's Always Wrong

"This toy looks very complicated for
a child," said a mother to a salesman
at a store.

"It's an educational toy, designed to
adjust a child to live in the world to-
day," the clerk explained. "Any way
you put it together, it's wrong."

Many today do not know what to
think of life. Any way it's put together,
it seems wrong. Thrills do not answer
the inner longing of the soul. Things do
not satisfy. The theories of man do not
meet the inner need.—John M. Drescher,
Sunday Times.

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MY HUSBAND

He taught me to be a Christian;
He taught me to be his wife.
He taught me all the good things
That were worthwhile in life.

He's gone, but not forgotten;
He paid his debt for Christ.
He followed the footsteps of Jesus
Almost all of his life.

He was a faithful Christian,
A father good and kind,
A husband well worth having,
A friend to all mankind.

So, children, please remember the things
He would have you do;
And don't forget to pattern your life by
his,
So God will love you too.

—Mrs. Rom L. Beaman

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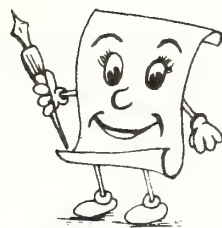
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NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

CHRISTMAS LISTS

Give me a north wind with a nip in
the air, and I get the Christmas spirit.
First, I buy a small fruitcake before I
make my own. Then I buy some wrap-
ping paper. And, next, up goes the
Christmas list!

A list of "things to do" stays in the
kitchen almost all the time and gets
tee-hees and haw-haws from the family.
And I admit things like "change beds,"
"empty garbage," "fix lunch," "wash
clothes" might be funny. But when your
half-day off is the day the collectors are
due, it can be a big deal to "empty gar-
bage" before they come.

However, no one objects to the Christ-
mas list.

It's just a sheet of paper sectioned
into four parts, each labeled with a name.
I decorate it with Christmas stickers or
pictures and drop loud hints about its
being there. And on it we write what
we want for Christmas.

We're going to buy presents for each
other, anyway; and I think it's better
to look at the list and get things we
really want than buy blindly and be dis-
appointed with what we get. If our
Christmas presents are to represent the
gifts the Wise Men brought to the Christ
child, then they should be useful gifts,
chosen with care.

A good friend has a better idea than
that. Her family keeps a "wish book"
with a page or two assigned to each
member of the family. They write in it
things they really want and consult it
anytime during the year. For a birthday,
anniversary, or other gift-giving occa-
sion, they choose from the list and are
sure the present will be wanted and ap-
preciated.

I don't know a more orderly way to
handle the Christmas shopping than to
consult a ready-made list. It doesn't
spoil the anticipation of getting, for the
list is always longer than one can af-
ford. I could use the rest of last year's
list to do this year's shopping.

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

RAPERS GIVEN TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Friends of Dr. W. Burkette Raper gave him the opportunity to take a pilgrimage last week. Dr. Raper, president of Mount Olive College, was told of the surprise "gift" at a luncheon for the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, November 21. An anonymous donor, it was announced, also gave sufficient funds to allow his wife, Rose, to accompany him.

The ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land will leave from New York on January 15 led by the Rev. Tommy Tyson of Goldsboro, North Carolina. The charter group will visit Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Mount of Olives, Jericho, Bethlehem, Corinth, Athens, and other notable sites from Biblical history.

The idea for the trip originated among friends of Dr. and Mrs. Raper who noted his dedicated 25-year service to his church and to Christian education as president of Mount Olive College. They felt that it would be most meaningful if

Dr. and Mrs. Raper could visit the land of Christ for themselves.

The solicitation of gifts was headed by Dr. I. R. Swords, academic dean at the College, and Dr. Hervey Kornegay, a Mount Olive physician.

Dr. Raper dropped his head to his hands in disbelief as the announcement was made by Dr. Kornegay. His wife was obviously thrilled. They stood to thank the assemblage and to shake hands with the contributors.

Dr. Raper is a native of Wilson County, North Carolina, and attended school at Middlesex. He received an A.B. degree from Duke University and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. In 1962 he received an M.S. in Higher Education from Florida State University. Atlantic Christian College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1960.

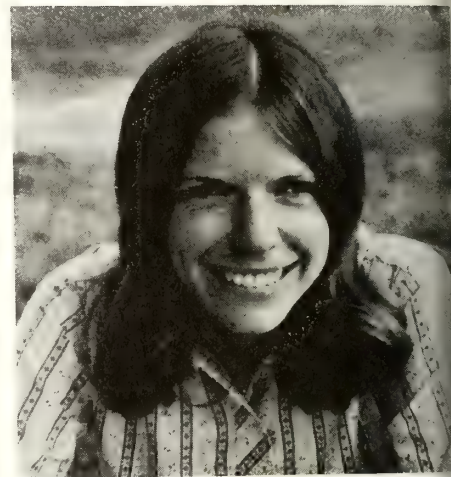
Dr. Raper, a young active Free Will Baptist minister, became president of Mount Olive College in 1954. Along with the numerous duties of this office, he is currently serving as a consultant for the

American Association of Junior College program with developing institution director of Education Professions Development Act Grant for Strengthening Development in Private Two-Year Colleges; and a member of the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority

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WE'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

by Linda Haddock, student



(Linda Haddock, a freshman at Mount Olive College, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haddock of Chocowinity, North Carolina. She is a member of Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Chocowinity.)

Thinking back on the Religious Life Retreat at Oriental, it would be hard to write and express all of my feelings. The entire weekend was an experience that will probably affect about sixty young people for the rest of their lives.

We could feel God's presence in all that we did. God became so real. Some one we could see in each smile or tear and hear in each word that was spoken or sung.

As we began the retreat on Friday night, there was a feeling of anxiety and wonder. Most of us were anxious because we had heard what the retreats in the past had been like. We were wondering if the same feelings and experiences would happen again for us. We knew we didn't have to go to Oriental to have an experience with God but it seemed easier there than it probably would have anywhere else. We were surrounded by Christians, people who cared deeply about us. This fellowship and love for one another could only have been through God.

On Saturday, we had a recreational period when we played games and had



Dr. Hervey B. Kornegay (center) is shown after having just presented Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper with a letter advising them of a ten-day trip to the Holy Land which friends have made possible for them to take.

ome plain old Christian fun. Even in these games and recreation, there was a feeling of unity and love. The unity of the afternoon could never compare to that of Saturday night. We had a sing-iration that had sixty people together s one. The singing was beautiful and ot only because of the voices but be-ause of the feelings in the hearts. God's esence was just so real and so won-erful. Discussions and feelings were ll centered on God, His love for us, our ove for Him, and our love for one an-ther.

We shared and became stronger Chris-ians through this retreat, but we've on-ly just begun. We must keep praying, haring, singing, and studying God's ord in order to stay strong.

The Oriental weekend was only two ays, but I know that Christ can be an xperience for a lifetime.

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Mount Olive College Christmas Program

The Mount Olive College Chorus will esent its annual Christmas music in e College auditorium on Sunday, De-ember 3, at 7:30 p. m. All friends of e College are cordially invited.

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Founders Day

The twenty-first anniversary of the chartering of Mount Olive College will be bserved Thursday, December 7, at 11 a. m. in the College auditorium. Special ecognition will be given to trustees, ersonnel, and friends who have con-tributed significantly to the services and evelopment of the College.

The public is cordially invited.

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Lenoir County Dinner

The final dinner in 1972 for Mount ive College will be held Saturday, De-ember 2, 7 p. m., at Kings' Restau-nt in Kinston, North Carolina. All Free ill Baptists in Lenoir County are en-ouraged to attend.

**NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO RENEW
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

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Wycliffe's International Linguistic Center Opens in Dallas

Santa Ana, California — Wycliffe Bi-ble Translators announces the opening of the International Linguistic Center in Dal-las, Texas, where the Summer Institute of Linguistics began classes this fall with 34 students.

At the International Linguistic Center the Summer Institute of Linguistics will provide year-round linguistic training for men and women who will work with hitherto unwritten languages. It will serve to prepare Bible translators and provide research facilities in the fields of linguistics, literacy, and anthropology as well.

A 100-acre wooded site 15 miles south-west of downtown Dallas is being de-veloped for the Center. It will serve as an academic community, affiliated with the University of Texas at Arlington, and as the Wycliffe Center for the central United States area. This month 38 new-ly-accepted members in training with Wycliffe received orientation at the Center before traveling to Mexico and Wy-cliffe's Jungle Camp training program.

A double-wing, 64-room dormitory was the first structure completed in a master plan that includes faculty-staff-student housing, an anthropological museum, lin-guistics library, and retirement resi-dences. In addition to the residence-of-fice building, the dining facility and two faculty-staff apartment buildings have been completed.

Chairman of the board of trustees of The International Linguistic Center, Inc., is Clark W. Breeding, of Dallas. Dr. Ru-dolf A. Renfer is executive director of the sponsoring Texas corporation.

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"Tell Him I'm Out"

An errand boy entered the office of his employer and said, "Sir, Mr. Carmichael would like to see you."

The employer frowned and said, "Tell him I'm out."

"But, sir," the boy replied, "he said he had a special reason for wanting to see you."

Commanded the employer gruffly, "Do what I tell you. Tell him I'm out."

Bravely the boy said, "But, sir, I can't do that because it is not true. I may lose my job, but I will not lie."

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary in-formation to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two is-sues only.)

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The Rev. Cooper P. Thompson an-ounces that he is available for pastoral duties on either a full or part-time basis. He will also serve as supply pastor when needed. Mr. Thompson may be contact-ed by writing to him at Route 2, Four Oaks, North Carolina 27524, or by tele-poning 894-4242 after 5 p.m.

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The Rev. Walter Turnmire announces that he is available for pastoral or evangelistic work. He was ordained in the Western Conference on October 12, 1972. His church membership is with the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Any church that might be interested in Mr. Turnmire may contact him by writing to him at the following address: 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, North Carolina. He may also be contacted by telephone at 932-7761.

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The Rev. James Warren, who serves half-time as pastor of the British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he is available for another half-time pastorate. An or-dained minister, he is free to hold ser-vices at another church on second and fourth Sundays.

Any church in need of a half-time pas-tor may contact Mr. Warren at 1000 Pop-lar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, or telephone Jackson 527-1648.

A Most Beautiful Sight

Holmes said, "The most beautiful sight from the pulpit is a whole family sitting together in a pew. The church service is not a convention to which a family may send merely a delegation or representatives."

How blessed is the family whose head resolutely resolves, "... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15)!

THERE'S ONE WE'RE MISSING

(The following poem was written in memory of Isaac D. Boswell for Homecoming Day at Stony Hill Free Will Baptist Church, by Vida Munden Nixon.)

There's one we're missing here today,
Our mem'ry holds him dear;
Seems we can almost hear him say
His words we loved to hear.
He loved homecomings such as this
When all together met;
It seemed to fill his heart with bliss—
His word we can't forget,
When he would bow in humble pray'r
And lift his heart in love
To God, the Holy Father dear
In heaven up above.

He joined us in our hymns of praise
By lifting heart and voice
As all together we would raise
Our voices and rejoice.
We loved the speeches he would make,
And lessons which he taught;
(Let us remember, for his sake,
To heed them as we ought.)
Now let us honor on this day
The Saviour he adored
And pay respect to him the way
He loved the blessed Lord.

And now as here our voices blend
In peace and harmony,
Let us remember this our friend
Who served so faithfully.
Let's work and pray that we, like he,
Our places here may fill
By doing duties faithfully
According to God's will.
Although so much we miss this friend
Our fellowship to share,
Someday in heav'n our joys will blend
When we shall meet him there.

Bookstore Hours

- * The Free Will Baptist Press
- * Bookstore, Ayden, North Carolina, is now observing the following hours:
- * Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- * Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Applause of Crucified Hands

A large sum of money was urgently needed by Dr. J. H. Jowett's famous church in Carr's Lane. A special money-raising meeting of the church was called.

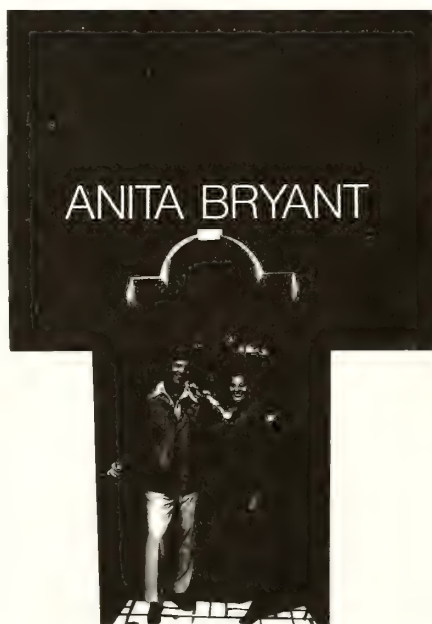
At the close of the service, the names

of all the donors and the amount they gave were read. There was applause when the names and gifts of the large donors were read.

The last name read was that of a poor woman who sacrificially gave sixpence. There was no applause. Dr. Jowett stood quietly and said impressively, "I hear the applause of the crucified hands!"

Bless This House

by Anita Bryant



Is family living an old-fashioned idea? Why do we need the institution of marriage? How much freedom should women have? Does the man have to be head of the household? Should children be disciplined?

Anita Bryant, husband Bob Green, and children Bobby Jr., Gloria Lynn, and twins Barbara and Billy are a shining testimony to the fact that the Christian family is alive and well and successfully coping with problems and questions by returning to the fundamental truths of the Bible. In Anita's own words: "The Bible teaches us how to love and discipline a child, guides us as husband to wife, wife to husband, and as to correction, reproof, and instruction. Anything we need can be found in the Bible."

BLESS THIS HOUSE presents a unique bifocal view of the problems that confront modern families. Thoughtfully, with warmth, wit, and conviction, Anita talks about how she and husband Bob Green have handled these problems, and how their solutions may help other families. She discusses the roles of husband and wife in Christian marriage, and tells how she and Bob have dealt with the problem of joint careers. A challenging guide for today's family, **BLESS THIS HOUSE** is available now at the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop, Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Highway 11, Ayden, North Carolina, and at branch bookstores in Wilson, New Bern, and Smithfield, North Carolina. Get your copy today!

- How to create a Christ-centered home
- Family photo section
- How to achieve more honest relationships
- Liberation and marriage
- Creating family fun

About the Author:

Anita Bryant, known across the country for her television appearances, records, singing engagements, White House performances, and vibrant Christian witness, is so busy that it's hard to figure out where she finds the time to write, keep house, and raise her family. Somehow she does it all, and does it superbly, as her two best-selling books, **Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory** and **Amazing Grace**, will attest.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

QUESTION: I have read the Bible through, but did not find anything to substantiate my Catholic friends' belief in purgatory. Where in the Scriptures do they (Catholics) go for the proof of their teachings on this subject?

ANSWER: They use 1 Corinthians 3:15 as a basis for this erroneous teaching. "If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (1 Corinthians 3:15, Revised Version). Any Christian who has only a fair knowledge of what the Scriptures teach is well aware that neither this nor any other verse teaches the ridiculous doctrine of purgatory. Both Jesus himself and His apostles taught clearly that no second chance was forthcoming to those who spend this life here on earth working in conjunction with the devil and his angels and therefore in defiance of God and His Holy Word. Here are some of the passages that make this fact crystal clear: "If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be" (Ecclesiastes 11:3); "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and dined sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art

tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence" (Luke 16:19-26); "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1); "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

In speaking of the unsaved Jesus said: "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46); "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:10, 15); "And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:43-48); "And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh" (Isaiah 66:24); "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41); "The sinners

in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" (Isaiah 33:14); "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).

Dr. L. T. Talbot has the following to say on Pages 224, 225 in his book, **Bible Questions Explained:**

"What 1 Corinthians 3:15 does teach is clearly set forth by the entire passage from which the sentence quoted above was taken. And every careful student knows that the only way to interpret any statement is to take it in its true setting. This chapter—and this verse—both tell us that the believer's **works** will be tested before the 'judgment seat of Christ,' for the giving of eternal rewards for service rendered for the Lord.

"This is a figurative expression, 'yet so as through fire.' Our works done in the name of Christ will have to stand the searching test of His all-seeing eye. And as fire burns up the dross, so only that which is done from an honest heart, for His glory, shall abide.

"Paul is addressing those, in this passage, who have built upon the 'foundation, which is the Lord Jesus Christ'; such as these are **already** saved. But some Christians 'build' more God-honoring works upon that foundation than do others. Surely the Apostle Paul should receive a greater reward than should the repentant thief on the cross. Only those works which are built upon that one foundation—after we are born again—will be rewarded; and the thief on the cross had no time to serve his Lord after he was saved. Yet he himself was saved; he went with Christ to paradise.

"Suppose you were awakened in the middle of the night with a cry of 'Fire, fire!' Suppose you had just time enough to escape from your burning house with your life, but you saw your house and all your valuables burned to ashes. You yourself would be saved, yet saved 'so as through fire.'

"There will be many believers at the judgment seat of Christ who will see the greater part of the fruit of their Christian service burned up as useless. Their souls will be saved; their salvation will (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



PHYLLIS' PAPER ROUTE

by Norma C. Camp

PHYLLIS! Janice's call brought Phyllis to her feet. Grabbing her lunch, she smiled and said, "Good-bye, Mom, see you after school." Janice waved a hello as Phyllis started down the walk. "Do I ever need your advice today," said Phyllis.

"Got a problem?" asked Janice.

"I need money," said Phyllis.

"Who doesn't?" laughed Janice.

"I'm serious," said Phyllis. "My Sunday school department has a special project. We're raising fifty dollars to help pay the hospital bills of Doris Mason. You remember her. She visited our church with her folks last summer. They're missionaries in Africa."

"That's a lot of money," said Janice. "What happened to Doris?"

"She has a serious disease," said Phyllis. "My part in the project is to bring two dollars next Sunday. My allowance won't come anywhere near that."

"How about baking cookies and selling them door-to-door?"

"I can't. Becky Evans is doing that," answered Phyllis. "And John Jackson is selling old toys and things in his garage. So what's left for me to do?"

"You have got a problem!" said Janice as they entered the school. The problem tumbled around in Phyllis' head as they walked to their classrooms.

It was difficult to listen to Mrs. Macklin teach math. Phyllis kept wondering, How can I earn two dollars before Sunday? Then she recalled, Why don't I ask Jesus to show me a way to earn the money? That's what I should have done

in the first place. Phyllis prayed silently at her desk. The lunch bell sounded just as she said amen.

She sat in the cafeteria, munching her sandwich. "I've been looking for you." Phyllis turned. It was her brother David. "Did I hear you tell Mom that you need to earn two dollars?"

"Yes," responded Phyllis. "Any ideas?"

"I'm going camping with the fellows in my Sunday school class on Friday and Saturday nights," answered David. "I can't find anyone to take my paper route. Even though you are a girl, I think you could do it. You can go with me this afternoon, and I'll show you the route. I'll pay you two dollars."

"OK," said Phyllis. She was pleased. The Lord had answered her prayer already.

That afternoon she rode her bike beside David on the long paper route. "You have to watch at this house," said David. "There is a black dog that chases me sometimes. I don't see him today."

When they had finished, Phyllis said, "I think I can remember everything, and I think I can do the job." At least Phyllis hoped she could do it.

All the next day, Phyllis planned how she would deliver the papers that evening. She picked up the papers where David had shown her. It was chilly. She wished she had put on a sweater under her jacket. "I'll deliver the papers as quickly as I can," she decided. Phyllis pedaled faster.

Bang! She hit a bump in the road. The bike tottered and over she went. Papers flew in every direction, and the bike fell on top of her. "Oh, no! I'll never get done at this rate." She picked up the papers as quickly as she could and off she rode again.

As she put a paper in the box at one house, a door opened. The smell of

hamburgers drifted to her nose. I'm hungry! I hope I finish soon, she thought to herself.

She got off the bike to put the paper in the storm door of Mr. Dawson's house. The old man was partially crippled and couldn't go down the steps to his box. As Phyllis walked down the creaky steps, she twisted her ankle. "Oh, that hurts. I can hardly walk on it." Phyllis rubbed the ankle and limped to her bike. The stinging ankle made it hard to pedal. What else is going to happen? she wondered.

She didn't have to wait long to find out. A big, black dog lunged out of the low shrubs in the vacant lot. "It's that dog David warned me about," Phyllis gasped.

"Grrrrrr!" His teeth flashed. Phyllis tried to pedal harder, but her ankle hurt. The dog was catching up. The hair on his back was standing up. He looked fierce. The dog grabbed for Phyllis' leg—rip! A chunk of Phyllis' slacks came off. The dog seemed satisfied with his catch and turned away with a mouthful of Phyllis' new red slacks.

The pain in her ankle was getting worse as she delivered the last paper. Finally she was home. She parked her bike and stumbled into the house, just as Mom and Dad were sitting down to eat supper.

"What in the world happened to you?" asked Dad. "I thought you were delivering David's papers, not fighting a war! Your slacks are torn, you're limping, and your jacket is filthy!"

"It was awful," said Phyllis. "I don't think I'll be able to take David's route tomorrow. First, I fell off the bike. Then I twisted my ankle on Mr. Dawson's rickety steps. Next, a dog tried to bite me. He just got my slacks this time."

"Are you going to be a quitter?" Dad asked kindly. "If you can't overcome those things, it must not be very important to you to help the missionaries."

"It is important," stammered Phyllis. "I'll just have to find another job." Dad's word echoed in her head—quitter.

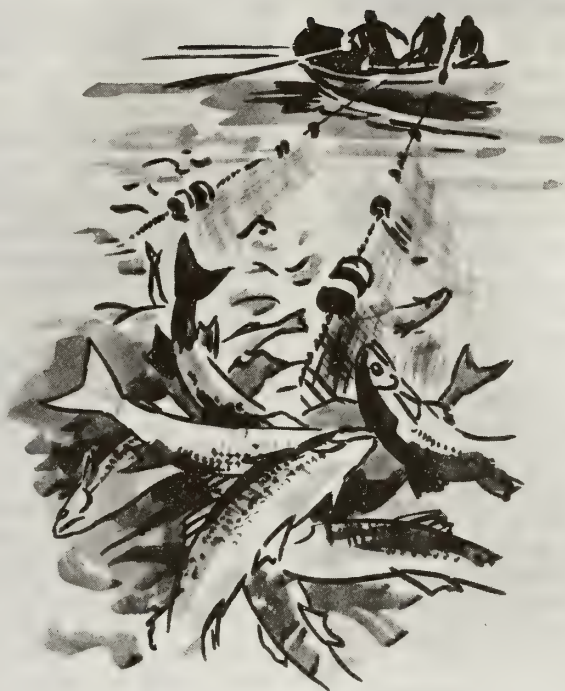
"I thought you wanted to be a missionary, too," said Mom. "If you can't deliver papers to help missionaries, you'll never make it. It's a good thing Paul wasn't a quitter."

"What do you mean?" asked Phyllis.

"Do you think he had it easy being a missionary?" asked Mom. "Don't you remember the things that happened to him? Paul was stoned, beaten, and put in prison. Many times people tried to

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"WISDOM FOR MODERN MAN"



"Wisdom for Modern Man," containing the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, has been published by the American Bible Society in Today's English Version. The complete Bible in this common language translation is scheduled for publication in 1976.

"Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, first published in September, 1966, currently is in its third edition and has a circulation figure in excess of 35 million.

Proverbs and Ecclesiastes are two Old Testament books in the Bible classified as "wisdom literature" because of their down-to-earth recognition of the practical, everyday concerns of man.

The volume, a paperback, is graphically illustrated by 11 black and white drawings by James Howard of Leonard, Minnesota.

Like "Good News for Modern Man," this is a distinctly new translation that does not conform to traditional vocabulary and style. It seems to express the meaning of the original Hebrew text in words and forms accepted as standard

by people everywhere who employ English as a means of communication.

Two previously published Old Testament books in Today's English Version are "Psalms for Modern Man," originally printed in December 1970 and "Tried and True," Job for Modern Man, printed in August, 1971. The former has a circulation figure in excess of three million, and the latter, in excess of one million.

Verses from "Wisdom for Modern Man" follow:

PROVERBS

Never say something that isn't true.
Have nothing to do with lies and misleading words (4:24).

Unused fields could yield plenty of food for the poor, but unjust men keep them from being farmed (13:23).

There are four things that are too mysterious for me to understand:

an eagle flying in the sky,
a snake moving on a rock,
a ship finding its way over the sea,
and a man and a woman falling in love (30:18, 19).

ECCLESIASTES

I have also learned why people work so hard to succeed: it is because they want to have more than anyone else. But it is useless. It is like chasing the wind. They say that a man would be a fool to fold his hands and let himself starve to death. Maybe so, but it is better to have only a little, with peace of mind, than be busy all the time with both hands, trying to catch the wind (4:4-6).

Never ask, "Oh, why were things so much better in the old days?" It's not an intelligent question (7:10).

There is not a man on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake (7:20).

You never know when your time is coming. Like birds suddenly caught in a trap, like fish caught in a net, we are trapped at some evil moment when we least expect it (9:12).

After all this, there is only one thing to say: Fear God, and obey his commands, because this is all that man was created for. God is going to judge everything we do, whether good or bad, even things done in secret (12:13, 14).

"Wisdom for Modern Man" can be obtained from the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10023, for 10 cents per copy, plus 5 per cent handling charge (minimum 25 cents).

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A TWO-WAY CONVERSION

A missionary observed an African Christian sitting beneath a tree and reading his Bible. He always read a verse and then looked up. The missionary asked, "Why do you keep looking up when you read your Bible?"

"I look at God's Book and let God talk to me," said the native, "and then I look up and talk to Him."

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GOD'S LOVELIEST THINGS

When God makes a lovely thing,
The dearest and completest,
He makes it little, don't you see,
For little things are sweetest.

Little birds, little flowers,
Little diamonds, little pearls,
But the dearest things on earth
Are His little boys and girls.

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 10



A Nation Against God

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 2:1-19; 3:6-5:31

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 2:4-9

I. INTRODUCTION

We have already seen in last Sunday's lesson that Jeremiah was the man of the hour, who came to warn Judah of impending doom from Babylon. But the man of the hour does not always win as he hopes he will and should. Our lesson today shows some of the futility Jeremiah faced as Judah seemed determined to plunge headlong into disaster. The nation was set against God, and when nations do this there is little that men of the hour can do.

With the insight of a prophet that he was, Jeremiah saw that what his country needed was morality founded on true religion: a morality that would bind men to their duty, to their covenants, and to their fellowmen; a religion that would enthroned Jehovah as the only God and worship Him not with the debased and half-heathen ritual that was used even in the reformed temple, but with the sincere love of the heart. These teachings were not popular; they did not tickle the vanity or fill the pockets of either king or commoners, and in the strenuous times of war they sounded like treason. Hence his lifelong martyrdom, a martyrdom that so impressed succeeding generations that Jeremiah became for them the embodiment of the heroic and self-sacrificing genius of Israel.

Some of the kings who reigned during Jeremiah's prophecy were none too strong so he constantly faced the danger that these frightened rulers would "soft-pedal his proclamations of God's will for the people." Thus it was that he spoke a series of vital messages to Judah, filled with warnings, yes, but also containing a promise of victory in the end. From one of these messages our lesson passages for today are taken.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Jeremiah 3:6 introduces a proph-

ecy given during the reign of Josiah. Since no further note of time is given, we may suppose that Chapter 5 also belongs to that time. But on the other hand, the contents of this prophecy do not indicate that it was given while King Josiah was throwing the whole weight of his office into an effort to get rid of idolatry and restore true worship. We read that Jehovah told the prophet to run through the streets of Jerusalem and see if he could find one good man—just one. The search failed; the city was full of hardened sinners. Thinking that the poor were foolish and ignorant, Jeremiah then looked among the rich and influential, but still he found only evil (Jeremiah 5:1-6). For this reason some students think Chapter 5 is not from Josiah's time, but from the reign of evil Jehoiaakim.

B. Since only evil could be found in Jerusalem, Jehovah announced that pardon could not be expected. He would punish Jerusalem, and He told how He would do it: "Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the LORD: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, . . . And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword" (Jeremiah 5:15-17). In this dark sentence the one ray of hope lay in the promise that God would not utterly and permanently destroy Judah (Jeremiah 5:7-18).

C. When the great disaster came, when their nation was crushed, the people of Judah began to ask why. They should have been asking years before. Jehovah had taken away blessings, giving scant harvests or none, to remind them that they must depend on Him, but they had paid no attention (Jeremiah 5:3).—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Sin and rebellion are bad enough within themselves; but when they are

accompanied by a failure and refusal to repent, they become hopeless. God would willingly have forgiven Judah of her sin and rebellion if that nation had sought such forgiveness and given any promise of repentance and reformation, but though God's loving-kindness and providential care had been demonstrated to them and His dominion of the natural realm was continually made manifest, they steadfastly refused to show any inclination to fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

B. When a nation serves God and strives to bring its activities into harmony with the will of God, that nation and its people prosper in all of their ways; but when a nation rebels against God, it soon learns that all things work in opposition to it.—The Senior Quarterly (F.W.B.).

C. Jeremiah was chosen of God to warn his people of coming doom, that it was a matter of only a few years before the hosts of Babylon's warriors would descend upon Jerusalem and destroy the city and many of the people. The prophet did as God commissioned him, and yet the nation refused to hear and obey. In short, it was indeed a nation against God. We cannot refuse His wishes and be with Him at the same time. We must listen to and obey Him, else we are not with Him, but rather, against Him.

D. Nothing is much worse than to be blind unless it is to be deaf at the same time. Imagine a world in which you neither see nor hear anything. At the same time try to imagine a situation in which God's people neither see His plan nor hear His words. The people see no more or hear no more than what they are taught, but if our leaders, and those who teach us, are blind and deaf, spiritually, what can we hope for the people?

E. How can a nation which has seen so many great things God has done for it finally turn from the right ways and allow itself to plunge headlong down the road to disaster? That is what Judah was doing. Is it what America is doing today? How long can America neglect God in this manner and expect to escape final retribution and certain judgment?—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

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THE INVASION OF "PARKERLAND"

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remote. But the little group has carried on bravely. Those left have increased their ratio of giving about to the point of limit. And they have continued to carry on with such part-time services as have been able to give them, a program of worship and other activity, while they have given themselves to prayer.

At a meeting of the Central Conference Mission Board on November 8, the board heeded a plea from the struggling group, and agreed to underwrite a salary for a resident pastor for one year at least. This gives us new hope. Last Sunday the little group was jubilant! We believe now that God is going to lead us to a minister, or lead a minister to us, who has sufficient strength of faith and body to lead the little group to victory in this, the second battle in the invasion of "Parkerland." Please pray with us.

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Questions & Answers

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left to them because they trusted in Jesus; but their works will be as 'wood, hay, stubble.' The Lord will say to such as these, 'My child, I can give thee no reward for that.' If we build hospitals and give alms and do acts of kindness to be seen of men, even though we do these things in the name of Christ, then we receive our reward here on earth, in the praise of men. What further reward need we expect? That is what the passage means.

"Read the chapter carefully, my friend, and you will see that Paul is not discussing salvation of the soul, but rewards for service. It is the believer's work that shall be revealed; and our salvation is 'Not of works, lest any man should boast' (Ephesians 2:9).

"The doctrine of purgatory is of a piece with the evil practice of the sale of indulgences in Europe during the Dark Ages, when the Roman Catholic Church deluded souls to believe that they could buy immunity from punishment. And it is a well known fact that, even today, in those Catholic countries where the Bible is kept from the people, many miserably poor people pay the priests to pray for their dead. Catholicism in America would blush with shame at some of the things done in these veritable heathen lands. And we need go

only to Latin America to find such practices."

I think that God tells us what He does in His Word about the eternal suffering of the unsaved to encourage us to accept Christ and be saved. When we do this, we escape the eternal agonizing, suffering, and distress of the unbeliever. The devil inspired the Catholics to invent purgatory to intercept believers who are almost persuaded to become Christians. The Jehovah's Witnesses invented another false doctrine, namely, that of a temporary judgment that would consume men and women not prepared to die, burning both soul and spirit as well as the body. Such teaching, instead of preparing people for heaven as God intended, prepares them for God's wrath.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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stone? He was the brother of David Livingstone, the pioneer missionary to Africa. John died one of the richest men in Ontario.

The brothers grew up together in a simple Scottish home. Both received the same parental instruction.

In time, the brothers made decisions which affected their subsequent years. David decided to forsake all and follow Christ. John decided to amass a fortune instead. David died in a hut in Africa. John lived in alluence and died a wealthy man.

When John died, a notice in the obituary column of a newspaper said, among other things, that he was the brother of David Livingstone, the famed missionary to Africa.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Each of us is offered the opportunity to choose whether he will use his life to serve self or to serve God. To serve self may bring worldly riches, but heavenly riches come with service to God.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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kill him. You fall off a bike, twist your ankle, get chased by a dog, and are ready to call it quits. What a missionary you'd make for Jesus! Paul kept right on, no matter what happened. He knew that telling people that Jesus is the Saviour is important. He said, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me' (Philippians 4:13)."

Phyllis was quiet. She knew that

Mom and Dad were right. Now that she thought about it, the things that had happened this afternoon were not so bad. It was more important that the missionaries have their bills paid so that they could stay in the mission field. They needed to tell people about the Saviour. She had to help. She **would** work the route, she decided.

"I guess I would make a poor missionary if I can't even raise money for missionaries. I'll work the route tomorrow—no matter what happens. God will help me, just as He helped Paul." Phyllis sounded very determined.

"That's the spirit," said Dad.

The next morning she heard the familiar call, "Phyllis!"

Phyllis called good-bye to her mom. "Janice, wait until you hear the funny things that happened to me on David's paper route yesterday," laughed Phyllis as she limped down the steps. "That paper route is really something! But I'm not a quitter. The Lord is going to help me to do it."—My Pleasure.

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SMILE

When you feel so down and out, smile—
When something happens to cause you to pout, smile—

Then everything will be all right;
Every day and every night,
Just say "Hello, world" and smile.

If you meet someone sad and blue,
smile—

You can tell them what to do;
If they even walk a mile, they can smile.
Sometimes we feel let down
By the ones we love so dear,
And we don't understand why.
Well, just let the world go by and smile,
smile,
Smile.

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Hush, Child

After church one Sunday, a father took his family to a cafeteria for dinner. As they sat at a table, little Margie bowed her head and waited for the usual prayer of thanks before the meal, but her father began to eat.

She whispered, "Mom, Daddy has started to eat, and we haven't said grace."

"People don't say their prayers in a place like this."

A questioning look came on Margie's face. She asked, "Why don't they? Doesn't God go to cafeterias?"—Told by Alice Marie Knight.

Director Appointed for World Vision Relief

Monrovia, California—The appointment of Dr. Donald E. Warner as director of the World Vision Relief Organization has been announced by Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, executive vice president of World Vision International.

Before joining World Vision, Dr. Warner was executive director of International Health Services, a nonprofit California medical organization. Previously, he was involved in space life sciences with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. His background also includes 13 years with the General Electric Company where he supervised radiochemical, clinical, histology, electron microscopy and pathology research laboratories.

Dr. Warner received his B. S. degree in zoology from Montana State University. He has done postgraduate work in Chemistry there, and in medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He also attended San Francisco Theological Seminary, and received his honorary degree, Doctor of Science, from Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington.

A deacon and an elder in the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Warner has served as lay preacher in many churches. He has involved himself in college career groups and evangelism programs, as well as civic and community affairs. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Mason, and a member of the board of directors of International Health Services and Health Development Corporation. Dr. Warner is also listed in **Leaders of American Science**.

The World Vision Relief Organization, a separately incorporated division of World Vision International, is an approved agency registered with the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the U. S. Agency for International Development. The organization channels an average of three million dollars worth of food, medicine and supplies yearly to many countries and is on stand-by to respond to disaster anywhere in the free world.

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HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

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How much are you worth? A little? A whole lot? Well, let's try to find out.

Billions of cells comprise the human body. These cells contain water, proteins, fats, sugars, and starch. These substances contain the elements hydrogen, oxygen, and carbon. The proteins of the body, in addition to containing the aforementioned elements, contain nitrogen. Also, the cells contain mineral salts, vitamins, enzymes, iron, and calcium. The composition of the adult human body when taken as a whole is broken down thusly: 65 percent oxygen, 18 percent carbon, 3 percent nitrogen, 10 percent hydrogen, 1½ percent calcium, 1 percent phosphorus, and 1½ percent of other minor elements. Seven-tenths of the volume of the body is water (for chemistry students, a hydrogen and oxygen combination).

All of the elements combine to form thousands of compounds. Some of these compounds, vitamins, hormones, and enzymes included, are present in minute quantities only, but are essential for good health—even life.

Why all these boring facts? Merely to jog our memory of health class enough to be able to view the body in its mineral and chemical composition and to make this editorial meaningful (hopefully).

To test your knowledge: How much did you remember about the composition of the body? How many of the elements are familiar to you? How many had you associated with your body? How much are these elements worth in dollars and cents? Just how much are you as the possessor of a human body worth? What is the value of this mess of flesh and bones?

A ridiculous question? No! Though we cannot take each element separately and place a monetary value upon it (because we haven't such information at our disposal), we do remember that some five or six years ago the chemical value of the human body was placed at ninety-eight cents. Yes, the whole human body was said to be worth just short of a dollar! Can you imagine that? And to think that some people place so much importance upon the care and grooming of their bodies that they suppose themselves to be worth a million! Overindulgence, anyone?

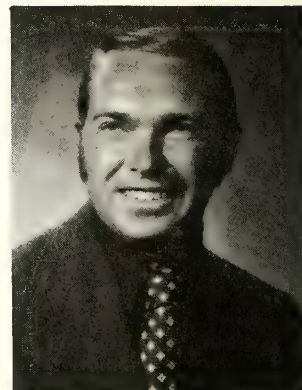
Well, due to rising costs in minerals as well as everything else, it seems that today the body is worth more than the ninety-eight cents formerly stated—but not a lot more. An analysis was run recently by a group of scientists who valued the body at the impressive figure of \$3.50. Yes, three dollars and fifty cents! Granted, that still isn't a lot, but at least the figure is encouraging—to have risen over 300 percent in the past five years or so. If we're lucky, we may live long enough to be worth ten dollars; and if we are particularly fortunate, we may wake up one morning to find that we're worth a hundred. But we'd better not count on that, for few of us will be around that long.

What is the purpose of this seemingly unimportant discussion? Well, we cannot help but play the body against the soul and compare their worth. Three dollars and fifty cents seems so small a sum. In fact, if one were to emphasize the fact that this is all that we're worth, our propensity toward self-esteem would cause no little consternation. Be that as it may, chemically speaking, the fact remains that the old body just isn't worth a lot.

Well, what about the soul then? Naturally we cannot place a chemical value upon it, for it is not made up of cells containing the various elements that can be analyzed in some laboratory. Its proponents cannot be measured, for the soul is an immaterial essence, an immortal presence within each individual—yes, each individual. No person is soulless.

So, how much is the soul worth? In dollars and cents it is priceless, but to see the way some people treat it, it would seem to be worth less than the original ninety-eight-cent value placed upon its counterpart.

Of course we must arrive at this question. How highly did God value the soul? We all know, but often we have to be prodded to remember. God valued the soul much more highly than the body, for He gave His Son to die for it. So, while the body is worth just a little bit of money, the soul is worth an immeasurable amount. It is worth the love of God!



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GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN"? YOU BE THE JUDGE

by FRED W. BATES, Jr.
Pastor, Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
Pinetown, North Carolina

"Here we go again, another fanatic trying to cause trouble." This will surely be the cry of some who will read this article. But will it be an honest cry? In this case it will be, for I am surely doing my best to cause trouble for Satan at every given opportunity. The devil is steadily at work filling our churches and pulpits across America with liberals and modernists who would go to any length to pervert and, if possible, destroy the Word of God. I believe the time has come when Christians should take a stand and speak out against those things we can prove by the Word of God to be contrary to His teachings. This article reveals the true feelings of the writer concerning the book, **Good News for Modern Man**. It is one Christian's opinion. What is yours?

First of all, I think we should identify the subject about which we are talking. The book, **Good News for Modern Man**, hereafter referred to as TEV or Today's English Version, is said to be a translation of the New Testament out of the Greek New Testament to be easily understood by modern man. Bear in mind the fact that it claims to be a "translation," not a "paraphrase." It was first published in 1966 and was revised and published again in 1968 under the same copyright. It is rapidly spreading throughout the world and, sad to say, even among the ranks of Free Will Baptists. But, you say, what's wrong with making the Bible easier to understand? Nothing at all, if God's Word is not changed nor presented in a fashion which misleads or is degrading to Him or Jesus Christ. Let's look into this version and

examine it by the Bible, shall we? We will do this by questions and answers:

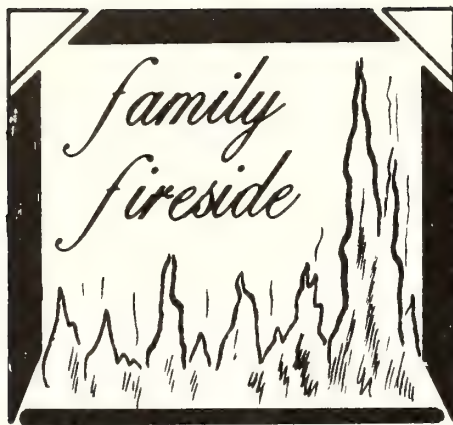
(1) **What is your belief concerning the virgin birth of Jesus Christ?** The King James' Version, hereafter referred to as KJV, makes no mistake about what the original manuscripts had to say concerning this event. The Greek word "parthenos," translated only by the word "virgin," appears 14 times in the New Testament and is thus translated in the KJV. Why then would a modern translator change what God inspired holy men to write? The TEV retains the word "virgin" in only three of these passages: Matthew 1:23; 1 Corinthians 7:34; and 2 Corinthians 11:2. It then inserts it in Luke 1:34 where it does not appear in the original text.

What is the motive? Is this not a trick of the devil to deceive those who believe in the fundamental truths of the Bible? If the word "virgin" has been removed 11 out of 14 times in this edition, what will the next revision read like? If enough good is left in now, will not thousands of misled people accept the next issue, which is now being prepared, without being skeptical? Beloved, to deny the virgin birth of Christ or to remove it from any portion of God's Word is a direct attack upon the supernatural power of God concerning His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Dr. William Evans in his book, **Great Doctrines of the Bible**, put it plainly when he said on Page 54, Paragraph 2, "To assail the virgin birth is to assail the Virgin's life." If there were no further evidence, this alone should be enough in itself to convince any Christian of the unreliability of this version. But let us go on.

(2) **What do you believe concerning the blood of Christ as the only means of redemption?** It troubled this preacher's heart to know that certain denominations have written new hymnals for their churches and removed all of the songs mentioning the blood. But it burdens me more to know that there are so-called "translations" of the Bible which have removed the word "blood" from many, and the word "redemption" from all, of its passages. We know that Christ's death was necessary, but it was not his death alone that redeemed us from our sins. Rather it was the pure and precious blood He shed so freely for us when He died upon the Cross. Why then has the TEV taken the word "blood" out of many of its passages and removed the word "redemption" completely? The KJV, Ephesians 1:7, reads "In whom we have redemption through his blood. . . ." The TEV, Ephesians 1:7, reads "For by the death of Christ we are set free. . . ."

Other examples are found in the following verses: Hebrews 10:19; Colossians 1:14, 20; 1 Peter 1:19; Revelation 1:5 and 5:9; Matthew 27:4, 24, 25; Acts 5:20, 17:26, and 20:28; Romans 3:25 and 5:9; and Ephesians 2:13. If the blood has been left out of these verses, how long will it be before the translators will treat it as they did the word "redemption" and omit it altogether? Dear reader, if you are saved, it is because you were bought back, redeemed from sin with a price. And that price was no less than the last drop of blood that Jesus Christ shed for you. The Bible says in Hebrews 9:22, ". . . without shedding of blood is no remission." Our salvation rests upon faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. To leave it out of one verse where God directed that it should be written is to attack the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures. I make no apology in saying that anyone who denies the blood atonement of Jesus Christ as the only means of redemption is a false prophet. Beloved, what does the blood of Christ mean to you personally?

(3) **What do you believe concerning the deity of Jesus Christ?** The Scrip-
(continued on page thirteen)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Scripture Reading—Matthew 19:26

HOPE FOR THE HUMANLY HOPELESS

In a sermon Whitefield said, "There may be someone in my audience who is drink-ridden, lust-sodden, and demon-possessed. If such a person is present, Christ can deliver you from Satan's shackles."

A man, deeply convicted of sin, stood and said, "I am that man! Sin has all but ruined my life. I am miserable. Is there any hope for me? Can your Christ save me?"

Whitefield answered, "Yes, He can! God's promise is sure: 'Look unto me, and be ye saved!' The Saviour came to seek and to save lost ones. Trust Him to do it, and you will instantly become a new man in Him!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Faith in Christ and all His good works is what we need today. We seem to forget Him so easily.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—Mark 5:19

THE WESLEY OF NORWAY

Hans Nielson Hauge is called the Wesley of Norway. When he was a workman on his father's farm, God called him to preach the gospel to his countrymen and win souls in a time of spiritual darkness. God gave him a yearning desire to speak personally to others about the salvation of their souls.

Hauge's parents doubted whether a peasant's son should preach. He said, "Well, unlearned fishermen did it for Christ long ago. If a farmer may not fish as well as they, he can still sow the seed of God's kingdom."

Hauge's confidence and steadfastness of purpose were contagious. Other laymen in the Norwegian church were challenged. They in turn invigorated Christianity and transmitted it to the Norwegian people.

PRAYER THOUGHT

May this story encourage more of our young Christian men to become interested in Christ's teachings. We need them!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Scripture Reading—Mark 6:16

THE WRONG MAN HANGED

The plea of Timothy Evans was as old

as justice itself. "You have the wrong man," he said when he was indicted for murdering his wife and infant daughter. "The real killer is the prosecution's star witness, John Christie."

Neither the judge nor the jury was impressed. In 1950 Evans was hanged in a London prison.

Three years later some startling new evidence was brought to light. In the garden and wall of Christie's rundown, ratty place, police found the bodies of seven women. Among them was the corpse of Evans' wife.

Sixteen years after his execution, Timothy Evans was given a posthumous pardon by Queen Elizabeth. This cleared his name of the horrible crime for which he was innocently executed.

In this life, glaring and irreparable miscarriage of justice often occurs. However, the sins and crimes of evildoers will surely find them out, either in this life or in the life to come.

PRAYER THOUGHT

We may think we have done wonderful things if we sin and are not caught; but we must answer to God on Judgment Day for all our sins.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Scripture Reading—Matthew 25:40

CHRIST OFTEN UNRECOGNIZED

In an orphanage, the superintendent usually gave thanks at dinner time, saying, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest, and bless the food which Thou hast provided."

One evening a little orphan boy remarked, "You always ask Jesus to come, but He never does. Will He ever come?"

"Oh, yes," said the superintendent, "if we really want Him to, He will come."

"I want Him to come," said the boy. "I'll put a chair beside me tonight to be ready for Jesus when He comes."

As the orphans were eating, there was a knock at the door. Standing there was an old man who was cold, hungry, and poorly clothed.

"Come in and warm yourself," said the kind superintendent. Then he added, "And join us at our meal. There is an empty chair waiting for you!"

The old man sat down beside the boy. Later the boy exclaimed, "I see it now! Jesus wasn't able to come Himself tonight, so He sent the poor man in His place! Isn't that it?"

"That is it," said the superintendent. "Often Jesus comes to us in the persons of those who need our help and encouragement. When we help them in His name, it is the same as helping Jesus himself."

PRAYER THOUGHT

It is almost impossible to find a "helping hand" today. Try becoming one and know that thereby you are helping the cause of Christ.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Scripture Reading—Galatians 6:2

THIRST FOR BLOODY SACRIFICE

In Albany, New York, a mentally balanced youth of nineteen years climbed out on the top ledge of an eleven-story hotel building and threatened to plunge to his death.

One observer among the spectators belatedly called to the youth, "Jump!" The crowd took up the chant, "Jump!" They waited expectantly until firemen finally rescued the youth.

Did the crowd applaud the brave few men who hazarded their lives to rescue demented youth? No. They booed! They were disappointed in not witnessing bloody sacrifice, just as were the ancient Romans who called for the kill with thumbs down signal in the uncivilized ring of the Roman Coliseum. Has all compassion vanished from human hearts?

Let us pray for the compassion and tenderness of Christ in this tragic hour of world's sorrow and suffering. Then we will look with love and pity upon distressed, distraught ones and enter feelingly, helpfully, into their heartaches and heartbreaks.

PRAYER THOUGHT

God's Word teaches us the dignity and sanctity of the human life. How appalling that some today would fail to recognize how precious a blessing each life is!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Scripture Reading—Zechariah 2:13

TAKING ONE'S OWN MEDICINE

Dr. A. T. Pierson called on a minister who had been hospitalized for six months. He said to the patient, "My brother, you have been a very busy man. It may be that God has wanted to say something to you, but you have been too busy to listen. So God, in goodness and infinite wisdom, has put you on your back so you may hear His voice and receive His message."

As Dr. Pierson left the hospital, the Lord seemed to say to him, "You, too, have been very active for Me and have taken enough time to be occupied with Me."

Dr. Pierson said, "At that time, I resolved to practice what I preached. At the close of each day, I sit for an hour in quiet of my study, not to speak to the Lord, but to listen to what the Lord has to say to me, and to lay the day's life before His penetrating gaze for appraisal."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Silent thoughts and quiet times should be a part of our daily lives; these help us to listen to God's message.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Scripture Reading—Acts 15:26

COUNT NO SACRIFICE TOO COSTLY

During a raging blizzard in Strasbourg (continued on page fifteen)

INFORMATION ABOUT

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. A. GRAHAM LANE, Acting Superintendent

Bountiful Thanksgiving For the Children's Home

Free Will Baptist churches in North Carolina remembered the Children's Home this Thanksgiving with useful and needed gifts of all descriptions. The Children's Home sends this comment: God has been very good to the Home this Thanksgiving. He has worked through wonderful Free Will Baptist people to supply our needs. Our prayers of gratitude go up to God and the Free Will Baptist people."

The Hillsberry Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton, sent checks, clothing, and canned goods. Mrs. McLamb and Mrs. Lewis of the church made the presentation to Acting Superintendent A. Graham Lane.

The Piney Grove church in Greenville gave a large box of clothing, games, and other items.

Youth of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Durham came for a visit on November 19 and presented the Home with a check for \$50.

Members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson also visited on November 19 and brought a large assortment of toiletries, linens, and clothing. The Ladies' Circle of the Black Jack Cove church near Goldsboro sent towels and washcloths.



Mrs. Mary Mitchell (l.) and Acting Superintendent A. Graham Lane receive gifts from Mrs. Merle Godwin, Mrs. John Locker, and Mrs. W. V. Jones of the Pine Level FWB Church.

Linens, comforts, blankets, and clothing were the gifts brought to the Home by representatives of the Pine Level church.



St. Mary's FWB Church visits the Home.

On Sunday, November 18, the St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church of Route 3, Kenly, came to visit. About 45 members were in the group, including the pastor, the Rev. David Brinson. They met some of the children, ate lunch, and presented gifts of all descriptions: towels, sheets, toiletries, etc. A special Thanksgiving service was held at the St. Mary's church, and the offering given to the Home. The Children's Home appreciates its friends at St. Mary's and looks forward to having them visit again.

Pulling with God

In World War II, a platoon of soldiers came under fire at Salerno, Italy. All the men, except the chaplain, dove into foxholes. A sergeant yelled, "Chaplain, get in a foxhole!"

The chaplain said, "God will protect me."

The sergeant flashed, "God will protect me, too, but I want Him to see that I'm cooperating with Him."



The Rev. James Lupton of Winterville FWB Church displays "money turkey."

The League of the Winterville Free Will Baptist Church presented the Home with a turkey made entirely of money—change and bills. A total of \$50.43 composed the turkey.

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United Bible Societies Hears Emperor Haile Selassie I

His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I delivered the inaugural address at the first World Assembly of the United Bible Societies in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in September, 1972. The national newspaper, the **Ethiopian Herald**, reported that the emperor reminded the delegates of the "many references" to his country in the Bible. He also told of the "vital place" the Bible has in the liturgy and devotions of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. The emperor is the patron of the Bible Society of Ethiopia, one of the 55 national Bible Societies that comprise the international fellowship.

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Student Shakes Way to Record

In South Africa, March 16, 1963, a Captown University medical student, John Keough, claimed the world's hand-shaking record with sixty thousand shakes in an hour. Keough said his record smashed an old mark of ten thousand, three hundred in nine hours, but did not say who set it. But, with no disparagement of Mr. Keough's feats, I say that the hand that lifts a burden from another or smooths a pillow for some sick one does more good than all the sixty thousand shakes.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

"Old-Fashioned Sunday" Observed At Calvary FWB Church, Wilson



The Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Boling

"Old-Fashioned Sunday" was observed at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina, on November 19, 1972. Members of the church wore clothes appropriate for the occasion, the women in long dresses and bonnets and the men in overalls and long-tail coats.

Each senior member of the Sunday school and church was presented a flower honoring the vital part he has played in making the church what it is today. Special music was presented by the Chordsmen of Garner, North Carolina. A day of worship and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

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Nominating Procedures Announced For "Minister of the Year" Award

Each Original Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina is invited to nominate its pastor for the "Free Will Baptist Minister of the Year" award. This award is sponsored by the North Carolina Ministerial Association for the following purposes: (1) giving each church in North Carolina an opportunity to recognize its pastor for his services, and (2) giving state-wide recognition to a minister who has done outstanding work during the last church year.

Presentation of the award will be

made at the mid-year Spiritual Life Conference at Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Garner, North Carolina, during the conference banquet to be held on Friday, January 26.

Although only one minister can be given the state award, it is a compliment to any pastor to feel that his own church considers him worthy of nomination. The following points should be observed in preparing nominations.

(1) The letter of nomination from your church should be mailed to the Rev. C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, North Carolina 27888, postmarked or hand-delivered not later than January 17.

(2) The nomination must be based upon services rendered during the past year. Your church may base its nomination upon your church year which ended in 1972 or use the calendar year.

(3) The winner will be selected by a panel of judges upon the following criteria: (a) 50%—services to the local church; (b) 30%—services to the Free Will Baptist denomination beyond the bounds of the local church; and (c) 20%—civic and community services.

(4) Although the minister who served your church during the past year may no longer be your pastor, your church may still nominate him.

(5) A contribution of \$10 must be included with the nomination. Checks should be made payable to the "North Carolina Ministerial Association." These contributions will go into the Free Will Baptist Heritage Foundation of Mount Olive College, and the name of the winner will be engraved upon the Foundation plaque.

Previous state winners have included: the Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro (1966); the Rev. Robert May, Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie (1967); the Rev. David Charles Hansley, Beulaville church, Beulaville (1968); the Rev. Willis Wilson, Reedy Branch church, Winterville (1969); the Rev. C. L. Patrick, Free Union church (Central Conference), Walstonburg (1970); the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr., Hull Road church, Snow Hill (1971); the Rev.

James A. Evans, First Free Will Baptist Church of Kinston, Kinston (1972). Previous state winners are eligible again for the award after five years.

It is hoped that each church will honor its pastor by nominating him for this outstanding award. If you have any questions, please address them to the chairman of the committee, the Rev. C. L. Patrick. Other members of the committee are Dr. W. Burkette Rapley, secretary, and the Rev. David W. Harrelley.

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Church Extension Board Recruits Crisp and Bazen

The Church Extension Board held its second official meeting on November 14 for the purpose of making concrete plans for an effective program of evangelism. The board elected to recruit the Rev. Charles Crisp, pastor of the Greenville First Free Will Baptist Church, and the Rev. Bobby Bazen, pastor of the Black Jack church, to compose and then present to the churches an outline of evangelism approved by this board. Key 73 is to be the principal source of ideas.

Mr. Bazen is an active member of the Key 73 Central Committee, and Mr. Crisp is very active in searching out and implementing ideas for evangelism in the local church. Free Will Baptist pastors will be receiving mail concerning the program in the very near future.

Members of the Church Extension Board have already begun to investigate possible sites for home missions. The board sincerely hopes that all pastors and churches will participate in helping to evangelize the home front. Nineteen seventy-three can be the greatest fruit-bearing year that has been experienced! It can be done if all work together.

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Lenoir County Fellowship Meeting Held Recently at Daly's Chapel

A fellowship meeting for members of Free Will Baptist churches in Lenoir County, North Carolina, was held on Tuesday, November 14, at 7 p.m., at Daly's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. After enjoying a good meal and fellowship, those present met in the sanctuary for the program and for business.

The group was welcomed by Mr. W. Bur Taylor of the host church. Prayer was by the Rev. Bobby Harrell.

The largest number ever to attend a fellowship meeting in Lenoir County was present. Eight ministers answered the roll call. When the roll of Sunday schools was called, ten were represented with an enrollment present of 288. T

ton Free Will Baptist Church won banner for having the most mem- present. Faith Free Will Baptist ch won the banner on a percentage

he host church, Daly's Chapel, spon- d a good program of gospel music different groups from its church and day school membership. The meet- closed with benediction by Mr. les Lancaster of Kinston Free Will ist Church.

he next meeting will be at Jackson hts Free Will Baptist Church on the nd Tuesday in January.

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Mount Olive College Day" Scheduled Juniper Chapel FWB Church

Juniper Chapel Free Will Baptist ch, Vanceboro, North Carolina, will rve "Mount Olive College Day" on ay, December 10. President W. ette Raper will preach at the 11 h. worship service. The pastor, the Willie Stilley, cordially invites all ds to attend this service.

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LOST AND FOUND

mother's circle pin has been found he Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop he Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, en, North Carolina. If it is yours, may get it by inquiring at the front k in the bookstore.

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APPRECIATION OF OUR MOTHERS

, be kind to mothers with cookie jars to fill
funny lullabies to sing when dusk blows down the hill;
o scrub small children's faces when early school bells ring,
let a boy bring puppies home, or bugs, or anything.

, be kind to mothers when it is can- de-time,
l children's rounded voices say pray- ers in ordered rhyme.
y there be special blessings at night, when houses sleep,
all the mothers everywhere, who have child hearts to keep.

—Helen Weishimer.

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WANTED: TRAILBLAZERS

C. T. Studd announced, "I will blaze trail, though my grave be only a pping-stone that younger men may low and make Christ known where He unknown."

CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY NEWS



THE REV. and MRS. N. BRUCE BARROW

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Black Mountain, North Carolina

Churches Respond To Cragmont Needs

Many thanks are due to the Free Will Baptist churches in eastern North Caro- lina which are responding to the request for funds for Cragmont Assembly to be used in the building of a dining room and kitchen. Mrs. Ruby H. Hancock, New Bern, North Carolina, reports that the response has been great. Appre- ciation is due to the following for gifts received recently:

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| Core Creek Free Will Baptist | |
| Sunday School, Cove city | \$ 50 |
| Gethsemane Free Will Baptist | |
| Church, RFD, New Bern | 50 |

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| St. Mary's Woman's Auxiliary, | |
| New Bern (in honor of Mrs. | |
| J. C. Griffin) | 50 |
| Wintergreen Woman's Auxiliary, | |
| Cove City | 50 |
| Warden's Grove Free Will Baptist | |
| League, Lowland | 5 |
| Julia Matthews Bible Class, St. | |
| Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, | |
| New Bern | 25 |
| Arapahoe Woman's Auxiliary, | |
| Arapahoe | 25 |

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| Total | \$255 |
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Please remember Cragmont in your prayers; also pray for the Board of Di- rectors that it may be led of God in the plans and business of this facility.

"There Shall Be Light," New ABS Film

"There Shall Be Light," the new film of the American Bible Society, begins with former Astronaut Frank Borman reading the creation story with which he and his Apollo 8 crew electrified the world as they read from the Bible on Christmas Eve, 1968, while orbiting the moon.

As the surface of the moon passes be- low, the voice of Col. Borman rings out again with the words from the beginning of Genesis:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth . . . And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

Returning to the earth, the film pre- sents in colorful animation, rare historic stills, and documentary footage, the never-ceasing efforts of the Society to reach people everywhere with the Scrip- tures, without doctrinal note or com- ment, in their own language or dialect.

Current translation problems and dis- tribution hurdles, cleared far and near, are discussed firsthand by staff mem- bers.

Music, ranging from Beethoven to pop and ethnic selections, forms a suitable background as the Society's story un-

folds from its founding in 1816. A dramatic episode is its own translation, "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, which has achieved the enviable circula- tion figure of 36 million copies since it was first published in September, 1966.

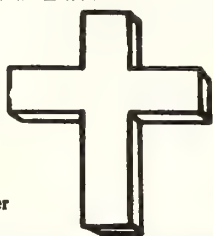
The film may be rented from Associa- tion-Sterling Films, 600 Grand Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657, or pur- chased from the Information Department, American Bible Society, 1965 Broadway, New York, New York 10023.

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Exit Via Suicide

According to Time Essay, November 25, 1966, "Nevada has the highest sui- cide rate (22.5 per 100,000) of any state, and the West Coast the highest of any region. Divorced males seem to have a hard time finding a reason for living: 69.4 per 100,000 of them kill themselves in the United States, as opposed to only 18.4 of 100,000 divorced women. Ar- tists, professional men, and top execu- tives commit suicide more than any other people—two in every one hundred doc- tors kill themselves. More surprising is the high rate of suicide among psychia- trists.

Joseph Ingram
Director - Treasurer



MISSIONS

THE HOUSE CHURCH

by Harold Jones



Most of the people you see in the picture are new converts. We led these people to the Lord by working from house to house with the gospel message. After winning the people to the Lord, we began to teach that the church is the body of Christ and not a building. We actually de-emphasize the building for many reasons. The most important are as follows: (1) It is biblical. The Early Church met in homes in close fellowship. (2) It is too expensive for the people to build and maintain buildings to use once or twice a week. (3) The house gathering is more in the cultural line of the Filipino. We have discovered that by sitting in a house together and opening the Word that the people join in and worship is more meaningful.

The house church also eliminates the paid, full-time pastor. The layman handles the group. We have three men at present that we plan to begin in theological education by extension. They will train at home, keep working at their

jobs, and serve the people at the same time. Why this concept? Again, it is biblical. Paul trained the elders and left the work to them. It is economical. A small group cannot support a pastor with even enough to live if we transplant the Western ideas here.

It may be interesting to you to know that we are the only group in the Philippines that is attempting to follow this concept of church planting exclusively. Last week, Doug Weeks, a member of the staff of the Philippine Crusades, was here for a seminar and related this information to us. He said that he would be very interested to keep up with the progress of this work. Philippine Crusades is an organization that is sponsoring the Christ the Only Way Movement in the Philippines, and its main emphasis is the house church. We are using some of the materials that this organization publishes. We are thrilled that over the past two years the Lord has led us to these concepts from the Book of Acts.

Wycliffe Names Carey Moore Director, Editorial Department

Santa Ana, California—The Wycliffe Bible Translators opened an editorial department in September to communicate news of worldwide Bible translation activity. William Carey Moore was appointed to head the department by Dale W. Kietzman, director of Wycliffe United States division.

Speaking of the need for informing the church of the sizeable task that yet remains to translate the Scriptures into the vernacular, Kietzman said that 2,000 distinct languages of the world are yet without any portion of the Bible. "These represent 160 million people. We are confident that the fast-spreading work of Bible translation will multiply much more rapidly once the church is apprised of the task."

Through the new editorial department Wycliffe will inform the church of current action in the Bible translation field through news releases, five-minute new broadcasts on radio, feature articles and books, as well as through its regular publication **Translation**. The quarterly magazine will be published bimonthly beginning in January, 1973, and will be edited by Mr. Moore. Daniel G. O'Brien, former editor of **Translation**, has become president of the Turkey Houses of America.

Prior to joining Wycliffe in September, Mr. Moore was assistant editor of **Decision**, monthly publication of the Bill Graham Evangelistic Association, from 1969-1972. He is an ordained Baptist minister. He graduated from Southern Methodist University, with a major in journalism, and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. After pastoring in Lancaster, California, 1963-64, he entered religious journalism and from 1965-67 served as assistant editor of **United Evangelical Action** magazine. For two years, 1967-69, he was on the editorial staff of Harvest Publications (Baptist General Conference) in Chicago. He served three years as a pilot in the United States Air Force.

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Wives, like children, need to be loved most when they least deserve it.

We are now seeing the results of God's perfect will.

Please pray for us. We hope to establish at least ten house churches in the next year in Puerto Rico alone.

Churches and Ministers Available

NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Cooper P. Thompson announces that he is available for pastoral duties on either a full or part-time basis. He will also serve as supply pastor when needed. Mr. Thompson may be contacted by writing to him at Route 2, Four Forks, North Carolina 27524, or by telephoning 894-4242 after 5 p.m.

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The Rev. Walter Turnmire announces that he is available for pastoral or angelistic work. He was ordained in the Western Conference on October 12, 1972. His church membership is with the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church in Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Any church that might be interested in Mr. Turnmire may contact him by writing to him at the following address: 108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, North Carolina. He may also be contacted by telephone at 932-7761.

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The Rev. James Warren, who serves full-time as pastor of the British Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, announces that he is available for another half-time pastorate. An ordained minister, he is free to hold services at another church on second and fourth Sundays.

Any church in need of a half-time pastor may contact Mr. Warren at 1000 Poplar Street, Kinston, North Carolina 28501, telephone Jackson 527-1648.

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NOW THERE ARE 55

The United Bible Societies now is a fellowship of 55 national Bible Societies which work in more than 150 countries and territories. Five newly elected members are the Bible Societies in Bolivia, Kenya, Thailand and Laos, and the West Indies. The worldwide fellowship was brought into being in 1946 through the cooperative efforts of 13 Bible Societies, one of which was the American Bible Society.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Half Billion Copies of Scripture Is 1980 Goal

By 1980 half a billion copies of Scripture will be needed to reach new readers, youth, and non-readers among the world's population of 4,468,000,000 persons, the Rev. Warner A. Hutchinson, a deputy general secretary of the American Bible Society and a world service officer of the United Bible Societies, estimates.

Worldwide Scripture distribution in 1971 totaled 171,116,274.

An Oak or a Squash

"I don't believe my son will have time to take a four-year course," said a father as he and his son sat in the office at James A. Garfield, president of Hiram College. "Could you provide him with a shorter course?"

"Why, yes," replied Garfield, "I think I can. But it depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak, He takes hundreds of years. But when He wants to grow a squash, He takes only three months!"



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"Lock Me Up!"

An eleven-year-old boy in juvenile court, Cleveland, Ohio, pleaded to Judge Albert A. Woldman, "Lock me up before I do something real bad. I can't control myself. I need help!"

The boy had snatched several purses, stolen an automobile, and broke into a supermarket.

Judge Woldman said, "If the boy is like this at eleven, I dread to think what he will be like when he is older." (Thus it is with sin. If committed early and often enough and unchecked, what havoc can result!)

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LOVE

Love is a little thing that sails through
the air,

It's always around to see who cares;
Love is a constant companion
To those who will welcome it;
It sails about just everywhere—
Anyone can have a bit.

Just a little love will help us all
To be as we should.
We will love everyone,
Even those we didn't think we could.

Love is like a little bird,
Flying from tree to tree,
Looking for a place to abide,
Even in you and me.
So try to catch a little love,
As it passes by;
It will make you very happy
And you won't be sad and cry.

(Note: The two poems above were written and submitted to **The Free Will Baptist** by Mrs. Ora Barnhill of the Boys' Home, Richmond, Virginia.)

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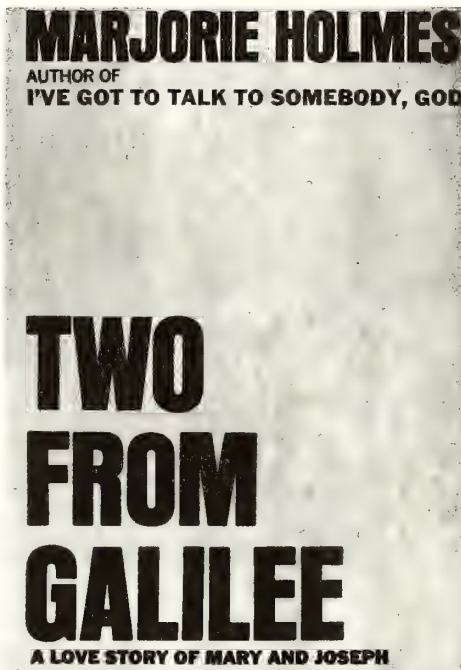
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Two From Galilee

by

MARJORIE HOLMES



One hushed Christmas Eve several years ago a woman sat in a darkened church. The greens, the carols, the beauty of the night—all contributed to the expectant stillness that filled the church. Suddenly she became aware of the strong sweet smell of the hay in the candlelit manger.

"It actually happened," she thought in wonder. "It happened to real people in a real place with real smells and sounds and sights. And that young mother was no older than my own daughter."

The impact of the discovery was overwhelming, and the woman left the church that night determined to tell the story of two real people whose lives were touched by God. The woman was Marjorie Holmes, and the story that was born in the scent of the hay was **TWO FROM GALILEE**.

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About the Author:

Marjorie Holmes is the author of the best-selling **I've Got to Talk to Somebody, God**, and other devotional books. A prolific writer of articles, essays, and newspaper columns, she has published several books for teen-agers. She is a graduate of Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and also studied at Buena Vista College. She is listed in **Who's Who of American Women**. A wife and mother in private life, she lives in McLean, Virginia.

TWO FROM GALILEE is available now at the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop, Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Highway 11, Ayden, North Carolina, and at branch bookstores in Wilson, New Bern, and Smithfield. It would be especially appropriate during the holiday season as a book that the whole family would enjoy reading together. Buy one as a gift for a nurse, teacher, mother—anyone who takes part in the beginning of new life. **TWO FROM GALILEE** is a book for everyone to whom the Christmas story is forever new.

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain this Scripture: "He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself. After that he poured water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. . . . Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me" (John 13:4, 5, 8). Does this mean that Jesus' followers should wash each other's feet and in this way (as in others) show their identity with Him?

Answer: Yes, I think it does. Let us get some other verses before us in order to see more clearly this picture. "So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (John 13:12-17). You should read the whole chapter without inserting your own beliefs and without allowing someone else's interpretation to come in to influence our interpretation as formulated in the simple reading of what is said here. Now so many so-called "educated people" can read such simple language and find grounds to insert so much not said here is beyond comprehension and even beyond what I feel I have the right to find in some of the so-called "scholars'" speculations.

"Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. . . . If ye know these things, happy are ye if

ye do them" (John 13:13-15, 17). On the basis or grounds that Jesus is both one's Lord and one's Master, he is told to do this thing. But Jesus is Lord and Master not to one who, like Judas, is a betrayer, but only to one who loves and cleaves unto Him. Jesus says in the next chapter, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13). What do you and others think Jesus means by that said here? You will at once reply "Just what He says." Well, if He means what He says in the next chapter, why not in John 13? I do not believe when led by the Holy Spirit that I can read this part of John 13 and think of Jesus meaning anything other than what He said in John 13:13, 14, 17. (See above, twice quoted.)

The happy fruitful Christian is not the one who reads the Bible as he seeks to get by with the least he possibly can, but the one who believes that "... to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22). Obeying Jesus' teachings here would just simply mean doing what he says to His followers. It would mean washing one another's feet without engaging in the objections and discussions that apparently His followers did on that memorable night. I can tell you in these services when I felt the happiest and the most content, and received the greatest spiritual lift. It was during those services held when I first became a Christian, when all in the church believed as I did without questioning and arguing. After the communion of the bread and the fruit of the vine was finished, the men withdrew to one part of the church building and the women to another. They poured water in basins and washed one another's feet, singing hymns and once in awhile shouting praise to Almighty God as they shook hands and in other ways expressed love for each other and for Christ, who had saved them.

Perhaps, if for the time being, we should bury some of the man-made logic and theology and get back to the literal

teaching of the Word of God. We should not be afraid that in obeying we might bring ridicule from our theological superiors; we might be happier again, even as we were before so much snobbery began to characterize the thought of our Free Will Baptist churches.

Dr. Nathan Stone in his book, **Answering Your Questions**, offers this comment on Page 90 on a similar question:

"The washing of the disciples' feet by the Lord Jesus was a wonderful example of humility on the part of Him who shared God's glory with Him before the world was (John 17:5); of whom it was said, 'Who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped' (Philippians 2:6, ASV); and in whom dwelt all the fullness of God (Colossians 1:19).

"There is also spiritual significance in the act, which must be understood in the light of the entire passage. The Lord Jesus was also teaching by this act that spirit of self-sacrifice and love, as opposed to the spirit of self-seeking and pride in the apostles, some of whom had been quarreling about prestige and pre-ferment even while the Lord Jesus was facing the Cross.

"Peter's refusal at first to have his feet washed served only to emphasize the pride of his impulsive self-will. The words of the Lord in Verse 10 indicate that since the apostles (with the exception of Judas) were already clean, the footwashing also symbolized the need of cleansing from the defilements of the way which may be gathered through this life. It emphasizes our need of constant cleansing and renewing."

The church evidently accepted this teaching as being literal, to be applied as such to workers in the church as well as to ordinary church members. "Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work" (1 Timothy 5:10). According to early Christian writings, widows of men who had been accepted Christian workers in a church were examined according to the standards set forth in this verse. When they had proved themselves as these requirements suggested, they were given physical support and were approved as full-time workers in the church. This procedure would seem plausible in the light of the context. If true, one can see what the church in Timothy's and Paul's day thought of Jesus (continued on page fifteen)

STORIES

for our youth



LISA'S SUPER-DUPER DAY

by Pauline Rothrauff

LISA twisted the belt on her dress as she reread the notice on the school bulletin board.

DOLL CONTEST

A contest will be held next Monday afternoon, one week from today. All girls in the school are invited to enter. Three prizes will be awarded for the best dolls that are created in these categories:

- MOST UNUSUAL DOLL
- MOST BEAUTIFUL DOLL
- MOST ARTISTIC DOLL

It was the end of the school day, and after reading about the contest, Lisa walked down the hall. She could hear some of the girls chatting about the different types of dolls they planned to make. One was going to buy lace and white satin and design a bride doll. Another thought a Chinese doll in a red kimono would be clever.

She was still thinking of the contest when she arrived at the edge of town where she and her parents lived in a small house with a large cornfield behind it. Lisa's parents and Mrs. Hobbs, an elderly neighbor, both had fields of ripe corn. Lisa's mother and Mrs. Hobbs had been canning corn for several days.

As Lisa neared her house, she saw Mrs. Hobbs in her yard.

"I wonder whether you'd run to the store for me," she asked. "I've baked a cake and I need some powdered sugar for frosting. I'd go myself, but I'm cold-

packing some corn and can't leave right now."

"Of course, I'll be glad to go." Lisa turned and hurried toward the store.

When she returned, she helped Mrs. Hobbs frost the cake. While they worked, Lisa told her about the doll contest.

"I wish I could make a doll." There was a catch in her voice as she spoke. "But I don't think it's possible. I haven't any money to buy supplies, and Mother can't give me any either."

Mrs. Hobbs' eyes twinkled. "I'll show you how to make a doll that won't cost a penny, and it'll be one you can be proud of, too."

"Oh, how?"

"With cornhusks," Mrs. Hobbs replied. "There are lots of dried husks out in the yard from all the canning we've been doing, and some of them can be formed into dolls that will surprise you."

After the cake was frosted, she and Lisa went out and brought in some husks.

"They'll have to soak for two or three hours so that they'll be easy to work with," said Mrs. Hobbs. "Why don't you go home and help your mother with supper and then come back this evening?"

Lisa's eyes glowed as she ran home. She sang while she set the table, and she could hardly wait until supper was over and the dishes were washed.

Mrs. Hobbs was sitting by the table when Lisa entered. On the table before her were the cornhusks, a bottle of glue, cord, and scissors.

She pulled some of the husks apart and then, turning one of them inside out, began to mold the head of the doll.

Next, she folded four long husks, all the same length, over the head of the doll and tied a string about two inches down to form the head.

After that, Mrs. Hobbs cut two corn-

stalk leaves about eight inches long for the arms. She tied strings one-half inch from the ends to make hands. Then she parted the husks right under the head and placed the arms in between.

She wound strands of husks around and around the body part of the doll until it was the desired size, and then she tied a string where the body ended and the legs would begin.

The bottom husks were divided to form legs, and string was tied one-half inch up from the bottom of each leg to shape the feet.

When it was nine o'clock, the dolls weren't nearly finished. Noticing the time, Lisa jumped up, exclaiming, "I have no idea it was so late! I'll have to go home now. May we work on the dolls again tomorrow night?"

Each night after that, they planned and fashioned the dolls. Corn silk was glued on for hair and combed in a long bob. Large beads were used for the eyes and the mouth. They painted a nose on each doll.

Mrs. Hobbs showed Lisa how to sew a dress and apron from cornhusks and how to paint them in bright colors.

Before the week was over, they had each fashioned a charming doll with a little cornhusk dog on a leash that was wound around the doll's hand.

Lisa could hardly believe her eyes. "I never dreamed the doll would turn out to be so beautiful!" she cried. "The cornhusks made a better doll than anything I could have bought, and my doll is more original, too."

"Very often people overlook the good that is close at hand and search in distant places for something that is right under their noses," remarked Mrs. Hobbs. "You'll find as you get older that life will lay countless treasures at your doorstep if you'll only take the time to look for them."

On Monday, Lisa took her doll to school and put it with the other entries. There were brides, gypsies, national dolls, and several Raggedy Anne dolls. But there was no other cornhusk doll.

The judges, who were the school principal and the art director, entered the room. Lisa watched them anxiously as they examined one doll after another.

Finally, the winners were announced. Lisa almost thought she was dreaming when they awarded her doll the prize for the most artistic.

Each prize was a large box of fancy confections and candied fruits. Lisa's mouth watered as she looked at them.

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GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN"? YOU BE THE JUDGE

(continued from page three)

res teach clearly that Jesus Christ was human parentage on the side of His mother, the Virgin Mary. How does the TEV treat the Saviour on this issue? The TEV, Luke 2:33, reads "And Joseph and his mother marvelled. . . ." The TEV, Luke 2:33, reads "The child's father and his mother were amazed. . . ."

The TEV gives you a choice here of what you may believe. First, you may believe that Joseph was God, the father of Jesus Christ, or, second, you may believe that Joseph was not God but was Christ's father, God having nothing to do with it. This would make Christ entirely of human parentage, which does not agree with His deity. The same attack was made in Luke 2:43. Why were these changes made if not to take away from the divinity of our Lord? Moreover, in Revelation 1:11 Jesus said, ". . . I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: ". . . In Revelation 1:8 we are told that He is the beginning and the ending. These statements were left out of both of these verses in the TEV. What was the purpose of it?

Finally, the KJV, John 1:1, reads "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The TEV, John 1:1, reads "Before the world was created, the Word already existed; he was with God, and he was the same as God." Jesus Christ is the Word. He is not the same as God. Jesus Christ, the virgin-born Son of God, was, is and ever shall be God. To remove from God's Word that which affirms this truth is a direct attempt to weaken the deity and divinity of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and is nothing short of blasphemy. Ask you, "What think ye of Christ, personally?"

Dear friend, these points mentioned are just a few of the reasons why we could reject this so-called "translation" of God's Word. There are more dealing with salvation by works instead of grace, the ecumenical movement of the National Council of Churches to establish throughout the world a Bible that is offensive to no one, and other subjects just as important which space will not allow us to deal with here. Tampering with God's Holy Word is more than just a misdemeanor in the court of God's law and will rightly judge all offenders at the

proper time. But what about here and now? Sad to say, millions of copies of this book have already been distributed throughout the world, but sadder yet is the fact that many Free Will Baptists have accepted it and endorsed its use, going even so far as to use it in some of our pulpits and Sunday school classes.

Christian friends, it is time we quit taking a back seat to the devil and took a stand not only **for** that which is right, but also **against** that which is wrong.

How do you feel when an attack is made upon the virgin birth, the deity, and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ? Does it stir you inside? If not, I beg you to ask God's forgiveness for your sins and turn your life over to Him. If it does, what are you going to do about it?

"Good News for Modern Man"? This preacher thinks not.

Now, **you** be the judge.

AN ENDORSEMENT

To whom it may concern:

Brother Fred Bates is, first, a brother minister in Christ, and, second, a member of Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist

Church which makes me (Harry A. Jones) his pastor.

I have been fully aware of this article since its conception. In fact, as his pastor, I encouraged Brother Bates to write concerning his conviction on this subject matter. This article has my endorsement.

Harry A. Jones, Pastor
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Then You Are Old

Truly, age is a quality of mind—
If you have left your dreams behind,
If hope is cold,
If you no longer look ahead,
If ambition's fires are dead—
Then you are old.

But if from life you take the best,
And if in life you keep the zest,
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FOR DECEMBER 17



COSTLY LOYALTY

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 20-21; 37-38;
39:15-18

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 1:19

I. INTRODUCTION

The test of true Christian loyalty may come in many ways. It can also be costly.

Loyalty is born of convictions. We are loyal to our church because we are convinced that our church is serving God. We are loyal to our country because we believe in the democratic principles under which our nation lives. We are loyal to our school because we are convinced our school is doing us good and that there is none better. We are loyal to our friends because we love them and are convinced they deserve our loyalty.

But what happens when someone to whom we wish to show loyalty becomes very unpopular with others? We know he is right, but the crowd doesn't think so. What do we do then about our loyalties? The answer lies in whether we have the firm conviction that our friend is right. It also lies in whether we have the moral courage to stand by our deserted friend when all others scorn him.

Such convictions are most costly. We can lose our so-called friends through such convictions. We can be assured we shall suffer with the one we defend because of such convictions. In some instances we could lose our job. In extreme instances we could lose our life. We need to look closely at the object of our conviction to determine its worth.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. More than twenty-five hundred years ago the massive Babylonian war machine swept into Judah. Some of the influential men of Jerusalem thought the prophet Jeremiah was a quisling, a traitor; but they were wrong. Jeremiah did not confer with the enemy, did not plan the invasion, and did not even wish it.

B. But Jeremiah was almost put to death. Why? Because he said it was useless to resist. The Jews were not strong enough to win, and they were so wicked that God no longer would help them. Jeremiah said to surrender.

C. This was not just Jeremiah's own opinion, of course. It was what God told him to say. God had decreed the fall of Jerusalem because of the persistent sins of the people who lived there. But in spite of all this, God still loved those people. He wanted to make their suffering as light as possible. If they continued to resist, many would be killed in action and others would die of starvation and disease. God therefore sent Jeremiah to tell them to give up without a struggle.

D. The rulers were determined not to give up, and they wanted the support of the people. Jeremiah's message brought him into conflict with them. We see something of that conflict in today's lesson.

E. A better way to be brave is to forget about being brave and to try to do right. Often this requires no courage and very little effort, and therefore it is not noticed or praised. But there are times when doing right means opposing friends and associates, speaking boldly against popular opinion, firmly resisting people of power and influence. The one who does right at such times is likely to be noticed, but not admired and praised. More probably he is vigorously denounced. But he is a man of courage.

F. Jeremiah was such a man. The course he followed was unpopular. The message he brought was unpleasant. The results unhealthy to himself. But fulfill his mission he did. Jeremiah showed us the right use of courage.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. It costs something to be faithful to God. Sometimes loyalty to the command of God becomes very costly. Discipleship demands discipline! Sometimes it is relatively easy to make a de-

cision regarding Christian commitment and service. The difficulty comes when we seem to stand alone or when we are called upon to deliver the message of God, bearing testimony for Him in the face of opposition and persecution.

B. The genuineness of our faith and commitment is often sorely tested. During such times, we either succumb to the temptation to defect or draw upon the strength God provides. Like steel that has been tempered by much heat, our faith can be strengthened by the fires of affliction and opposition if we view such times properly and react to them according to God's will.

C. Jeremiah's faithfulness cost him a great deal. It was by no means easy for him to remain true to his call and his God. It would have been easy to compromise just a little at certain times. By doing so, Jeremiah could have avoided much conflict and opposition. He could have gained the friendship and good favor of men, but he would have lost God's favor and blessing upon him.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

D. Have you ever wondered how many of us today would be loyal to Christ if our loyalty cost us as much as it did Jeremiah and some of the other men of the Bible? If it were against the law to meet on Sunday in regular worship, how many of our people would risk being thrown in jail to worship? If the preacher knew that his message might cause him to be thrown in prison and might even cost him his life, how many would preach? Are there really many today whose convictions are strong enough that they would be willing to pay the price for loyalty that Jeremiah paid?

E. On the other hand, is it possible that some persecution might bring out the best in us and make us more willing to pay a price for loyalty to Christ? Of course, there were those in the Early Church who refused to pay the price of loyalty. We must never get the idea that all of those who professed the name of Christ were loyal. This has never been true and perhaps will never be true in this world. But when persecution came upon the church it scattered them and everywhere they went they witnessed. This meant that the faith was scattered and the church was spread rather than stopped. A little persecution today might make us more appreciative of our blessings and make us willing to pay a greater price for being loyal to Christ.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

FAMILY FIRESIDE

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North Dakota, farmer Eugene Welk, a distant relative of Lawrence Welk, pushed his way through snow twelve feet deep in search of his six-year-old daughter. The search was said to be the worst in the history of the past half century. After hours of searching, Mr. Welk found his daughter's frozen body standing upright.

How commendable was that noble father who hazarded his own life in his search of his daughter! How praiseworthy also are those who count no sacrifice too dear to find the spiritually lost and bring them to the good Shepherd's fold! Each one of God's children is needed for this important and rewarding endeavor.

PRAYER THOUGHT

After reading such a heart-breaking experience as this, we all should count our blessings many times over.

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Questions & Answers

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Jesus' teaching in John 13:14, 15, 17 (See cited passage above.)

I believe that the church was happy obeying Jesus in this simple act when Paul and Timothy were communicants at it. I know we were happy as we obeyed Jesus' teaching in this when I was a young Christian, as I believe that I have been who were sincere in their participation in this ordinance.

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Boys' and Girls' Stories

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"I'll give some to Mrs. Hobbs for helping me," she decided. "I know she'll like them because she's always baking something sweet." She knew the Lord would be pleased that her thoughts were filled with sharing her prize.

Lisa skipped out of school tingling with happiness from her fingers to her toes.

"Learning to design the doll and winning a prize were wonderful," she mused. "But now, having a treat for Mrs. Hobbs, really makes this a super-duper day!"—My Pleasure.

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Today a girl marries for keeps—she keeps house and keeps on working.

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This is a Deadringer! How close did you come to getting one? It could depend upon how hard you tried.

HOW HARD DID YOU TRY?

You reached out your hand to touch the world but decided that you couldn't because it was too faraway.

You opened your eyes to see the sun but closed them immediately because it was hidden by a cloud.

You perked up your ears to hear the music but turned your attention to other sounds because the music was too soft.

You breathed in to smell the early morning air as yet unpolluted by smoke and offensive odors, but you could only think of how it was yesterday and therefore couldn't get a satisfying breath.

You climbed a hill to reach the top, but thinking it a formidable task, you stumbled halfway up and had to start again.

You lifted a load to your back, but realizing its weight, you dropped it before it was settled well enough to be carried.

You sought a successful career, but it offered too great a challenge, and so you suffered failure before you realized achievement.

You plowed a furrow, but because you lacked confidence in yourself, you looked back to make sure that you were going straight and therefore found it to be crooked when you reached the end.

You rowed a boat, but seeing the distance of the other shore, you found yourself exhausted before you got to the other side of the lake.

You walked a mile, but because you wanted to stop to enjoy the view, you hesitated too long and were therefore unable to go another, when doing so could have helped someone in need.

You lent a helping hand, but because you didn't want to become involved with "deadbeats," you pulled it back before you had done the good intended.

You offered a smile, but because of your unhappy disposition, you found it difficult to hold and therefore allowed your forlorn expression to return.

You started across the room to greet an old friend, but remembering an unfortunate confrontation you'd had with him years ago, you couldn't make yourself speak.

You suggested that a dirty orphan needed a good scrubbing but decided that you were so busy that you couldn't give him the bath yourself.

You gave some of your clothes to the needy, but because you cherished them so highly, you found it impossible to part with any of your good things.

You wanted to take a message of cheer to the ghetto but decided that you might not be safe and that it probably wouldn't do any good anyhow.

You wanted to sit down with your wayward child and set him straight but decided that since he was so obstinate that he wouldn't listen; so what was the use of trying?

You felt like speaking to someone about love but changed your mind because it might be considered a sign of weakness in you and cause you embarrassment.

You had an urge to invite a poor family who lived down the street to have dinner at your house but couldn't bring yourself to do it because of what the neighbors might think and how it might lower your social standing in their eyes.

There are many things that could have been done and that are still waiting to be done, but all too frequently these opportunities are allowed to pass by because of a weakness within each person which causes him to think certain tasks too hard or a selfishness in his makeup which causes him to think more highly of himself than of his neighbor.

Remember, if you ever make an attempt to do anything worthwhile and find that you haven't the strength to do it and therefore fail in the attempt, it may very well be that you haven't tried hard enough.

So, if you are inclined to do something good today, make a noble effort—mean business—and don't give up until you have done something worthwhile and have brightened the day for at least one soul. You'll be a bigger and happier person for it!



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A Tribute of Love and Honor to Our Preacher Link, Mrs. Link, and Jodi

in the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Weldon, North Carolina

It was on Sunday, October 28, 1962, that the Rev. Vance Link preached his first regular sermon at the newly organized Community Free Will Baptist Church, which at that time was meeting in a vacant store building.

He was a tall, young man who just recently had returned home from serving his country in Germany through armed forces. Having been ordained and serving as part-time pastor to a neighboring church, he came with his wife to accept the call of God to pastor this church in Weldon, North Carolina. We knew then, as we felt even more the years went by, that he was truly a man sent by God.

As our church began to make more progress with the organization of different groups such as the Woman's Auxiliary, the YFA, and the League, Preacher Link saw the need of giving more of himself to the services and to the work of the Lord. Consequently, he began adding full-time services instead of part-time, even though we were not financially able to support him and his family. The Lord began to bless the work of the church and the lives of the people. The seed was sown faithfully by Preacher Link, the spiritual and physical roots of our church began to prosper.

With the increase of membership, there was need for a larger building. Then began the vision of a church; under his leadership, this vision began to materialize. Even though Preacher

Link had a full-time job in the town of Enfield where he lived, some 24 miles away, he was always present to do more than his share in the spiritual and physical needs of the work here. He spent many long, hard hours in the building of our church, from clearing the land, digging the foundation, putting the finishing touches on the inside and outside, to the recent erection of the church steeple bearing a cross. To us of the Community church, that cross signified that Christ loved us and died on the Cross for our sins, that He lives, and that all who place their faith and trust in Him can have eternal life.

Preacher Link has never asked anyone to do anything that he was not willing to do himself. With the help of this man



Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link and Jodi

of God, our people labored together for the glory of God to complete our building. On March 1, 1964, we moved into it.

The physical part of our church gradually grew under the leadership of Preacher Link and his faithful and talented wife, Mattie Lou, to what it is today. We have a thriving and growing Sunday school, which they faithfully promoted as teachers for the ten years they served God through our church. Their loyal participation and support were also rendered to the Woman's Auxiliary, the Laymen's League, the AFC, the YFA, the Cherubs, and the League. Mrs. Link organized the different choirs, which consist of the "Little Soldiers," the junior choir, the youth choir, the adult choir, and the men's chorus. Not only did she serve faithfully as music director, but also she was the church pianist for all the services since 1962. Preacher Link, with his love for the Lord's work and his remarkable ability to be young at heart, prided himself in being able to sing with each one of the groups; he was and will always be their "Preacher Link." He loves the young people, with whom God has so wonderfully blessed our church, and they in turn love him and also the Lord, whom he represents.

The Links helped tremendously toward the material assets of our church. A great part of the beauty of the outside, the inside, and the furnishings of our church were made possible by their unselfish, sacrificial giving and their support of the Lord's work.

In January, 1971, Preacher Link gave up his secular job to devote his time and himself to the Lord's work full time. Over the past nine years, he had already rendered full-time work to our church, but still had to have an outside job, because we were not supporting him financially. In May of the same year, the Links moved to Roanoke Rapids, where they would be close to the people and to the work they felt that God had for them to do here. The work of the Lord has really flourished in this year and a half, and we praise God for all that has been accomplished.

The most important of any service rendered to God is the spiritual part. Preacher Link faithfully proclaimed the Word of God from the pulpit, offering full proof of his ministry. He is not only a wonderful pastor, but also a true evangelist. Through his dynamic preaching, many, many souls have been won to Christ, and many of the new Christians have gone forth also to preach the Word

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 6:7

POCKETLESS SHROUDS

Some time ago, in Chicago, a hoard of cash was found in the rear bedroom of a dead policy wheel operator's home. It totaled \$763,223.30. Weary policemen worked in shifts for nearly eighteen hours counting the thick stacks of bills. A high-speed change counter was brought in to count the mounds of coins.

Lawrence Wakefield, age sixty-eight, who had amassed the fortune and stashed it away, died suddenly of a heart attack.

Said one of the investigating officers, "The money was everywhere—scattered all over the room—on the floor, on the bed, in shopping bags, wrapped in rolls, and loose."

The windows of the house were covered with wire mesh and five watchdogs were kept inside.

God's children lay up their riches in heaven by using them for God and others.

PRAYER THOUGHT

Your time and effort could be so worthwhile if you would spread God's "riches" instead of acquiring material riches.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Scripture Reading—Psalm 16:8

PULLING WITH GOD

Expressing a widely prevalent and increasingly popular view among intellectuals called "existentialism," Jean-Paul Sartre, a French philosopher, said, "Man can count on no one but himself. He is alone, abandoned on earth in the midst of his infinite responsibilities, without help, with no other aim than the one he sets for himself, and with no other destiny than the one he forges for himself on this earth."

How dismal and dark is the outlook if man exists in a purposeless universe and a hostile environment which he ceaselessly and unavailingly strives to overcome by his self-effort of free will.

How bright is the outlook of those who cooperatively work and strive with God in a hostile environment to overcome innate propensities to evil and outward enticements to sin.

PRAYER THOUGHT

How difficult life would be if we lived it in total darkness! We must insist that God is there to help us everyday.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Scripture Reading—Psalm 27:14

A SOLDIER—NOT A BARTENDER

Harry Shepler volunteered for service in the signal corps in World War II. One Sunday he was ordered to report for duty at the bar of the canteen. He refused to obey the order.

The sergeant threatened to report him to the officer of the day. "All right," said Shepler, "go ahead. I did not enlist to be a bartender, but a soldier. I will not report at the canteen!"

Shepler was reported to the major, who sent for him. He went with trembling knees but a steady heart, for he knew he was right.

The major said, "Are you the soldier who disobeyed orders?"

"Yes, sir, I am," said Shepler.

"Why did you do it?"

"Because I do not believe it is right to do what I was told to do. I enlisted to be a soldier, not a bartender."

The major arose, extended his hand and said, "I am glad to see a fellow who has the courage of his convictions. You will not be required to report to the bar in the canteen. You are the kind of man we need in the service."

PRAYER THOUGHT

It takes a brave and courageous man to stand up for his rights. Jesus did when He was persecuted. Can you?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Scripture Reading—Psalm 51:16, 17

NEEDLESS SUFFERING

In Mexico City, twenty-seven-year-old Francisco Castellanos nearly bled to death in an attempt to feel the pain which Christ felt as He was pinioned to His Cross.

Francisco drove two ten-inch, handforged nails through his hands in a hotel room. Then he went to the National Cathedral to pray. He concealed his bleeding hands with bandages.

The nail in his left hand pierced a vein. The hand bled profusely. He lost so much blood that he nearly collapsed. Other worshippers, observing his condition, called an ambulance. He was rushed to a hospital.

Castellanos told policemen about a vow he had made to subject himself to excruciating pain on three successive Good Fridays as an expression of his gratitude for recovering from a skin cancer which doctors had said was incurable.

How grateful we are that God requires no such sacrifices from His children. There are better ways to express gratitude to God for His numberless blessings.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The Bible says, "To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice" (Proverbs 21:3). Remember this!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 12:17

WHEN IS ONE DEAD?

The transplanting of a heart from body of one supposedly dead involves and moral considerations. When and whom is a heart donor to be adjudged sically dead?

Judge George J. McMonagle said, far as legal responsibility goes, there absolutely none if vital functions of respiration and circulation cease."

Dr. Jerome J. DeCosse, associate professor of surgery, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, stated, "earliest signs of clinical death are not defined. Cessation of brain waves, loss of all spontaneous reflexes and of heart and lung activity, can be called death. The judgment should be made by se physicians and not those involved in transplant."

Only God knows when a person irrevocably dies spiritually; when he no longer hears the wooing voice of the Holy Spirit when he ceases to hear the plaintive voice of God, saying, "Give me thine heart."

PRAYER THOUGHT

One kind of death is inevitable; but our trust and love in Christ be dead a No!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Scripture Reading—Proverbs 18:24

A DEFINITION OF A FRIEND

"What is a friend? I'll tell you. A friend is a person with whom you dare be yourself. Your soul can go naked before him. He seems to ask you to put on nothing, only to be what you really are. When you are with him, you do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that cause others to misjudge you. With him you breathe freely. You confess your little vanities and envies and absurdities and, in opening them up to him, they are dissolved on the wide ocean of his loyalty. He understands! You may weep with him, laugh with him, pray with him, and, through and underneath it all, he sees, knows, and loves you. A friend I repeat, is one with whom you dare to be yourself!"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Can you think of a friend you'd rather have than Jesus? He is the One who has all the qualities of the friend listed above.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Scripture Reading—Isaiah 59:14

DISTORTED JUSTICE

A glaring miscarriage of justice took place because of a ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court that an accused person must be advised of his right to counsel at the time of his arrest.

Judge John M. Manos of the Court (continued on page nine)

Mount Olive College

happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

LINK VISITS FELLOWSHIP

by Linda Carter, student



Pictured above (left to right) are Carnie Gordon, student, the Rev. Vance Link, and Mrs. Link.)

On November 27, the Rev. and Mrs. Vance Link from Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, met as special guests with the Free Will Baptist Student Fellowship at Mount Olive College. Mrs. Link presented a chalk talk entitled "The Harvest Is Ready," while Marvin Waters, president of the student fellowship, read relevant scripture. She centered her talk on the great need for a harvest of lost souls in the world today.

Mr. Link delivered a devotion based on Romans 12:1, 2. He explained that we as Christians have a challenge to meet. We are not only to accept Christ as our Saviour, but we are also to commit totally our lives to Him as Lord. At the close of the service, Mr. Link presented a challenge to each student to yield to the leadership of Jesus Christ through total commitment.

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Gifts to Moye Library during the month of November, 1972, totaled \$129.50. Observe the following list:

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ABS Scripture Packages For Correctional Institutions, Nursing Homes

A Scripture package has been mailed by the American Bible Society to 7,000 correctional institutions in the United States. Each contained a New Testament Gospel in Today's English Version on cassettes and a copy of Luke/Acts and "The Lost Son," story of the Prodigal Son, in the same version, plus the New Testament and Psalms in extra large print in the King James Version.

Each packet was accompanied by a letter to the warden and a questionnaire which offered him the opportunity to evaluate the selections and request more or different Scripture selections.

A similar package, with letter and questionnaire, was sent to 16,696 nursing homes in the country with Scriptures chosen with an eye to recurrent use for the maximum number of guests in the homes.

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But I'm the Captain

A boy was asked the meaning of stewardship. He said, "It means that life is a great ship, loaded with a cargo of many things to be delivered to many people in many places. God is the Owner, but I am the captain of the ship."

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Christ is the only one who came to destroy race barriers and class hatred. He is not only adequate for all races, but all races have found in Him their ideal. His cross is a bridge across every chasm. He gave womanhood its place, childhood its rights, and the slave his freedom.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Winterville FWB League Presents Thanksgiving Play



Cindy Branch, Alice Hines, and Gladys Corbett display "money turkey."

The Winterville Free Will Baptist Church League presented a Thanksgiving play recently that dramatized the vital need fulfilled by the Children's Home. The play was written and directed by Gladys Corbett, and roles were taken by the young people of the League.

The action of the play presented examples of three kinds of homes from which children leave to enter the Home. The first home showed children, unwanted and unloved, whose parents had been killed in an automobile accident. The second set of children were from a broken home, and both mother and father were unfit parents. The third kind of home was that of a kind Christian mother who had lost her husband and could not support her children.

In each case the voice of the Children's Home, played by Linda Hines, was glad to take in the children. The kind house-mother welcomed them, promising to love and care for them as her own and to tell them about Jesus.

When the rooms were full, the voice of the Children's Home was heard to say, "I could not turn them away! But how will I feed and clothe them all with winter coming on? The bills for food, clothing, and fuel are so high. I must trust and believe that our Free Will Bap-

tists will not let us down. After all, Christ said in Matthew 25:35-40: "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

As the play closed, the League members came forward one by one to pin the tail on the turkey—with dollar bills for the Children's Home. The body of the turkey was made of pennies, nickels, and dimes. The "money turkey" was later presented to the Children's Home.

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Youth Services Scheduled December 15-17 at Wooten's Chapel FWB Church

The youth of Wooten's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Raleigh, North Carolina, look forward to services planned especially for them on December 15 and 16 at 7 p.m., and December 17 (Sunday) at the 11 a.m. worship hour. The speaker will be the Rev. Larry Coats of the Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church near Clayton, North Carolina. Mr. Coats is a former pastor and gained many friends while working in the area surrounding Wooten's Chapel church.

Area churches are invited to send someone to represent them in song (or other talent) or in testimony. Wooten's Chapel church is expecting great things to happen for the Lord in these services. The members of the congregation ask your prayers and support in this endeavor.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall on Saturday night.

Albemarle Sunday School Convention Slated at Free Union FWB Church

The Albemarle Sunday School Convention will be held at the Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, P. O. Box 100, Albemarle, North Carolina, on December 19-21, 1972. The program follows:

9:45—Devotions, the Rev. Royce F. Folds

9:55—Welcome, Sunday School Superintendent Frank Keech

—Response, Mrs. Isaac Furlough

10:00—President's Message, Mr. I. Foreman

10:05—Sunday School Lesson, Mrs. M. Windfield

10:30—Enrollment of Ministers

—Recognition of Visiting Ministers

—Roll Call of Churches and Delegates

—Bringing Reports and Receiving Blanks

—Announcements

—Offering for Children's Home

—Offertory Prayer

Business Session

10:55—Minutes of Last Convention Read for Information

—Treasurer's Report

—New Business

—Reports of Literature and Nomination Enterprises

—Minutes Read and Approved

Morning Worship

11:55—Special Music, the Host Church

—Message, the Rev. Robert Roll

12:30—Benediction and Adjournment

—Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

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Youth Rally for Albemarle Conference Slated for December 16

Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Creswell, North Carolina, will host the youth rally of the Albemarle Conference on December 16 at 7 p.m.

All churches of the conference are asked to encourage their young people to attend. We are looking forward to a wonderful time in the Lord.

Adults and visitors are also welcome.

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"Mister Turkey" Idea Helps Raise Money for the Children's Home

A promotional idea of the Rev. H. A. Jones, pastor of the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia, has helped that church raise its budget allocation for the Children's Home. The slogan for the campaign to raise money was, "Mister Turkey! Let's fill the turkey nest for our Children's Home." Three hundred fourteen dollars and eight cents was received in all.

On November 30, Mr. and Mrs. Jones

veled to Middlesex to present the of-
ing to the Rev. A. Graham Lane, act-
superintendent of the Home. Other
s of towels, washcloths, sheets, and
ow cases collected by the Virginia
ch FWB Church Woman's Auxiliary
re also presented at this time.

Mr. Jones made the following com-
nt concerning the efforts of his con-
gation in the "Mister Turkey" pro-
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gram would not have been such an
ellent success. Our people believed
d trusted and God blessed. Thanks,
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th Eastern District SS Convention Be Held December 31, Cove City

The fifth Eastern District Sunday
ool Convention will be held at the
ntergreen Free Will Baptist Church in
e City, North Carolina, on December
The program is as follows:

00—Prayer, Harvey Whitford, presi-
dent of the Sunday School Con-
vention
—Hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing"
—Welcome, the Rev. Rudy Shep-
herd, pastor, host church
—Response, Robert Williams Jr.,
Trent church

15—Recognition of Pastors, Delegates,
Sunday School Officers, and
Teachers

25—Business Period and Election of
Officers

40—Sunday School Lesson, Mrs. Car-
lyle Oakley, Friendship church

00—Hymn, "Living for Jesus"

10—Program, host church

30—Report of Finance Committee and
Presentation of Awards

40—Mount Olive College Report

50—Special Program

10—Adjournment

Officers are as follows: Harvey Whit-
rd, president; Velma Morris, secretary;
ughn Hill, treasurer; Herman Ireland
, Irene Morris, and Marie Whitford,
hance committee; and Mrs. W. R. Stil-
y, program chairman. The theme for
e convention will be "Israel in God's
ands."

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Albemarle Union Meeting

To Be Held December 30

The Albemarle Union Meeting will be
eld at the Free Union Free Will Baptist
hurch, Route 1, Pinetown, North Caro-
na, on December 30. The program is
s follows:

Morning Session

00:00—Devotions, Mr. Loyd Jones Jr.

10:10—Welcome, the Rev. Robert Rawlins

—Response, the Rev. Harry Jones

10:15—Moderator's Address, the Rev.
Charlie Overton

10:20—Roll Call of Ministers

—Recognition of Visiting Ministers

—Roll Call of Churches

10:45—Offering for Denominational En-
terprises

—Announcements

Business Session

11:05—Report of Children's Home, via
Literature

—Report of Mount Olive College,
via Literature

—Report of Missions, via Literature

—Report of Press, via Literature

11:20—Reading of Minutes of Last Union
for Information

—Report of Treasurer

—Other Business

—Announcement of Next Union

11:30—Minutes Read and Approved

Morning Worship

11:35—Hymn

11:40—Special Music, the Host Church

11:45—Message, the Rev. Bobby Taylor

12:30—Benediction

—Adjournment

—Lunch (No Afternoon Session)

League Convention

7:30—Devotions

7:40—President's Message, Mr. Loyd
Jones Jr.

—Appointment of Digest Committee

—Offering

—Roll Call of Leagues

—Sword Drill

—Hymn

—Recognition of Ministers

—Announcements

—Special Music, the Host Church

—League Program

—Minutes of Last Convention

—Business Period

—Report of Digest Committee

—Awarding of Banners and Picture

—Treasurer's Report

9:00—Adjournment

Pianist, Mrs. Lucy Jones

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Fourth Union District Meeting

To Be Held at Dilda's Grove

The Fourth Union District will meet
with the Dilda's Grove Free Will Baptist
Church, Fountain, North Carolina, on De-
cember 31. The theme for the session
will be "Calling for Thee," with Scrip-
ture taken from John 11:28. The pro-
gram is planned as follows:

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School

11:00—Hymn, "Let Others See Jesus in
You"

—Devotions, Mr. Tim Wooten

—Welcome, Mr. Glennwood Wooten

—Response, Mrs. Kirby Bell

11:15—President's Remarks

—Recognition Time

—Greetings from the Children's
Home

—Hymn, "Wherever He Leads, I'll
Go"

11:30—Special Music, Edgewood church

—Sermon, the Rev. Vance Link

—Appointment of Committees

—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mr. Jerry Summerlin

—Special Music, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-
lis Cobb

—News from Mount Olive College

—Business Period

—Program, local church

2:15—Adjournment

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Two Guiding Stimuli

Dr. Wernher Von Braun, development
operations director, Army Ballistic Mis-
sile Agency, has stated, "Two stimuli are
necessary to make an endeavor conform
with accepted ethical standards: belief
in an ultimate judgment and belief in the
immortality of the soul. Belief in God
and in immortality gives us the moral
strength and ethical guidance we need
for virtually every action in our daily
lives."

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FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

I will accept my office, believing God
needs me right there.

I will give my best, not by best excuse.

I will be loyal and faithful to the wor-
ship services.

I will learn the how of my office and
not remain ignorant of its functions.

Bookstore Hours

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* The Free Will Baptist Press
* Bookstore, Ayden, North Caro-
* lina, is now observing the fol-
* lowing hours:

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* Monday-Friday—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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* Saturday—9 a.m. to 12 noon.

INFORMATION ABOUT **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME**

"A Christian Home for Boys and Girls"

MIDDLESEX, NORTH CAROLINA

THE REV. A. GRAHAM LANE, Acting Superintendent

New Houseparents



Mr. and Mrs. Chester Piatt

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Piatt came to the Children's Home about four months ago as houseparents for Albemarle II. Mr. Piatt also helps with maintenance. Mr. and Mrs. Piatt, who came with previous experience in child care, are making a great contribution to the Home.

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SPORTS

The Firebirds won ten consecutive games this fall. Charles Warren and Claudius Elmore were both picked as members of the All-Conference Football Team for the Eastern Carolina Conference. We are proud of these boys for their athletic and scholastic abilities.

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Scholastic Averages Good!

Fifty percent of the children from the Children's Home have A or B averages. We congratulate these children.

Those having all A's are the following: Mitch Joyner, Molly Garriss, Angie Nichols, Pamela Lanier, Bonnie Dement, Sandra Anderson, Terry Faircloth, and Claudius Elmore.

Those having B averages are as follows: Tim Pittman, Donnie Dement, Johnny Faircloth, Dorothy Elks, Kay Hill, Julia Woodard, Wendy Lanier, Jo Ann Anderson, Margaret Dement, Donna La-

nier, Sally Alford, Brenda Garriss, Vicky Lee, Mary Ann Warren, Ronald Elmore, Donald Elmore, Ricky Faircloth, Denny Edwards, Charles Warren, Jane Hill and Donna Lee.

Terry Faircloth and Brenda Garriss are Students of the Month. Terry came from a low C average two years ago to all A's in the ninth grade. Brenda pulled her grades up from a D average to a B.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

BOARD HOLDS PLANNING SESSION



Mr. Sammy Weeks, the new superintendent of the Children's Home as of January 1, 1973 (seated on the right), and members of the Children's Home Board of Trustees look over plans for the coming year. Mr. Weeks plans to move to the Home soon after Christmas. Members of the board present for the

planning session were from left to right the Rev. Henry Armstrong, the Rev. Billy Hardee, Mrs. Jacob Lane (president of the Alumni Association), the Rev. O. B. Jones, Mrs. Alma Dale, the Rev. David Charles Hansley, Mr. Oscar Webster, Mr. A. G. Glover, and, seated, Mrs. E. C. Davenport and the Rev. A. Graham Lane, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

December Activities

December is an exciting month at Children's Home, and we hope some of you can share it with us. Listed below are the dates for several important functions to be held during December. particular interest to the auxiliaries and sponsors will be the Christmas party December 20 at 7:30 p.m. You will certainly want to be present for this event. Plans are now being laid for the greatest party yet. We will look forward to your coming. Immediately following the party, the children will leave for Christmas vacation. The vacation will conclude January 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Christmas Dinner: Wednesday, December 13, at 12 noon, Parker's Banquet in Wilson.

Woodmen of the World Christmas Party: Friday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Family Dinner: Monday, December 18, 7 p.m. in our dining hall

Christmas Tree and Party: Wednesday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m.



MISSIONS

Joseph Ingram
Director-Treasurer

AT WHAT STAGE IS THE WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES?

by Harold Jones

Perhaps you have asked the above question. I hope to be able to help you understand a little more clearly through this article.

Have you ever planted a garden? First you determine **where** you will plant; then **what** you will plant. Next you prepare the soil; then you put the seed in the ground. After this the Lord takes over. Of course, you may have to water and weed, but only God can make that seed grow. If you go out and dig the seed up each day to check to see if it is sprouted, you will never have anything. You must plant first and then harvest.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:6, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." At what stage is the work in the Philippines? We are in the planting and watering stage. God is giving the increase. We are sowing the Word to establish a base. We would like to report that the harvest is over, but the field is so great and laborers so few that we cannot.

As I have stated in previous articles, this is pioneer work. "Pioneer work" means you start from scratch. You first determine the will of God as to the place. Then you go to work sowing the Word. The increase is coming, but not as the established church expects. We are not gathering large crowds to a central point. We are finding that our most effective work is with a few, gathered together. We have seen a large number come to Christ by personal work. We are attempting to get the Word to small groups in several locations rather than have one central gathering place. Much of what we are doing does not fit the pattern of the established church. But I firmly believe that as these concepts catch fire here, the evangelization of this country will be much more rapid. We ask you to join us in prayer that the Lord would draw out laborers for

this task. We appreciate your support and hope that your main purpose in giving is to see souls come to Christ. In this way we are truly partners in this great effort, for our main purpose in being here is to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord.

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Christmas Greetings From the Philippines

Christmas Day will be here very soon, and again our thoughts seem to be more and more on our friends and families. This has been a good year for us. We have seen the Lord move before us and prepare the way as the work was being opened in Palawan. We are confident that the Lord is going to do a mighty work here. We are praying that the Spirit of God would make a mighty sweep over this whole island and spread to all the country.

It is because of the Lord Jesus Christ that we are here. Truly He came to earth and gave Himself as a ransom for all men. We are thankful for the opportunity to be here in the Philippines spreading the gospel of salvation at this time. Let us join together in the bond of Christian love and prayer and truly praise the One that loves us so much that He lives for us and we live because of Him.

May this be the happiest Christmas you have ever known. God bless each of you.

Your missionaries to the
Philippine Islands,
Harold, Sandra, Wendy,
and Misty Jones

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The Unknown One

One day Mark Twain took his little daughter on his knee and told her about all the rulers and prominent men he had met in his travels. She listened attentively. When he had finished, she said, "Daddy, you know everybody but God, don't you?"

21,990 Minnesotans Hear Evangelist Ralph Bell

The Northwest Minnesota Crusade, conducted September 28-October 8 at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, concluded with 875 persons coming forward as a sign of commitment made to Christ.

During the 10-day crusade, Ralph Bell, associate evangelist with Billy Graham, noted that 79% of the inquirers were 21 years of age and under.

Thief River Falls, a community of 9,300 people, is noted as one of the leading snow mobile centers in the United States.

Over 45 churches participated in the crusade by providing counselors, choir members, ushers, and youth for involvement in the various phases of participation, as well as taking part in prayer groups.

In addition to the nightly crusade programs, Mr. Bell and members of his team spoke in high schools, civic clubs and churches. Radio and television stations also publicized the meetings.

Mr. Bell's next crusade will be in Kingston, Jamaica, February 14-25, 1973.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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Pleasant Court, Cleveland, Ohio, freed two ex-convicts because they had not been advised of their rights to counsel at the time of their arrest, though they had been involved in 274 crimes of larceny, house-breaking and burglary since 1964.

In freeing them, the judge said, "I know of no greater travesty of justice than to release two men like you. Neither of you is worthy of the protective features of the law. The pity of it is that the police were following existing rules at the time of their investigation."

PRAYER THOUGHT

Systems of laws on earth are filled with inequities and inequalities. But Christ, the perfect Judge, will one day officiate at the Judgment that will give everyone his just due.

(Devotions used by permission, *Knight's Illustrations for Today*, Moody Press.)

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BATHTUBS

Fishing for souls in the average church is like fishing for fish in our bathtub. They're not there. To catch souls, we must do as Jesus did—go where they are.

In Memory of Mrs. Victoria A. Watson



Mrs. Victoria A. Watson

The Kenly Free Will Baptist Church of Kenly, North Carolina, mourns the passing of one of its members, Mrs. Victoria A. Watson. The Lord called her to her heavenly reward on September 9, 1972. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. James V. Joyner, assisted by the Rev. Clarence Bowen of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilson, North Carolina.

Mrs. Watson was truly a servant of God. She served faithfully for many years in the ladies' auxiliary. Unless sick, she was always present for all of her church meetings, and she was active in these meetings, too.

Mrs. Watson's life was an influence on the younger people of her church as well as the younger people of her community. So often one could hear repeated, "If, at Mrs. Victoria's age, she can attend, we too ought to attend, so as not to be ashamed." She had great faith in her Lord and in her fellowman, too. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

The members of the Kenly church share the loss with Mrs. Watson's two sons, William A. (Bill) and Elwin; two daughters, Mrs. Grace Corbett and Mrs. Josephine Disney; and one sister, Miss Nellie Alford.

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Keeping up with the Joneses isn't half as dangerous as trying to pass the Smiths on a hill.

A Mountain of Ice

A friend said to William Lloyd Garrison, the antislavery crusader, "William, cool off! Moderate your imagination. You are on fire."

Garrison replied, "I have to be on fire. There is a mountain of ice about me."

Burning zeal for souls is greatly needed among God's children today. Moody said, "I would rather have zeal without

knowledge than knowledge without zeal."

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KINKS

J. C. Penney, merchant prince, said "Cooperation is not so much our learning how to get along with others as our taking the kinks out of ourselves so others can get along with us."

The Real Christmas

by Pat Boone

The somber beauty of a starry night . . . the clear, soft sound of distant singing . . . the happy laughter of children—what do these images call to mind?

Years ago most people would have answered, "Christmas, of course!" Today, however, some people feel that Christmas is no longer a time of peace and joy, but a season of frantic preparation. And yet for many people, the peace and the joy and the beauty remain. What makes the difference? How does anybody find the real Christmas today?

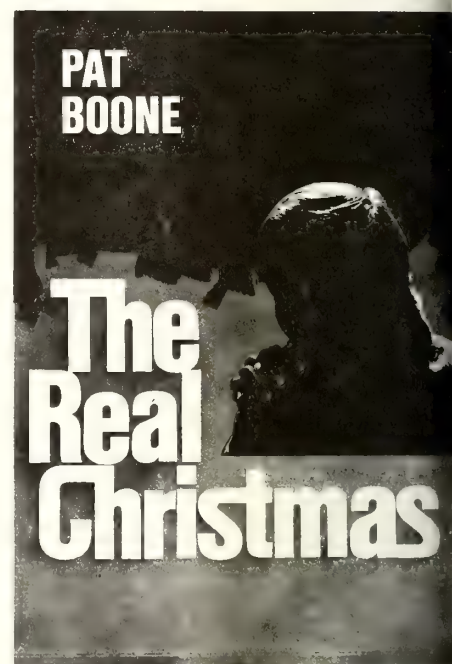
Pat Boone has found the real Christmas. He found it the year he and his wife Shirley prepared to celebrate their baby daughter's first Christmas, and its significance has become greater with each addition to the family and with each Christmas celebration.

In this family edition Pat shares his discoveries about the real Christmas with the reader. He describes two ways of approaching the manger—that of the shepherds and that of the Wise Men—and he explains the origins and meaning of some favorite traditions.

For readers of any age, this revised and updated edition of the book published several years ago will serve as a guide to the joyful preparation and celebration of the most significant holiday of the year. It is a challenge to us to become the discoverers and the guardians of the real Christmas.

About the Author:

Pat Boone, universally known for numerous recording hits in his relaxed style, has been taking a new direction in his life. Pat, his lovely wife Shirley,



and their four delightful daughters have been making family appearances across the country. Recently guests of President Nixon at the White House, the Boone family has been in great demand for television specials and other professional engagements. Pat starred in the movie version of **The Cross and the Switchblade**, and is the author of the current best seller **A New Song**.

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BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain the Scripture, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15). I have been told that this verse gives us the first promise of Christ as the Redeemer, which I cannot see.

Answer: It is generally agreed that the rendering of this verse in the revised versions helps one in seeing this. Note Genesis 3:15 in the American Standard Version, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Here God was speaking to the serpent. Observe here that God says, "he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." God promises to put enmity between the woman and the serpent. This enmity then is inbred. It is not only to be between these two but also between their seed or offspring. Jesus said that the Pharisees, as unsaved descendants of our foreparents, were the seed of the serpent or the offspring of the devil. Reading Matthew, Chapter 23, will give one to some extent the idea of the enmity that existed between Jesus, the woman's seed, and the Pharisees, the children of the devil. This animosity kept growing and asserting itself in these unsaved Jews until they, inspired of the devil, devised the most diabolic of all schemes: the crucifixion of Jesus. They made up a falsehood, hired false witnesses, railroaded the case through the Sanhedrin Court, and obtained a guilty verdict; then they went on to Pilate's judgment seat, and against his better judgment, secured their concurrence.

Jesus under such conditions was declared guilty and executed; therefore, that part of the prophecy was fulfilled. Jesus' flesh or body was symbolized by the heel. Isaiah predicted this: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). To receive a clearer understand-

ing, read all the chapter which enlarges upon this fact. The prophecy is first given in the degree of clarity we find in Genesis 3:15, but it is mentioned many times and given with greater detail in several chapters in the Old Testament. "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us" (Psalm 2:2, 3); "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart" (Psalm 40:6-8).

In coming to the earth, Jesus the God-man gave His life as a ransom for all sinners. At the same time God the Father offered Him as the sin offering for sinful mankind. The devil, however, was the active agent moving alike in sinful Jews' and sinful Gentiles' hearts to cause them to condemn and offer Jesus as that sin offering. This prophecy was repeatedly set forth in one figure after another. One good example is to be found in Abraham's explanation to Isaac when God had told Abraham to offer his son and Isaac did not know what the offering was to be. "And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together" (Genesis 22:7, 8). Then again we read in the Bible: "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

So God offered Jesus His Son (so far as the covenant was concerned) before the foundation of the earth, but Jesus voluntarily offered Himself as a ransom

to be so offered in our behalf. After this covenant the earth and man were created. Man sinned and the Old Testament was written; then Jesus came and fulfilled His obligation to die and be raised again. Jesus said: "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father" (John 10:17, 18). These Scriptures, when compared in the light of all that is said in the Bible on this subject, indicate that before the earth was created all the arrangements were consummated between God the Father and God the Son. Christ was to come and die for man, after man had been created and had deliberately turned from God, disobeying Him and obeying the devil who came to Adam and Eve in the serpent.

Louis T. Talbot, D.D., discusses this in a similar question found on Pages 30-31 in his book, **Bible Questions Explained**, as follows:

"God was speaking to the serpent, pronouncing upon him the curse; and this is part of that curse: 'I will put enmity between thee and the woman.' Now the serpent was Satan's tool; and Satan is the enemy of man. He is called 'your adversary the devil' (see 1 Peter 5:8); and he is ever seeking to turn man from the worship of God to the worship of himself. Truly he is our enemy. And even the serpent, which was Satan's tool, though doubtless once a beautiful creature, is man's enemy. He hisses when man approaches; and surely man hates the serpent. But the real hatred here referred to is that between 'that old serpent, which is the Devil' (see Revelation 20:2) and man.

"Now look at the next words: '... and between thy seed and her seed.' Here the 'seed of the woman' is none other than our Lord Jesus; and this is the first prophecy of His virgin birth. In many passages He is called 'the seed,' meaning the promised Son of Man. (Compare Genesis 21:12, where God said to Abraham, '... in Isaac shall thy seed be called' with Genesis 12:1-3, where God promised Abraham the Redeemer. See also Galatians 3:19, 4:4 and many other passages.) Jesus Christ, our Lord, was in very truth 'the seed of woman,' **not of man**; for He had no human father. Now Satan hates our Lord, seeks in every way to thwart His great purpose for
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STORIES

for our youth



ADVENTURE IN THE DARK

by Grace V. Watkins

BRAD SIMMONS woke with a start and sat up in bed. Darker than dark! Funny he should wake up during the night. He couldn't remember when that had happened before. Why couldn't he have kept on with that super dream about somebody giving him the final ten dollars that he needed for the red bicycle at McClaren's Store? What a dream! Well, at least Mr. McClaren had promised to hold the bicycle a month longer until he could get the ten dollars.

Brad sighed. There just weren't any odd jobs. Every job that he tracked down, some other fellow had got already.

Brad rubbed his eyes, slid out of bed, and looked at the electric clock on his dresser. Three o'clock! He tiptoed to the window and stared out at the house next door. The Barlows were great people, the very best neighbors. If only, Brad sighed, if only they would receive Jesus Christ into their hearts and get into some of the wonderful projects at church. I've tried and tried to talk to them about becoming Christians, Brad reminded himself. But they just don't seem interested.

He looked across the Barlows' back yard, at the garage that was dimly lighted by the street light in front of the house. Suddenly his heart almost jumped out of place. Somebody was trying to get into the garage! A thief? It must be! "I've got to let the Barlows know," Brad whispered to himself. In seconds he was downstairs dialing their phone number. If only they'd wake up

quickly! Brad practically held his breath. Then a voice sounded at the other end of the line, "John Barlow speaking."

Brad finally tumbled over his words, telling about the burglar.

"I'll phone the police right away." Mr. Barlow spoke excitedly. "And thanks a million for letting me know."

Brad heard the click of the receiver as it was replaced in the cradle. "Please, Lord," he prayed, "help the police get there in time." He tiptoed upstairs, pulled a chair to the window, and sat down to watch and wait. There would be no sleep now. This he had to see!

It seemed like a year before a squad car slid up the Barlow drive and policemen surrounded the garage. Luckily the thief had got into the garage by the time the police came, Brad thought. Otherwise the burglar might have slipped away in the darkness and not been caught. In minutes the burglar was in custody.

But why had the thief chosen the Barlow's garage? Their car was ten years old! Then Brad remembered Mr. Barlow's workshop in the back of the garage. In the workshop, there were plenty of tools, good ones. Maybe the burglar was after those.

The phone rang downstairs. Brad raced down. "Hello," he said, his hand shaking on the receiver.

Mr. Barlow's voice exploded with excitement. "You certainly saved the day, Brad. That fellow was after my tools. I had just bought two new ones, and I paid a lot for them."

"I'm glad I could help," Brad said.

"Come over in the morning," Mr. Barlow told Brad. "I'll have a reward for you. How much do you need to finish paying for that red bicycle?"

"Ten dollars," Brad told him. Surely

Mr. Barlow wasn't going to give him that much!

"Well, you can get your bicycle tomorrow."

Brad's voice was like a happy song. "That's great!" Suddenly Brad thought again about how often he had tried to talk to the Barlows about Jesus Christ. Was this going to be a big chance to try again? Aloud he said, "Mr. Barlow, could I talk to you and Mrs. Barlow about the Bible and Jesus Christ?"

For a long moment there was only silence at the other end of the line. Then in a quiet voice, Mr. Barlow said, "Yes, you may. I guess you've thought we were pretty cold on that subject. But every evening we've been reading the gospel of John that you gave us and talking about how much we need faith in our lives. We do want to become Christians. Will you tell us how to do it?"

Brad's heart pounded with joy. "Of course! Why don't you come over tomorrow night? I know Mom and Dad would love to have you come, and we all have a wonderful time talking about how great it is to be a Christian."

"It's a date—that is, if your folks haven't planned something else for tomorrow night," Mr. Barlow said, enthusiasm brimming in his voice. "Do you think seven-thirty would be a good time?"

"I'm sure that time is OK," Brad told him. "I'll let you know, though, after I talk to Mom and Dad in the morning."

"Fine! We'll be looking forward to it."

In minutes Brad was back in his room upstairs, on his knees by his bed, praying with such joy in his heart that he could hardly get the words out fast enough. "Thank You, Lord," he prayed "for waking me up and leading me to look out the window. Thank You that the Barlows are interested and that I've told them about Christ wasn't wasted. Help Mom and Dad and me to lead our neighbors to receive Jesus into their hearts."

Brad climbed into bed and pulled up the covers, thinking about everything that had happened. Life was simply super! What a day tomorrow would be! There couldn't be a greater thrill than leading someone to Jesus Christ!—A Pleasure.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS

Said Will Rogers, "I always like to hear a man talk about himself, because then I never hear anything but good."

A TRIBUTE OF LOVE AND HONOR TO OUR PREACHER LINK, MRS. LINK, AND JODI

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pastors and as missionaries. Several of our young people, under the sound of his voice as he allowed the Spirit of God to use him, have answered the call of God to full-time Christian service. Many Christians, young and old, as they have listened to his preaching of the gospel, have been challenged and inspired to fuller, richer service to God.

Preacher Link did not have a special time to preach and witness. Daily he was a witness for our Lord. He has a great love for the ministry and a craving to tell others about God. He has identified with the Apostle Paul, "... woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16) and "... the love of Christ constraineth us; ..." (2 Corinthians 5:14). He allowed God to use him in meeting the needs of many people of all types and ages, including the sick, the bereaved, and the shut-ins, not only of our own people, but also of others who were not of our denomination and those who were of no faith, who saw the love and compassion of God through the life of His servant.

In serving as the shepherd of the flock entrusted to him by God, Preacher Link helped us abundantly with our problems by showing us that our answers are found in Christ. He used every opportunity in spiritual counseling to present Christ. In times of sorrow he was always there to share our grief and, in times of joy, to share our happiness. He and Mrs. Link always gave freely and willingly and often sacrificially of their time to us; we always knew that we could depend on them. They spent endless hours in visiting the sick at the hospital and in homes, in going "soul winning" and also in getting in touch with those who were slack in their attendance to the Lord's House. In all ways, they not only taught and led us in the paths of righteousness, but they also walked with us. Preacher Link helped us to see and know that the true work of the church is evangelism: bearing witness to Christ in the world, through the preaching of the word and by example.

On July 9, 1972, we sat with mixed emotions as our pastor, a man whom we had grown to love not only as our pastor, but also as a friend, as brothers and sisters in Christ, told us that as surely as God had called him to serve as the

pastor of our church, that God had called him a second time and that he and his family had answered the call of God to the mission field. Not only has he challenged us by the Word of God to be missionaries right here in our own communities, not only has he encouraged our young people to commit and to surrender their lives to the work of the Lord, but he himself has been challenged and has seen the field that is "... white already to harvest" (John 4:35). He has heard the voice of Jesus as He said, "... as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). His text for the message that morning was taken from this latter Scripture.

On Sunday, September 24, our pastor delivered his closing, challenging sermon to his flock, to a chosen people whose hearts God has touched. Scripture was taken from 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, ..."

The evening service was a very special one. Our pastor brought a message from Acts 13:1-3. We then took part in our regular communion service, thankful that we were able to partake and share in the Lords' Supper on our parting night.

At the close of the service, our missionaries, Vance, Mattie, and Jodi, came forward and we as a church knelt around the altar while our deacons laid their hands on them. Prayers of thanksgiving were lifted to God for calling them as missionaries. Requests were made asking that God's blessings be upon them. The Spirit of God was very real and close as we as a church joined hands around the altar of God. Tears flowed freely and voices sang out in praise and gratitude, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. ..."

We know that we could in no way share with you all the times of joy and of sorrow, the trials and the blessings that have been ours for the glory of God during the ten years that Preacher Link, Mattie, and Jodi have loyally and faithfully served God through our church. But out of hearts filled with love and gratitude we want everyone to know that we love them and that they are very special to us. We want them to know that they have a constant place in our prayers and supplications. We

ask that God might fill them with knowledge, with great zeal and boldness, and that they might always be led by the Spirit of Christ. We could never express enough our thankfulness to God for having had the privilege of laboring together with the Links for Christ. We, in our simply inadequate way, want to say "thank you" to them and to God for allowing them to be a part of our lives and our community. We look forward to the day when we all will meet and share in the eternal glories of heaven. And, if Jesus tarries, maybe He will call them again "to stand in the gap" for His work here.

But until then, our song shall ever be, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

The following song by E. Margaret Clarkson expresses in some measure the feelings of the Community church congregation as we bade farewell to the Links:

SO SEND I YOU

So send I you to labor unrewarded,
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing—
So send I you to toil for Me alone.

So send I you to bind the bruised and broken,
O'er wandering souls to work, to weep, to wake,
To bear the burdens of a world a weary—
So send I you to suffer for My sake.

So send I you to loneliness and longing,
With heart a hung'ring for the loved and known,
Forsaking home and kindred, friend, and dear one—
So send I you to know my love alone.

So send I you to leave your life's ambition,
To die to dear desire, self-will resign,
To labor long and love where men revile you—
So send I you to lose your life in mine.

So send I you to hearts made hard by hatred,
To eyes made blind because they will not see,
To spend—though it be blood—to spend and spake not—
So send I you to taste of Calvary.

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:2, 3).

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THEY THAT KNOW

John Flavel commented, "They that know God will be humble, and they that know themselves cannot be proud."

ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 24



The Promised Messiah

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 23:5, 6; 33:14-16;
Matthew 2:1-12

Memory Verse: Luke 1:68

I. INTRODUCTION

It has been said that the theme of the entire Bible is Jesus Christ. The Old Testament prophesies His coming and the New Testament records the fact that He came. This is a true statement; however, a word of explanation ought to be offered. The Old Testament not only has prophecies about His first advent, but also about His second coming; and often the two advents are so interwoven that one has to be careful to separate them. Then the New Testament not only records the fact of His first advent, but it also prophesies His second coming.

The Old Testament prophesies in such detail about His first coming that it is difficult to understand how any one could fail to recognize Christ as the promised Messiah. Genesis 3:15, which is recognized as the first promise of the Messiah in the Bible, tells us that He will be the seed of a woman; that is, He will be born into human flesh. In the covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18), we are told that this promised Messiah will be born of the seed of Abraham. This identifies Him as to nationality. Later Scriptures identify Him as belonging to the tribe of Judah and the family of David. There are other Old Testament Scriptures that tell us that He will be born of a virgin in the city of Bethlehem.—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. In God's glory His angel announced a Saviour, and eager shepherds found Him lying in a manger. Wise men from afar sought a king, and they found Him with Mary in Bethlehem. Herod failed to kill the king, and so He lived till it was time for Him to die as the Saviour. Caiaphas and Pilate succeeded in killing Him, but still he lives to save and to rule.

B. As we rejoice in our Saviour let us never forget that He is also our king. We belong to Him both because He created us and because He bought us with His own life. We owe Him our loyal obedience as well as our sincere worship.

C. Come to Jesus. This is the climactic message of Christmas. Jacob promised that to Him shall the gathering of the people be (see Genesis 49:10). Luke records that shepherds came swiftly from nearby fields, and Matthew tells that wise men came more slowly from afar; but both came to worship Him.

D. Come to Jesus. This is the call to all mankind. The simple shepherds were wise enough to accept the revelation of heavenly angels and to go quickly to Bethlehem. The wise men steeped in all the ancient learning of the East were simple enough to accept the revelation given to the prophet, and they too turned their steps from the royal city of Jerusalem to the little village of Bethlehem. In that lowly village they found the king of the Jews and the king of heaven.

E. Come to Jesus. No one is too simple to hear the call of the gospel and respond; no one is wise enough to find a better way. When all the knowledge of modern science is added to all the learning of the ancients, the way of salvation remains unknown until found in God's revelation.

F. Come to Jesus. "... there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). A poet has said, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave," and human experience confirms it. But the Scripture says, "... the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18). God's revelation tells of life eternal in that city where they need no sun. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

G. Come to Jesus. Take from Him sal-

vation and life and joy everlasting, these can be had from no one else. Go to Him valiant endeavor and loving obedience, for no one else is so worthy your heart's devotion.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. The word "Messiah" refers to the Anointed One. In the Scriptures the Messiah has a twofold relationship: to the nation of Israel and the other the entire world of men. The latter involves the redemptive program of God which He had announced shortly after the fall of man (see Genesis 3:15). In connection with Israel, the Messiah is their Deliverer and hope. He is portrayed in the Old Testament as both reigning and suffering. The New Testament presents Christ, whose name means "anointed," as the fulfillment of the prophecy of the long-awaited Messiah of Israel.

B. When the wise men arrived in Bethlehem and saw the Infant Jesus, they may well have asked one another, "Is this what we have waited for all these centuries? We expected a King, and now that we are here, we find a helpless Baby!"

The birth of Jesus reminds us of the divine possibilities which may lie hidden in unpromising people and places. God is not confined to the dramatic and spectacular events and places of life. We are prone to believe that only the big headlines depict happenings which are important. The birth of Jesus probably did not make the headlines, but it was infinitely more important than anything else which happened that day. His birth changed the course of human history. Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

When we think on these things Christmas should mean more to us than ever before. We should do all within our power to keep from losing Christmas and its meaning in the glitter and excitement of this season. On this day, Christmas Eve, we should rededicate ourselves once more to the task of telling the world the wonderful story of Christ's birth and how through His grace the world may be saved. We must determine not to be as the scribes when summoned by Herod: they knew the truth, knew where Christ was, but were unfaithful in the use of that knowledge. Cowards that they were, they chose to deny Christ and to die in their sins.

D. God has endowed us with the greatest message known to man. He has commissioned us with the greatest privilege (continued on page sixteen)

Questions & Answers

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an, sought His worship and failed to
tain it—in every particular there is
mity between our sinless Saviour and
e arch-enemy of our souls.

"And now let us read further in
Genesis 3:15: (American Standard ver-
sion) ' . . . He (Christ) shall bruise thy
head (God was speaking to the serpent,
member), and thou shalt bruise his
heel.' The head is the seat of govern-
ment and all control of the body. Our
Lord potentially bruised Satan's 'head'
when He died and rose again; and He
will seal Satan's doom forever when He
casts him into the lake of fire, to be
 . . . tormented day and night for ever
and ever' (Revelation 20:10). But Satan
has already bruised our Lord's 'heel,'
which speaks of His physical body, when
He put Him on the cross. Thank God!
Death could not hold Him; and His re-
demptive work is finished!"

One needs to be careful that he not
omit God in His foreknowledge and om-
niscience for His power and knowledge
are unlimited. The Bible makes it clear
that He has known everything from the
beginning. He predestined or prearrang-
ed everything according to His fore-
knowledge. God has never been sur-
prised at anything that occurred. He
knew it would happen before He created
anything. Paul tells us: "For by him
are all things created, that are in heav-
en and that are in earth, visible and in-
visible, whether they be thrones, or do-
minions, or principalities, or powers: all
things were created by him, and for
him: And he is before all things, and by
him all things consist" (Colossians 1:
17).

But of course we must remember that
He also made it clear that He and the
Father worked together rather than in-
dependent of each other in all these
things. He made it just as clear that we
are nothing apart from Him, that as Chris-
tians we are in Him, He is in the Father
and that whatever we do of good is in
Him. Our redemption comes through
Him, but that is not all, for He per-
forms His redemptive work through us.
The Bible says of us in this, the church
age: "And all things are of God, who
has reconciled us to himself by Jesus
Christ, and hath given to us the min-
istry of reconciliation; . . . Now then
we are ambassadors for Christ, as
though God did beseech you by us: we
pray you in Christ's stead, as ye recon-
ciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:18, 20).

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FISHERS OF MEN

by Bruce Wood

Bruce is a freshman at California Christian College in Fresno, California. His essay comes to us through the courtesy of President Wade T. Jernigan of the College.

Imagine walking by the Sea of Galilee, with a steady wind blowing in your face. There are two men casting their net into the sea, trying to catch some fish because this is their trade. But there's a third man entering onto the scene. A man who looks normal enough, but something sets him apart, makes you want to know him. He walks up to the two brothers, Simon and Andrew, and simply says, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Yes, simple words, but they spun these two men around on their heels. They left their nets lying there on the beach, left their only livelihood behind them, and followed this man called Jesus.

What did He mean by those words, "fishers of men"? He meant that He was going to show Peter and Andrew how to catch men, to win souls into the kingdom of God. He was going to show them how to cast their nets into the sea of sinners, haul in lost, searching, hell-bound men, and put them on God's stringer. He gave them the rod and reel, the bait, and even the river to make their catch in.

To follow Christ, and be admitted into a partnership of His ministry, was a great honour, but the man had to be prepared and able to do the job that God wanted him to do, then God would call him. To me, this is why Bible college, particularly California Christian College, is necessary for me and for any person who wants to be used of God. Peter and Andrew were fishermen, they knew their trade, and Jesus beckoned them to become fishers of men. Some people do not wait for the call, do not give God a chance to test them and call them. They want to be fishers of men, but they don't know how to cast a net. This again points back to the need of preparing yourself. While preparing to write this, I did not know that it would be a testimony for the school. But I am praying that God will help me to be prepared, through this school, to be a fisher of men.

We can barely see the three men, now,

as they walk down the beach toward another date with destiny. The beach is quiet now, and there is not much to see. Or is there? There lies a net, just lying there with no one to cast or mend it. The men who relied on that net to make a living are now following the Master. Beside the net lie two old lives. Two new lives are now following the steps of the man Jesus. All around you, there is a feeling in the air where Jesus walked and talked. You can still feel the presence of the Master Fisherman.

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Sunday School Lesson

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lege heaven can give; to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all men. But He has never forced us to accept the role; He only wants us to believe Him and do as He commands. The choice is left with us. We can obey or we can like the scribes of old, acknowledge the truth but fail to affirm our acceptance of it.—The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).



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THE LAST NOEL

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It is Christmas. Lights are blinking red and green in traditional fashion. The tree is adorned with its brightly colored ornaments. The fireplace is cozy, and atop the mantle the old pendulum clock ticks the minutes away. A nativity scene sits on a table by the window. Hanging by the chimney are the stockings that last night had been filled with goodies that now are scattered on the floor, on the couch, on the chairs—just everywhere—along with crumpled Christmas wrappings and crushed ribbons which had decorated packages that lay under the tree.

The children scamper about, shouting merrily as they try out each new toy, never concentrating on any particular one long at the time. There are so many little cars, trains, games, dolls, balls and bats, wagons—all the delights of childhood in excess. Apples and oranges fill the early morning air with their pleasant smell as they are bitten into and left unfinished, unwanted, something else claiming the interest of the children.

In the kitchen Mother is joyfully preparing a plentiful dinner of turkey, pumpkin pie, and all that goes with it, singing as she works. Daddy is reading the paper, watching TV at intervals, and dozing whenever the chatter of the Christmas morning subsides long enough for him to do so. This is a happy house, warm and carefree, enjoying this Christmas and anticipating many more of the same kind, with the same spirit and gaiety.

Across the street it is Christmas also, but Christmas for this household is not quite the same. Lights still blink red and green, and the tree is also decorated with its colorful ornaments. A fire burns in this fireplace too, and atop this mantle an old-fashioned clock ticks away the minutes. One difference here is that each minute represents precious time, an abundance of which is not left.

In this house crumpled Christmas wrappings and crushed ribbons also lie on the floor, but in one neat pile by the couch on which is lying a little sick girl. Her smile is strained as she fondles her doll and other gifts that formerly would have brought shouts of laughter from her happy heart. This Christmas finds her too weak to react in the normal childlike way. Disease has taken its toll, and try as she may, she cannot burst forth with the enthusiasm that her heart wants to feel.

Her mother also is in her kitchen preparing the usual turkey-trimmed dinner, but no song escapes her lips, for she realizes that her little girl will be unable to enjoy the sumptuous meal, however tempting. Her appetite has dwindled steadily, and her body has become increasingly weak. The father watches TV, drawing attention to a particularly interesting Christmas story, hoping to see the long-departed light in his little girl's eyes once more. She smiles sadly, but the light is not there.

It is quiet in this house. A certain sadness suppresses the gaiety that formerly filled these rooms at Christmastime. Mother finds it difficult to hold back her tears, and Father swallows hard each time he touches the blonde head of his only child. She reaches her hand in his direction and lets it fall, not having the strength to hold it out for him. He rushes to her side, cuddling her fondly and sending a prayer to heaven that the end will not be painful. The little girl has been sent home to die. This will be her last Christmas.

Sad? Yes. Morbid? Perhaps. Melodramatic? In the opinion of some. Yet this is a real happening—real in many houses all over the world. Amid the laughing and shouting and unrestrained merriment of Christmastime is a seriousness that some never realize, never stop to consider. Joy to the world is exclaimed; peace on earth is wished for and prayed for and spoken often to quieten the uneasy. Spiked punch and uproarious parties make it all complete for some who let the social take preeminence and tarnish, if not destroy, the golden meaning of the season.

A little girl lies dying somewhere, trying her best to enjoy Christmas, her thoughts dulled by fatigue and illness. Somehow she must know that this is her last Christmas. It may very well be ours too. Had you thought about that?

On a hillside near Bethlehem some two thousand years ago, the angels sang about the first Noel. Will this be the last one? Just think. . . .

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A Saviour Born!

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Is there any more seasonal greetings to you? For many people Christmas will be only another holiday as well as another year. But what will this Christmas mean to you?

The warmth of the season seems to be in the fancy of many people as they hurry to and fro buying brightly colored packages and sending cards to their friends. What is the rush all about because there are still a few more days before Christmas! Carols are being sung. Children seem to watch patiently as parade floats pass before their very eyes filled with much anticipation. Toys and goodies are baked or bought along with gay decorations and Christmas lights blink on and off. It is a delightful time for families to be together. Tables are laden with different kinds of delicious food. Gifts of fruit are sent to the poor shut-in people in the community. Hearts are warmed because of someone caring for others. Finally, work will stop for twenty-four hours. Everyone is to be celebrating; yet, there is a sense of calmness. This calmness and

peace of mind form over all the world; therefore, Christmas does not mean just these few things.

For Christmas to be genuine and not commercialized, it must be kept as a celebration of the greatest event in history—the birth of a Saviour of mankind. One of the best ways to know about this Saviour is through the Bible or the Word of God.

In Luke 2:1-17, these words are found:

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

To the Christian and to the world, this is an old, old story of a Person who was

no ordinary Babe. His birth was an event which the world should never forget because it gave a new meaning of life for mankind. Jesus was born to give life to all who would believe on Him. His ministry of three short years spread to many sections of the world in the years after He gave up His life on the Cross to save His people. Jesus always went about doing good for others.

Is this from where the true meaning of giving came? How this seems to hurt mankind today! Have you ever thought that this may be God's way of showing man how to know Christ better? The wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh when He was born on that first Christmas morning. He grew from a tiny Babe into the Light of the world, the shining Star to the world, and the Door of salvation.

As you approach this, another Christmas season, look into the eyes of the Babe who was born in a manger at Bethlehem. Then you can see Christmas as a religious celebration of the Lord. This does not mean that there will be no giving of gifts, sending of seasonal greetings, gathering of families, parades, lighting of trees, singing of carols, delicious foods, or the sharing of what we have with others. Just don't be too busy to forget Him! Remember the words of God and the song of the angel of long ago—"... Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10, 11).

Christmas and New Year's Holidays

The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and the Christian Bookstore and Gift Shop in Ayden, North Carolina, and the branch bookstores in Smithfield, New Bern, and Wilson, North Carolina, will be closed for Christmas holidays on December 25 and 26.

The Press and bookstores will also be closed on New Year's Day, January 1, 1973.

Two Loves

There are two loves from which all good and truth come: love of the Lord and love of the neighbor. And there are two loves from which all evils and falsities come: the love of self and the love of the world.—Emanuel Swedenborg.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Scripture Reading—John 5:40

"TAKE IT, JOHN"

A sorrowful wife stood just outside a psychopathic ward in a great hospital. Her husband, a patient in the hospital, was with her. He looked vacantly into space as she pleaded, "John, here's a Christmas present for you. Take it, John, and look at it."

John made no move. Again the plea was made. "John, dear, all of us at home thought you would like your present so much. Look at it, John. Isn't it nice?"

The loving, urging voice failed to reach John's mind. He was powerless to grasp the meaning of a Christmas gift.

Millions in the world today are like John. They refuse God's great gift of love—the Saviour. There is this difference, however, between that mentally sick man and those who refuse God's gift: he didn't knowingly refuse the gift offered to him, but many people deliberately and knowingly refuse the gift of God—the Saviour and eternal life.

PRAYER THOUGHT

What a simple plea God makes of us! Why is it so hard for us to accept eternal life in heaven?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:1-19

THE AFTERGLOW

After the carols have ended

And the gifts have been placed away,
The candles burned out their brightness

And the snow has melted to gray;
After the holly has withered

And the berries have all turned brown,
The carpets sparkled with tinsel

When all needles came tumbling down,
With all the merriment ending

And the embers are burning low,
May the Christ, the Heart of Christmas,

Fill and brighten the afterglow.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The celebration of a birthday—without the person born on that day—would surely be empty. How much more so when that Person is Christ!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Scripture Reading—John 12:27

MY HOUSE IS WAITING

A missionary visiting a Pygmy village in Africa recognized a man to whom he had previously given a Bible. "Have you received God's Word into your heart?" he asked.

"Yes, I have, and my people have received it, too. Every night we meet for prayer. We sing 'Jesus Loves Me' and 'What Can Wash Away My Sins?' Then we ask God to protect us through the night."

"That's fine," said the missionary. Then he asked, "If you should die, would you go to heaven?"

The Pygmy stood at attention, saluted smartly and replied, "When I die, I will go straight to God's village. I will salute Him and say, 'Greetings, God! I have come to my house in Your Village!' When God asks me what right I have to enter, I will tell Him that His Son, Jesus Christ, died for me and that I have received Him as my Saviour. Then God will say to me, 'Enter into the joys of your Lord! Your house is waiting for you!'"

PRAYER THOUGHT

Surely this is the perfect ending to a truly dedicated, Christian man's life. May we all be as assured as this man was when Judgment Day comes!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Scripture Reading—Hebrews 2:18

JESUS UNDERSTANDS

Joseph Mallord Turner, English painter, invited Charles Kingsley to his studio to see a picture of a storm at sea. In rapt admiration, Kingsley exclaimed, "It's wonderful! It's so realistic! How did you do it?"

The artist replied, "I went to the coast of Holland and engaged a fisherman to take me out to sea in the next storm. Entering his boat as a storm was brewing, I asked him to bind me to the mast. Then he steered his boat into the teeth of the storm."

"The storm raged with such fury that at times I longed to be in the bottom of the boat where the waves would blow over me. I could not, however. I was bound to the mast. Not only did I see the storm in its raging fury. I felt it! It blew into me, as it were, until I became a part of it. After this terrible ordeal, I returned to my studio and painted the picture."—*Told by Bishop Slattery.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Jesus Christ suffered greatly, with no one to turn to except God; we suffer in small ways, but God is still there to help—in the midst of any storm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Scripture Reading—Song of Solomon 8:6, 7

"I WILL NEVER GIVE YOU UP"

A Christian couple was engaged to be

married. When World War II came, young man enlisted. Letters telling their ardent love were written daily. Two weeks passed without the young woman hearing from her fiancé. In distress, wrote the War Department in Washington. While she waited for a reply, she received a letter which said: "There has been other terrible battle, and I have lost 1 of my arms. My chaplain is writing letter for me. Because of what has happened to me, I tearfully release you from our engagement."

The noble girl didn't write an answer. She immediately flew to the distant hospital to see her fiancé. A most touching scene took place at his bedside when she said, "I love you devotedly. I will never give you up. We will face life together and live for God and for each other."—*Told by an army chaplain.*

PRAYER THOUGHT

Love between a man and a woman is truly blissful, but how blessed when it is present.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:16

"FROM A CHILD THOU HAST KNOWN SCRIPTURES"

Little Ruthie and Bruce, ages three and five, were delighted to visit Grandpa. Grandpa was happy to see them. He repeated nursery rhymes to them. The children couldn't readily identify the characters whom the rhymes spoke. Grandpa said, "They don't know much."

Mother, who had sat silently, said, "They do know something." Then she said to Bruce, "Quote Romans 3:23." He quoted it, Bruce asked, "Grandpa, shall I quote some other verses?" He quoted sixteen more verses, and Ruth quoted some between.

Grandpa was thrilled! Later, he showed them to nearby neighbors and relatives to show them how well the children knew the Scriptures. As the children quoted God's Word, it entered the heart as it never done.

PRAYER THOUGHT

The little babes of today may be saved from this sinful, wicked world in which we live.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Scripture Reading—Acts 24:16

MISDEEDS BECOME ALIVE ON STAGE OF MEMORY

Many people hate the desert. They are afraid of it because they are afraid of being alone with themselves. If they were alone in the middle of the desert for a week, they would crack up mentally. I have seen it happen. I knew a man who sprained his ankle and couldn't travel. The police he was with had to go on, but they left him an ample supply of water, food, matches, and wood. All he had to do was (continued on page eleven)

For Christmas: Things" or Christ

by Mrs. Hersel Bowen
Winterville, North Carolina

As you begin to read this, if possible, touch someone. Do you feel the warmth, the beat of the pulse? In other words, do you feel life? As you look at this person, remember that you are looking at the temple of a soul; you are touching life itself.

We seldom give a serious thought to a person when we pass him on the street. We see an old man or woman as he goes away his lonely days, and think of it. Yet, we know that within the temple of his body lives a soul—a soul that will spend eternity somewhere. It is time for us really to think about our complacency, for all too often our attitude is, "I'll take care of me; you do the same."

We should remember the Scripture in the Bible that reads, "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go and tell thy friends, and tell them how all things the Lord hath done for thee, and how he hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 16:7). The Lord has done great things for all of us. But where have we been? To whom have we told the marvelous things that God has done for us and what He will and can do for others? Why do we say that we do not have the time? For what is our time spent? We say that we love people. And, oh, we are quick to send a missionary to another country. But what about someone in our own home or a next door neighbor or a close friend?

Yes, we say that we have much compassion for others. Yet, we should note that compassion is defined, "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." We must do something. Having a sympathetic attitude and doing nothing is like having faith without works: It is dead. What is more important than a soul, whether it be that of our fellowman or our own?

Now, if possible, touch a piece of furniture. Cold . . . dead . . . hard—yes, no life. Yet we are using our time, our very health, to concern ourselves with "things." We concern ourselves with the brick and mortar of a house, its furnishings, its cherry hardwood floors, etc. Ours must be the biggest and best of all! Does this sound like you and me? Most of us have enough worldly goods to buy the things we need—and a lot of the things we want. But is this house, that car, ever good enough for us? No! It seems that we never get any nice enough. I have to ask myself this question, Why do I spend so much time and health on the things of this world when I am just passing through?

Friends, we are just going to be here for a little while. We shall spend far more time in eternity—endless time. It is time for all of us to prepare for eternity. Things shall decay and time as we know it here will pass away. Let's all of us as God's children be about our heavenly Father's business. His business pays the best wages one can earn.

We read in the Bible, ". . . the wages of sin is death; . . ." (Romans 6:23). This is one debt that we all shall pay—if we die outside the Lord. Thanks be to God that Jesus Christ paid it all for you and me. May all of us become more concerned about the souls of our fellowmen. Someday (if you have not already) you will touch a loved one's body, cold in death. It will be too late, too late to speak to him about his soul. Do it now while there is still time. Remember the words of Mark 5:19: ". . . Go home . . . tell them . . . the Lord . . . hath had compassion. . . ." At this Christmastime you can give God no greater gift than your soul. God has given us the greatest gift—Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Churches and Ministers Available

(NOTE: This column is provided, when needed, for any church that is seeking a pastor and for any minister who is seeking a church to serve and would like to give such notice. Please send the necessary information to the editor of "The Free Will Baptist." Each notice will run for two issues only.)

The Rev. Lloyd Barnette was recently ordained in the Eastern Conference of North Carolina and is now serving and enjoying supply pastoring for various churches, hoping to have a full-time church to pastor in the near future. Anyone wishing to contact him may do so by writing 1707 West Washington Avenue, Kinston, North Carolina, or by phoning 523-3566.

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The Rev. P. C. Wiggs is available to visit churches throughout North Carolina, to preach for one Sunday only at each church. He may be reached by writing Route 2, Box 160, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801; or by telephoning Bill Wiggs, Tarboro, North Carolina, at 823-5958.

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I would like to recommend John Melancon to any church which needs an interim pastor or one which might need him as a part-time or regular pastor.

John is a licensed minister in good standing in the Western Conference and is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Wilson, North Carolina. He is a student presently at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, and is a dedicated young man of God. He has preached for me on several occasions and has been enthusiastically received.

If interested, you may contact him by phone at Bailey, North Carolina, 235-3475, or write to him at Box 188, Bailey 27807.

C. F. Bowen

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The Golden Present

One important source of unhappiness is the habit of putting off living to some fictional future date. Men and women are constantly making themselves unhappy because in deferring their lives to the future they lose sight of the present and its golden opportunities for rich living.—W. Beran Wolfe.

News & Notes of DENOMINATIONAL INTEREST

Little Rock FWB Church Has Full Schedule of Activities

Recent days have been busy for the congregation of Little Rock Free Will Baptist Church, Lucama, North Carolina. Activities have been many and varied during the Thanksgiving season, and more are planned for the immediate future as Christmas approaches.

A series of moving revival services was held November 20-23 with the Rev. Fred Rivenbark as evangelist. Several confessions and many rededications of Christians were made. Just prior to the revival, the women's auxiliary had a study course entitled "Communicating Love Through Prayer." On the last night of the revival, a family fellowship for those attending was held in the educational building.

A pre-Thanksgiving worship service was held that proved to be a real inspiration to all. Donations brought for the Children's Home included linen (sheets and towels), stuffed toy animals, and a cash offering of \$375. An additional donation for the Children's Home of \$165 was made by the YFA-AFC group.

Additional activities include the meeting of the Western Conference Ministers' Fellowship, scheduled for last night, December 19, at 7:30. The speaker for the occasion was scheduled to be Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, speaking on the topic, "The Minister and His Personal Needs."

Scheduled Christmas activities include the Christmas cantata on Sunday night, December 17, to be followed by the annual Christmas tree program sponsored by the Sunday school.

Ministers and Wives of Albemarle Conference Enjoy Fellowship Supper

A fellowship supper was held for the ministers and their wives of the Albemarle Conference at the Edenton Restaurant in Edenton, North Carolina, on December 8. It was an enjoyable occasion for all; each one present received a spiritual blessing.

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with the Rev. Charlie Overton presiding. Welcome was given by the Rev. Robert May;

the Rev. Robert Rawlins responded. The Rev. Harry Jones led the devotions, which were very inspiring.

The Ladies' Quintet from Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina, sang "I Want to Stroll over Heaven with You" and "When All of God's Singers Get Home." Each minister then introduced himself and his wife, and stated his pastorate. Several announcements preceded the serving of the dinner. The dinner itself was delicious and was enjoyed by all.

Special guests for the evening were the Rev. and Mrs. Greenway of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Mr. Greenway was the speaker for the occasion. He brought a very challenging message from God's Word. Following his message, the ladies' quintet rendered four more songs. The singing of these ladies was received by all as a real spiritual blessing.

It was a very joyous occasion. We are looking forward to another such gathering in the near future, which will be announced at a later date. We do sincerely regret that some of our ministers and their wives were unable to be with us at this time. We do pray that they will be able to attend our next fellowship supper.

First Union Meeting of Western Conference to Be Held in Wilson

The First Union Meeting of the Western Conference will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Granger and Barnhill Streets, Wilson, North Carolina, on Saturday, December 30, 1972. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The program is as follows:

10:00—Morning Devotional, the Rev. J. B. Godwin

10:15—Welcome, the Rev. C. F. Bowen, host pastor

—Response, the Rev. Roland Cherry

10:20—Business Session

11:00—News from Denominational Enterprises

11:20—Reports of Committees

11:30—Morning Worship

—Congregational Singing

—Offering for Children's Home

—Special Music, host church
—Sermon, the Rev. F. A. Rivenbark
12:30—Adjournment and Lunch
Dewey Boling, Moderator
C. F. Bowen, Clerk

Christmas Pageant Planned At Holly Springs FWB Church

The Young Adult Sunday School Class of Holly Springs Free Will Baptist Church will present a pageant entitled "The Night Our Saviour Was Born" on Saturday, December 23, at 7 p.m. The church is located at Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina. The public is cordially invited.

New Subscription Rates

Beginning with the January 3 issue of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST, the following subscription rates will be in effect:

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| One year | \$ 3.50 |
| Two years | \$ 6.50 |
| Four years | \$12.00 |

No December 27 Issue

In accord with our policy of printing only 50 issues of THE FREE WILL BAPTIST each year, there will be no issue on December 27. The next issue printed will be dated January 3, 1973.

CHRISTMAS

I have always thought of Christmas-time when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys.—Charles Dickens.

Three Steps

There are three steps leading to the place where harmony lives, yet they are hard to climb. The first is to think kindly of one's neighbor. The second is to speak kindly to him. The third is to act kindly toward him. The reason they are hard to climb is that we are too busily engaged in thinking well of ourselves, speaking well of ourselves, and acting in a manner which we think will do ourselves the most good.

AN OPEN LETTER TO FWB CHURCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Rev. P. C. Wiggs

As most of you who know me personally know, my health began to fail in March, 1950, when tragedy struck my family in the form of fire. My home and all its contents were destroyed, and my wife and three children were killed. This happened on Sunday morning, March 5, 1950, at 11:30 a.m., while I was in the pulpit preaching at Juniper Chapel church in Vanceboro, North Carolina.

This was the breaking point in my health, and I have never been a well person since. I continued to preach and to pastor churches, however, until August 30, 1965. The doctors had advised me several years prior to this that it would be in the best interest of my health to give up preaching as well as all other secular work.

In 1952 I was afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis; in 1954 I developed a stomach ulcer; and in 1958 I developed diabetes. I continued, however, to preach on a full-time basis until August, 1965. I developed a second ulcer in my stomach in October, 1965. I underwent surgery and had seventy-five percent of my stomach removed. On June 1, gangrene set in in my feet and legs, and it was necessary to have my left leg amputated on June 17, 1969. Then I was confined to a wheelchair due to the condition of my right leg. On January 31, 1972, I lost my right leg due to the same cause. During all this time, I was still afflicted with rheumatoid arthritis.

I have very little strength and use of my hands and arms due to arthritis, but my overall health is better now than it has been for several years, and I praise God for this marvelous blessing. I still have much for which to be thankful. I still have my voice, and can still preach the gospel when given an opportunity to do so. My former pastorates and my many Christian friends have been such a blessing to my life, through their prayers, cards, letters, personal visits, and financial support.

My main purpose in writing this open letter to every Free Will Baptist church in North Carolina is to enlighten you on my condition, my feelings, and my desire to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. I realize that no church wants a minister who cannot walk and get around on his own; certainly that is out

An Opinion On Capital Punishment

by Danny Davis

(Mr. Davis is a member of the White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina. He is teacher of the young people's class and president of the Men's Brotherhood.)

I know that we have all been shocked recently by the death of our state highway patrolman, but, as Col. Edwin Guy has already stated, we can expect more. All the while these deaths go on, there is a clamor in our country for the abolishment of capital punishment. Are we to assume that these great men of intellect are wiser and more merciful than God? It is because we have disregarded His word that there is so much bloodshed.

The sixth commandment is "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13). But we find in Deuteronomy 7:2, "... thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; . . ." This contradiction spoken by Moses will not be one if we come and reason together. The sixth commandment is a warning against personal vengeance. We also must realize that all killing is not murder, because God has authorized human government to take life in the keeping of His law. For example, we read in Genesis 9:5, 6: "And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood

of the question. I was ordained to preach the gospel in the Free Will Baptist Church on November 18, 1937, and have pastored some of the leading churches in eastern North Carolina. I enjoyed my ministry very much and love people. My whole desire is still to have an opportunity to preach the gospel as providence may afford. Therefore, I would appreciate hearing from any pastor or church, regardless of distance, that would like to have me visit for a Sunday morning service (one only). The pastor and church may set the date. There would be absolutely no charge for my service; however, if the church wanted to give me a love offering, I would appreciate this very much. My only income is regular retirement at 65 under Social Security.

You can contact me by writing Route 2, Box 160, Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801; or by telephoning Bill Wiggs, Tarboro, North Carolina, at 823-5958.

be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Exodus 21:12 reads, "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death." The Bible tells us who is to carry out this punishment in Romans 13:1-7. Verse 4 reads, "... But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

You might respond that Christ said to love your enemies; however, he also said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17, 18). Even Christ submitted to Pilate's orders when He said, "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above" (see John 19:11).

Then we see that execution of a criminal is not murder. It is the rightful carrying out of the law of God—the law that man is trying to destroy.

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Courage and Sacrifice

One stormy day a coast guard was ordered to the rescue of a liner wrecked off the coast of New England. An old and tried seaman was in charge, but the members of the crew were for the most part young, untested men. When one of them comprehended the situation, he turned white-faced to the captain and said, "Sir, the wind is off-shore, the tide is running out. We can go out, but against this wind and tide we cannot come back."

The grim old captain faced the young man and said, "Launch the boat; we go out."

"But sir—" protested the young man. "We don't have to come back," replied the captain.

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Better Begin Now

A young girl said to her mother, just after a white-haired visitor had left their home, "If I could be such a nice old lady as that—so beautiful and sweet—I wouldn't mind growing old."

The mother replied, "Well, Janie, if you want to be that kind of an old lady, you'd better begin now. She didn't become a lady like that in a hurry."

Mount Olive College happenings

MOUNT OLIVE, NORTH CAROLINA

Report on Mount Olive College Chapel Project

W. Burkette Raper, President

Since the day Mount Olive College opened, one of the deepest desires of Free Will Baptists has been for a strong and positive Christian climate for both learning and living. In no area of its endeavor has the College put forth a greater effort or had deeper concern than for the spiritual development of its students.

The College has not yet fully attained this goal, but our faith and prayers are being answered. We believe that the most important factor in any person's life is his relationship with God, and we believe that the most important experience a human being can have is to become a child of God through Jesus Christ.

We know today that God is at work in our midst—He is a living Reality on our campus and lives are being spiritually transformed. Young people are finding God's will for their lives and are dedicating themselves to fulfill His purpose for their being.

History of Chapel Project

More than a year ago the religious life developments at Mount Olive College brought to a sharp focus the need for a chapel on our campus—a place set apart not only for stated hours of worship but "an open house of prayer" where students and personnel could go privately for the strengthening of their spiritual lives. Obviously, such a place is needed and has been from the beginning of the College, but we simply have not had the funds. Ever since the College was chartered in 1951 it has been engaged in a struggle for survival—a struggle that has not ended.

More than a decade ago we began a chapel fund through the use of little banks and requests for vacation Bible school offerings, but we were able to accumulate less than \$14,000 through these methods. Although the College

continues to be hard-pressed financially, many of us believe that the hour has come for us to provide our students and personnel with a chapel, and for this reason concentrated preparations for this project have been made.

First, for more than a year a number

of people have made the chapel a definite object of prayer.

Second, in December of 1971 a committee (composed of members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, students, administration, and staff of the College as well as the Mount Olive Free Will Baptist Church) was appointed to recommend specifications for the proposed chapel.

Third, an architect was retained to prepare drawings for the chapel.

Fourth, an anonymous donor agreed to make a challenge gift of \$60,000 for the chapel project.

Fifth, the Board of Trustees agreed to authorize construction of the chapel when sufficient funds were available in gifts and firm pledges. It was empha-

CHAPEL SITE AT MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE



As an expression of their faith, students of Mount Olive College in November, 1971 erected a cross to mark the site for a chapel on the new campus. At that time the chapel fund had less than \$14,000. Today the fund has increased to more than \$100,000 in gifts and pledges, and additional funds are being sought so that construction can begin in early 1973.

ized that the need for operating funds at the College would not permit any reduction in efforts to secure funds for the general budget while gifts were being sought for the chapel.

Estimated Cost

The estimated cost of the chapel including construction, architectural fees, and furniture is \$195,000. Not included in this estimate are an organ, landscaping, and water drainage in the chapel area.

Through November 30 assets of the chapel fund through gifts and pledges totaled \$104,654.45. An urgent request is being sent to each church in North Carolina and to friends in other states to make their commitment toward making the chapel a reality. As much as we might want or need the chapel, we cannot have it unless we are willing to pay for it. There is no question of our being able; the only question is our willingness.

All who would like to help Mount Olive College strengthen its Christian ministry to young people are encouraged to contribute now or make a pledge to be paid by June 30, 1976 to the chapel fund. Correspondence should be addressed to The Chapel Fund, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365.

Report of Gifts and Pledges to Mount Olive College Chapel Fund

Report Through November 30, 1972

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| Challenge Gift (Payable \$15,000 annually) | \$60,000 |
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Personal Pledges or Gifts of \$1,000 or More

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| | 13,500 |
| Sam D. Bundy, Farmville | |
| The Rev. and Mrs. Frank Harrison, Mount Olive | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Howell, Pikeville | |
| Anonymous | |
| Misses Velma and Vera Morris and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Vanceboro | |
| Dr. and Mrs. W. Burkette Raper, Mount Olive | |
| Mrs. Mabel Rowe, Vanceboro | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Felix Ruiz, Mount Olive | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stephenson, Smithfield | |
| Dr. and Mrs. Ray Swords, Mount Olive | |
| The Rev. and Mrs. N. D. Wiggs Jr., Kinston | |
| Mrs. Huldah J. Bundy (deceased), Farmville | |

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| Mr. George V. McCotter, Lillington | |
| Church Pledges of \$1,000 or More | 9,000 |

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| Hull Road church, L. B. Woodall Jr., pastor | |
| First church, Kinston, W. E. Futch, pastor | |
| Little Rock church, DeWayne Eakes, pastor | |
| Mount Zion church (Pamlico), E. E. Edwards, pastor | |
| Oak Grove church, C. Felton Godwin, pastor | |
| Stoney Creek church, Fred Rivenbark, pastor | |
| Marsh Swamp church, Adrian Grubbs, pastor | |
| Fourth Union of the Central Conference | |
| Pleasant Hill church, C. M. Coats, pastor | |

Other Pledges—Personal

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| | 3,360 |
| The Rev. and Mrs. Sheldon Howard, Mount Olive | |
| Jean E. Fillingame, Mount Olive | |
| Pamela R. Wood, Mount Olive | |
| The Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Glenn, Goldsboro | |
| The Rev. and Mrs. Foy C. Futrelle, Goldsboro | |
| Howard L. Lawhon, Wilmington | |
| Mrs. Ruth Shivar, Albertson | |
| Mrs. Nelson Simpson, Bridge-ton | |
| The Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, Beulaville | |

Other Pledges—Church

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| | 52 |
| Mount Zion Teen-Age Sunday School Class, Vandemere | |
| Total Pledges through November 30, 1972 | \$85,912 |

Assets of Chapel Fund

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| Balance, May 1, 1972 | \$13,981.51 |
| Amount Paid on Pledges | 19,369.06 |
| Non-pledge Gifts | 4,760.94 |
| Total Cash Received | \$ 38,111.51 |
| Balance due from Pledges | 66,542.94 |
| Total Assets of Chapel Fund | \$104,654.45 |

Prospective Construction Schedule

January 17, 1973—Completion of Architectural Drawings

February 15, 1973—Awarding of Contracts and Beginning of Construction!

Additional Donors

Zylphia Aycock

Ayden church

Gary Bailey

Mrs. R. R. Barton

Mrs. Mabel Bennett

Bethel Woman's Auxiliary

Mrs. Hattie Bright

Mr. and Mrs. George Bryan

Casey's Chapel church

Corinth Woman's Auxiliary

Frances C. Creech

Davis church

Wayne Dixon

Eastern Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Elma's Beauty Shop

Fifth Eastern Union Meeting

Free Union Adult Men's Class

Garland Fulcher

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Harrell

Howell Swamp Woman's Auxiliary

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kennedy

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lee Kennedy

Kinston AFC

LaGrange church

LaGrange Young Adult Sunday School Class

Laniers' Chapel Sunday School

Little Rock Woman's Auxiliary

Mr. and Mrs. Rom Mallard

Mrs. Kennie McGlohon

Leah McGlohon

Gene Mercer

Mrs. Lester Mills

North Carolina FWB Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Oriental Experience

Pearsall's Chapel church

Mrs. Delmar Peele

Pleasant Grove church

Pleasant Hill Sunday School

Pleasant Hill church

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Potter

Tommie Powell

Riverside church

Rock Springs church

Rock Springs Sunday School

Rose of Sharon Woman's Auxiliary

Sandra's Monogramming Service

Mrs. Letha Sawyer

Second Western Sunday School Convention

Mrs. C. A. Shine

Sophomore Class of 1972

James Stroud

Mr. and Mrs. John Swain

Mrs. Angeleta Tyndall

Union Chapel church

Watery Branch church

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Waters

Western Conference Youth Convention

Harvey O. Williams

White Oak Church League

Winterville Young Woman's Auxiliary

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GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

BIBLE

Conducted by J. P. BARROW

Questions & Answers

Question: Please explain the following Scripture: "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, . . . Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?" (Ezekiel 38:2, 13). Did the countries mentioned in these verses exist in Ezekiel's day? If so, where were they to be found? Do they exist today—that is, where can we find the descendants of these people?

Answer: Perhaps all of these nations did exist when the Book of Ezekiel was written, even though we may not with too great a degree of accuracy locate all of them nor the people who are their descendants. We may, however, accurately see in part the prophecy as it applies to our generation when we have followed the rules of interpretation given in the New Testament: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). By this kind of studying we learn that all Scripture has been inspired of God and that all is profitable to the end that it perfectly and thoroughly furnishes one unto all good works. Rightly interpreting the Scriptures is one of the very important good works.

Dr. Timothy J. Stone partially answers this question in answering one similar to it on Page 283 in his book, **Answering Your Questions**:

"There is much difference of interpretation as to the present identity of the nations mentioned in these verses. It is not absolutely necessary to the fulfillment of the prophecy that every nation should be identified today.

"It is certainly not impossible that these names were adopted generally by Ezekiel from the historical facts familiar to him in his day as ideal titles for the final great confederacy of nations

against God and His people. Ezekiel, as well as other prophets, prophesied concerning the enemies of God and His people in terms of the enemies of His own day. Nor is any present identity necessarily of an ethnical nature. It may be only geographical.

"Magog is mentioned in Genesis 10:2 in connection with Gomer and Madai as a people descended from Japheth. Early Jewish tradition identifies them with the Scythians. The Scythians, in a geographical sense, are now those tribes living north of the Caucasus. Originally from Asia, they may now be identified as the Russians geographically.

"Sheba and Dedan, of Verse 13, were districts in Arabia, and are therefore to be found among the Arabs of today. Tarshish is thought by most to refer to Spain as a general designation of Western, and mercantile and sea-faring peoples. Some think Tarshish refers to Great Britain. The first is more likely the correct view concerning Tarshish."

Charles John Ellicott discusses some of the names of persons referred to here. He locates quite a few as living in the Arabian peninsula, either prior to or at the time of the writing of these verses.

Joseph P. Free's **Archaeology and Bible History**, written about 12 years ago, gives quite a lengthy discussion on Gog and Magog.

Scofield's note on Page 883 of the **The Scofield Reference Bible** gives in summary a gist of the same view as follows:

"That the primary reference is to the northern (European) powers, headed up by Russia, all agree. The whole passage should be read in connection with Zechariah 12:1-4; 14:1-9; Matthew 24:14-30; Revelation 14:14-20 and 19:17-21. 'Gog' is the prince; 'Magog,' his land. The reference to Meshech and Tubal (Moscow and Tobolsk) is a clear mark of identification. Russia and the northern powers have been the latest persecutors of dispersed Israel, and it is congruous both with divine justice and with the

covenants (e.g. Genesis 15:18, note; Deuteronomy 30:3, note) that destruction should fall at the climax of the last mad attempt to exterminate the remnant of Israel in Jerusalem. The whole prophecy belongs to the yet future 'day of Jehovah' (Isaiah 2:10-22; Revelation 19:11-21), and to the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:14; 19:19, note), but includes also the final revolt of the nations at the close of the kingdom-age (Revelation 20:7-9)."

Some of what is said here in Ezekiel definitely coincides with that portrayed in Revelation 14; Zechariah 12, 14; Matthew 24; and Luke 21. When summed up in the light of the whole Bible's message, these passages indicate that, as time passes toward the end of this age, the gospel will be preached in a more far-reaching scope. People will be added to the church, causing it to enlarge its evangelizing activities and to add more people to its working force.

In the meantime the devil, the arch enemy of all righteousness, will be making a frantic effort to enlarge his kingdom of doom. He will be able to succeed to the end that he will be able to stir up animosity and hatred among the peoples of the world.

These passages further indicate a revival of many ancient peoples who, after doing much to destroy each other, will in a combined effort seek to destroy Israel in the battle of Armageddon. Then, in behalf of the repented Jews, Christ will descend and quickly defeat Israel's enemies.

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FAMILY FIRESIDE

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recover was to keep quiet for five or six days.

Later, when he rejoined the party, he was almost totally demented. When he was alone, his conscience became alive. The misdeeds of his sinful past stalked unbidden across the stage of memory and terrified him.

Shakespeare said, "To be alone with my conscience is hell enough for me."

Dr. Sadler, a famed psychiatrist, averred "A clear conscience is a good step toward barricading the mind against neuroticism."

How ill at ease are those who live with an accusing conscience.

PRAYER THOUGHT

If our entire beings are devoted to our Saviour, we would not have time or effort to think about and to do misdeeds against God.

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STORIES

for our youth



THE SECRET WEAPON

by ROSALYN HART FINCH

CHUCK KANE unconsciously squared his shoulders as he rang Mr. Reed's doorbell. An answering growl behind the large, thick door made his skin prickle.

"Don't let the old man scare you, son," his dad had advised. "Just conduct your business with him as politely and as efficiently as possible and be on your way. Old age sometimes brings out the worst in people."

"Maybe so, Dad, but that old guy and his dog are really weird!" Chuck had answered.

Just then the big door flew open, startling Chuck. It took all the will-power he could muster to keep from running away as the massive head of a Great Dane dog pushed against the screen door, growling deeply.

Old Mr. Reed's eyes had a triumphant gleam, as though he were proud of catching Chuck off guard. He made no effort to quiet the dog that continued to growl. "What do you want, boy? Speak up!" he demanded, peering angrily through the screen.

You know what I want, Chuck thought. Aloud he said, "Collecting, sir."

"I don't give anything to any collectors, boy. I don't ask for charity, so why should I give to it?"

"I'm not collecting for any charity. I'm collecting for the newspaper, sir, the **Gazette**. You owe me eighty cents," Chuck shouted over the dog's mounting racket.

A gnarled old hand shot out and fastened itself around the Great Dane's muzzle. "Quiet, Devil, quiet!" the old

man rasped, glaring at Chuck as though he were at fault.

Swallowing to ease his dry throat, Chuck croaked, "Just eighty cents, sir, please."

"Why, when I was a paperboy, newspapers cost only a nickel a day! Who do you think you are, asking for more than twice as much?"

"It's not me asking, Mr. Reed. I just sell the papers for whatever price the paper-station man says," Chuck replied, wishing he could tell the cranky old man to forget about the whole thing—including the eighty cents. All he wanted to do was turn around and run far away from that dog!

But now the old fellow had drawn out a small, worn, leather change purse from his pocket and was poking around inside it, muttering through his cracked, yellow teeth, "Twenty-five, fifty, sixty, seventy, seventy-five—drat it, boy, that's all the change I've got, seventy-five cents. And I sure don't aim to break a bill to pay for a newspaper."

"That's OK, sir. You can pay me the nickel next week," Chuck replied, quickly scooping the coins from the purse before Mr. Reed could stop him. "Thank you, sir," he called as he raced down the sidewalk, his long, skinny legs flying like pistons. He had the feeling that Devil was right at his heels with fangs of fire and was about to latch on and drag him back to suffer at the old man's hands.

Actually, Chuck knew that such thinking was ridiculous, but nevertheless, it continued to make him nervous every week when he had to collect from the old man. He had had the paper route only three weeks, but because of old Mr. Reed, he was a nervous wreck and wanted to give it up. His father, however, wouldn't hear of such an idea. He insisted that Chuck could rise above such a thing.

When Chuck got home, he found his mother in the kitchen preparing dinner. "What's wrong, Chuck? You look a little pale," she said.

"Nothing really." Chuck stared absently at the whirling beaters churning mountains of mashed potatoes. "Mom, please make Dad let me get rid of my paper route." Chuck's voice cracked. "I can't stand it."

Mrs. Kane flipped the beater switch off and looked thoughtfully at Chuck's trembling lip. "Is that old Mr. Reed still bothering you, dear?"

Chuck slowly nodded. "He's too much for anybody my age. He'll set that dog Devil on me someday, and I'll be a dead duck."

"I really don't think so, son. Your father and I have heard many things about old Mr. Reed and his dog. Everyone agrees that he's turned crabby these last few years, but they say neither the old man nor the dog has ever been known to hurt a flea."

"He's vicious and mean," Chuck cried. "He stands there and lets that creepy dog of his growl and yap at me. All the time that beast is getting set to jump on me, the old miser complains about the price of the newspaper and tries to get out of paying me." In his excitement and agitation, Chuck was waving his arms around and pacing the floor. "I practically have to rob him to get the money he owes me. Even then he's never got quite enough change. Every week he goes on and on about how much the newspaper used to cost when he was a boy. He blames me personally, as though it were my fault that the price is higher now!"

"You know, Chuck, it seems to me that Mr. Reed is just plain lonely and wants someone to talk to. They say he used to own the big bakery downtown before he retired. He always gave all his leftover baked goods to the orphanage even though he could have sold them at 'day old' prices. So he can't be all bad."

"Him—lonely! Ha!" Chuck exploded. "Don't forget that he's got that big, blubbery beast for company."

"A dog can't talk, though. We humans, at least most of us, have a built-in need for conversation," Mrs. Kane said. "Why don't you try using your secret weapon?"

Chuck stared in surprise. "What secret weapon?"

"A big smile accompanied with a few friendly words. Sometimes when you bring that out, it takes the fight out of

folks. It's certainly worth a try, isn't it?"

All week long, Chuck found himself considering his mother's idea and wondering whether she was right. By Saturday, the next collection day, he had decided to find out. With his mother's help, he worked out a plan.

As he neared Mr. Reed's house, Chuck had to force his lagging footsteps forward.

When Mr. Reed flung the door open suddenly, Chuck was ready for him. "Good morning, Mr. Reed, sir. I've brought you a little present." Chuck held out a warm loaf of bread that had just come from his mother's oven. The tantalizing aroma that wafted up from the crusty brown loaf matched the ear-to-ear smile on Chuck's eager face.

The old man's mouth dropped open. "For me?"

Quick tears glistened in his faded eyes as old Mr. Reed reached out shaky hands to accept the unexpected gift.

"Thank you, my boy, thank you." A smile began to form in Mr. Reed's moist eyes. It spread to his lips and pulled his wrinkled cheeks up, making his face bright and almost young. "It's been a long time since anyone brought me a present, boy. It certainly smells good!"

Taking a deep breath, Chuck pressed on toward business. "By the way, sir, I'm also here to collect for the newspaper. It'll be eighty-five cents, counting the nickel you owe me from last week."

"Eighty-five cents!" the old man cried. "It gets worse every week! I certainly don't—" His voice faltered, and he looked sheepishly at the waiting boy.

Mr. Reed cleared his throat. He bent his head and took a deep whiff of the bread. When he looked up, he was smiling, too. "Shucks, boy, you're right. Wait a minute."

"Yes, sir!" Chuck could hear the man and the dog moving through the house. His taut muscles relaxed.

When he returned to the door, the old man was still smiling, and he was waving a dollar bill which he held out to Chuck. "You can keep the change for yourself, boy," he said grandly.

This time Chuck didn't have to force his smile; it was just there. "Thank you, sir," he cried. "I'll see you next week."

"Tell your mother thanks, boy," the old man called. "See you next week, too."

Later at home, Chuck excitedly told his mother. "Hey, Mom, it worked. Old

Harrison to Teach Course at Wilmington

The Rev. Frank R. Harrison will teach a four-week course at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina, beginning January 10, 1973, 7:30 p. m. The course will give an overview of the history, structure, organization, and programs of the Free Will Baptist Church.

The topics to be discussed are as follows:

January 10—An Overview of Free Will Baptist History

Mr. Reed even gave me a fifteen-cent tip."

"Secret weapons like a smile really pay well," Mrs. Kane said. "Now you've gained a new friend."—My Pleasure.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS GUEST

as retold by Helen Steiner Rice

One Christmas morning, Conrad, a poor cobbler, dreamt that Jesus would be his Christmas guest that day. He prepared his humble shop and waited and waited, but the only ones to come to his door were . . . a shabby beggar . . . an old crone . . . and a lost child. . .

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January 17—The Structure and Organization of the Free Will Baptist Church and Its Programs

January 24—The Organization of the Local Church (Officers and Responsibilities)

January 31—The Mission of the Church
Area churches are invited to participate in the course.

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One More Thing

I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had that, and I had not given them one shilling, they would have been rich, and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor.—Patrick Henry.



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ST. CLAIRE BIBLE CLASS

THE SUNDAY

SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 31



The Reshaping of Life

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 18:1-11; 32:1-25

Memory Verse: Isaiah 64:8

I. INTRODUCTION

The story of the potter and the defective vessel in our lesson today is one of the most striking illustrations of what God can do with a marred life or, as in the case of Judah, an erring nation. Many lessons have been drawn from this simile. It is applicable to Christians who have failed in their spiritual experience. It is a story of how God can take the defective life, break it, reshape it, and mold it into the desired vessel He chooses.

Such a life is useless in the hands of God. He cannot use misfits in His kingdom. We must be submissive to His will and His plan for our lives if we are to serve Him effectively and usefully. The same is true of churches, homes, nations. This was certainly true of Judah.

As we have learned already, Judah was on the verge of collapse. The army of Babylon was practically at its gates. It was a matter of time before God would give the city of Jerusalem over to the enemy. He would do this not because He wanted to afflict His people but because they would not obey Him and followed after other gods. Idolatry was always the bane of the people of God, and still is today.

Man's puny pride and self-sufficiency are held up to our view in this lesson, as well as the mighty power of God to smash these sins in our lives. From this lesson we should learn the need for humility and self-surrender to the Master Potter in whose hands we are but perishable clay. —The Advanced Quarterly (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. The importance of the nation of Israel in history.
2. God sent a message to Judah and all the Jews through Jeremiah.

3. This lesson is basically a lesson on God's dealing with nations in sovereignty.

B. God Visits Jeremiah (Jeremiah 18:1, 2)

1. Jeremiah uses words to let us know that his message is from God (v. 1).
2. The Lord commanded Jeremiah to go to the potter's house.

C. The Vessel Made and Marred (Jeremiah 18:3, 4)

1. Jeremiah obeyed without question the command of the Lord.
2. When he got to the potter's house, he saw nothing unusual.
3. The vessel the potter made was marred in his hands.
4. The potter then kneaded the clay anew and made a new vessel.

D. The Message to Judah (Jeremiah 18:5-11)

1. God pointed out His sovereignty to Judah.
2. God says that if a sinful nation repents, He will withhold judgment.
3. God says that if a righteous nation sins, He will send judgment.

—The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Men and nations like to think they are free, they are masters of their own destiny, they can do whatever they wish. This is true only within such limits as God chooses to set. The Creator has a design for each man, for each nation. If a person or a nation has impurities or wrongs that mar that design, the Creator may crush him to remove the impurities and begin again. Or if the wrongs are too many and too persistent, He may merely throw away a lump of clay forever.

B. Jehovah had a plan for Israel. The shape of the nation had been made plain in His law. But Israel had been marred in the making, not by God's hand, but by Israel's evil character. The nation was full of impurities: idolatry, falsehood, dishonesty, cruelty, adultery—sins of every kind. The time was near when it would be crushed and purified and re-

built. It seems that the Babylonian captivity did end one persistent evil, that of idolatry in Judah. Unfortunately selfishness and greed and the lust for power were not ended along with it.

C. The famed Princeton astronomer, Dr. Henry Norris Russell, once gave a lecture in which he described the vast galaxies of the heavens with billions of stars, some far larger than our sun, and how the distant universe swarms with innumerable planets. After his address a woman came up to him and asked, "Dr. Russell, if our world is so little and the universe is so great, can we really believe that God pays any attention to us human beings?" The noted astronomer replied, "That all depends, Madam, upon how big a God you believe in." Today we understand better than ever before how vast the universe is. Our increased understanding causes us to appreciate more than ever God's concern with our world. Today's lesson emphasizes that God cares about men and cares about nations. We are reminded that God's hand is in history.

This is always a difficult truth. Some would go to one extreme and suppose that God completely manipulates history; but such a supposition destroys the freedom of man's will. Others would go to the opposite extreme and declare that God stands back and lets mankind go its own suicidal way. The truth must lie somewhere in between. To be sure, man does many things that are not God's will. Faith, however, teaches us that God is still in control of the world. Helmut Thielicke said that all things must "pass in review" before God. That is a good way to put it. Nothing happens without God's knowledge, and nothing happens without God's permission, though many things happen that He does not approve.

E. So the song is true that says, "He's got the whole world in His hand." God is surely big enough to understand the problems and to watch over the affairs of our world, no matter how our population explodes. It is a great comfort to know that this world will always be under the watchful eye of a God who cares. —Standard Lesson Commentary.

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FOR JANUARY 7

The New Covenant

Lesson Text: Jeremiah 31; 32:36-41

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 31:33

I. INTRODUCTION

A covenant is an agreement between two or more people. Provisions of the

covenant or agreement must be met by both sides. The old covenant God had made with His people was the law of Moses. In it God said He would give blessings to His people provided they observed His law and trusted and obeyed Him.

At best, the old covenant was a negative instrument for righteousness. It was a series of "Thou shalt nots," and was designed to keep the Children of Israel from doing those things that displeased God. It was impossible for God's people to keep the law, just as it is impossible for us to keep it today. It was in the plan of God to send His Son Christ Jesus to meet all the demands of the law, thus fulfilling the will of God. This Jesus did when He died on the Cross.

Long before Jesus came, however, God decided to give His people a new covenant, one that was more positive. It pointed to the spirit of the Christian gospel, and would help the people to depend less upon external means of forgiveness and more upon the spirit of righteous living as taught by Christ.

The old covenant was written upon tables of stone; the new covenant would be written on the inner life of man, on the hearts of the people. In this way God would know that his people responded to Him with their hearts rather than through the dictates of the stern provisions of the old covenant. Our lesson will deal with the assurances and the greatness of the new covenant.—The Bible Student (F.W.B.).

II. HINTS THAT HELP

A. Introduction

1. Define a covenant.
2. Distinguish between a covenant and a dispensation.
3. The eight covenants of the Bible.

B. The Promise of a New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

1. This new covenant included all mankind.
2. Compare and contrast the new covenant with the Mosaic covenant.
3. The Israelites had broken God's covenant with them many times, but God was giving them another chance.

C. The Prophet's Pessimism (Jeremiah 32:36)

1. Give the background of this verse.
2. Jeremiah obeyed the command of the Lord, but he did not understand it.

3. The Lord admitted that the Chaldeans would conquer the land, but He told Jeremiah to look forward to a brighter day.

D. A Brighter Day for Israel (Jeremiah 32:37-41)

1. This promise is more than the promise of return after the captivity.
 2. The Jews will return to the Lord and accept Christ as Saviour.
 3. The Lord will give them the land He promised them a long time ago.
- The Bible Teacher (F.W.B.).

III. ADDITIONAL TRUTHS

A. Compare the different characteristics of the old and new covenants:

Old Covenant

1. For the Israelites.
2. Failed because of men's weakness.
3. Inscribed in stone.
4. Entered by birth.
5. Members must be taught to know the Lord.
6. Sins were remembered through animal sacrifices.

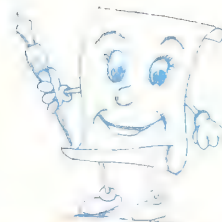
New Covenant

1. For men of all nations.
2. Succeeds because of Christ's power.
3. Written in the heart.
4. Entered by free choice.
5. All members know the Lord.
6. Sins are blotted out through Christ's sacrifice.

B. Of course, there was much in the new covenant that was brand new. The incarnation of God in man in the person of Jesus Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection—these were unique to all prior events. As Christ stands alone, unique among history's great, so His deeds stand alone as well. God did not offer to man some tired old scheme with new window dressing. In Christ we find God's truly unique plan of redemption that enables us to become the people of God.—Standard Lesson Commentary.

C. Through this inward work of the Spirit of God in the hearts of the Jews, they will be enabled to do what they could not do while under the old covenant. That old covenant did not give enablement to the individual to meet its demands. The surety for the accomplishments of God's purpose in the new covenant lies in the work the Holy Spirit will do in the hearts of those with whom the covenant will be made.—Bible Expositor and Illuminator.

GRACE



NOTES

By Nina Grace Register

A CHRISTMAS WISH

"What do you want for Christmas?"

"Three impossible things," the teenager replied. "World peace, personal health, and a happy family for everyone."

Though peace is being sought by diplomats and statesmen in political circles, and desired by doorstep philosophers, my young friend recognizes the futility of men's efforts. Were the angels referring to a global cease-fire when they sang of peace on earth?

Doctors and technicians have tackled the health problem from all angles. Government agencies, research programs, and independent organizations try to conquer the man-killers. Their efforts may lead to longer, healthier lives, but my friend knows disease won't be obliterated until death itself is cancelled.

Many books on the market guarantee a happy family if you follow the directions. Christian families, especially, expect to get along well with each other and agree on all matters, but many find themselves bickering almost constantly. My young friend realizes there's no "happily ever after" while Satan is loose in the world.

Anytime you feel that the world is going to pieces, have a serious talk with some of your teen-age friends. Behind the facade of nonchalance and gaiety (part of which is assumed for our benefit because they know we expect it), you'll find that they think deeply and are looking for the answers we haven't found. They view life seriously and realistically, and they keep trying.

Maybe they will find the way to peace, health, and happiness. If they do, the next generation might be the first to enjoy real peace on earth with goodwill among all men.

Good habits are not made on birthdays, nor Christian character at the New Year. The workshop of character is everyday life. The uneventful and commonplace hour is where the battle is lost or won.

At Christmastime . . .



May you be happy in heart, but not too content to forget those less fortunate.
May you be light in spirit, but not too carefree to remember the purpose of the season.
May you be anticipatory in hope, but not too foolishly expectant so as to be unrealistic in your approach to possible dreams.
And may you experience peace as never before—that peace that only the Saviour can give; and may His love manifest itself anew for you and yours.
May you have a meaningful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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